

Regular Council Meeting
3/22/18
7 p.m.
Municipal Building

ROLL CALL

Gary Bauer, Don Gephart, Cindy Sutton, Chad Hollon and Reilly Hopkins were present. Mayor Carman presided over the meeting.

HOLLON/BAUER: Motion to excuse Lori Byrom from meeting. All voted yea.

The Mayor changed the agenda so that Beth Ellis could speak. Beth is a candidate for State Representative in the 91st District. She spoke to Council and took questions from the Council and people present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 3/8/18 were presented to Council.

HOLLON/SUTTON: Motion to approved 3/8/18 minutes as presented. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2018.018 – REGULATION OF PARADES AND ASSEMBLAGES – CHANGE TO SECTION 9, EXEMPTIONS.

GARY BAUER MADE A MOTION FOR A FIRST READING.

Chief Reinbolt suggested that only cost should be exempt and that the 4th of July is more than a parade and all celebrations should be considered.

There was no second and, after some discussion, the first reading was tabled and changes will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BAUER/GEHART: Motion to recess to Executive Session ORC 121.22 for reason to discuss public employee situation. Expressed that the Solicitor, Mayor and Ram Reddy be invited to the meeting.

ROLL CALL: BAUER, GEHART, HOPKINS AND SUTTON. ALL VOTED YEA.

Recess began at 7:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL: HOPKINS, HOLLON, SUTTON, GEHART AND BAUER. ALL VOTED YEA.

Meeting continued at 7:40 p.m.

SUTTON/HOLLON: MOTION TO MOVE JEWELIE CASTEEL, FISCAL OFFICER, FROM STEP A TO STEP B ON VILLAGE PAYSACLE.

ROLL CALL: SUTTON, HOLLON, HOPKIN, GEHART AND BAUER. ALL VOTED YEA.

GEHART/HOLLON: MOTION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BPA BOARD TO GIVE STEP RAISES PER THE MEMORANDUM ATTACHED PER THE BPA REFERENCE PAYSACLE (reference only). (See Attachment A.)

ROLL CALL: GEHART, HOLLON, HOPKINS, SUTTON AND BAUER. ALL VOTED YEA.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cindy Sutton reported on the March 15, 2018 finance meeting. Don Gephart commented on the good job the police department is doing. They discussed a levy or an earnings tax. Also Council reviewed the job description for Assistant Fiscal Officer.

EARNINGS TAX

GEPHART/BAUER: MOTION TO PROCEED WITH AN EMERGENCY 5 YEAR 1% EARNINGS TAX WITH THE PROCEEDS TO GO TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Reilly Hopkins said that we need to give the residents time to discuss this. Chad Hollon said he thinks 1% is ridiculous and too much. Mayor Carman said he thought a portion should go to the Street Department. Reilly would like to have a full council present when this is voted on. Bob Morgan asked why we keep doing the same thing over and over.

**ROLL CALL: GEPHART YEA, BAUER YEA, SUTTON YEA
HOPKINS NO, HOLLON NO**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – NONE

STREET DEPARTMENT

Wayne Clifton mentioned the ruts on South Broadway and at the North Street Apartments and requested that the Street Department hire provisional labor to help this year.

HOLLON/HOPKINS: MOTION TO HIRE PROVISIONAL LABOR TO HELP THE STREET DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR. ALL VOTED YEA.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Tom Lee reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 31, 2018. The bill for the heater in the cafeteria should be split between Parks and Land & Buildings. He is getting an estimate on replacing the heat pump. They are planning on opening the restrooms at the park.

BPA REPORT

Ram Reddy expressed appreciation to Council and the Mayor for approving pay raises for employees as recommended by the Board of Public Affairs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – NONE

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT – NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor had a notice that liquor licenses in the Village need to be renewed by June 1, 2018.

He discussed the proposed earnings tax to fund the police department. There will be opportunities to get feedback from residents. We need to be planning. People said to be specific.

Tom Lee asked what "emergency" meant. Mayor explained that the Resolution would not have to be read three times, just once.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Constable, 716 Cherry Street, gave Council members copies of a letter he is submitting to the Clinton County Prosecutors Office requesting a taxpayer's suit.

ADJOURNMENT

GEPHART/BAUER: MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT. ALL VOTED YEA. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 p.m.

Approved: 04/27/18

Mayor: John M Carman

Attest: Julie Carvel

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 22, 2018
To: The Honorable Mayor and the Village Council
From: The Trustees of the Board of Public Affairs
Subject: Employee Pay Raises

At the March 15, 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs (BPA), motions were approved on the following employee personnel issues:

- The B.P.A. is in support of Council's finance committee's recommendation that the Village Fiscal Officer should receive a pay raise to step B.

The B.P.A. also requests that Village Council authorize the following employees for a one step pay raise:

- Kimberly Leath from step: A-3-H to A-3-I
- Robin Hillard from step: A-4-J to A-4-K
- Robert Boyd from step: W-2-C to W-2-D
- John Smith from step: W-3-G to W-3-H

It has been three years since these employees have received a pay raise and they are well deserving of this consideration.

With Council's approval, these raises will become effective April 1, 2018.

Respectfully,
Board of Public Affairs