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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | FEBRUARY 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rick Whetsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

John Dierksheide	Jared Capelle	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanita Rodriguez
P	P	P	P	P	P

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting January 25, 2022.

1st: Earl M. 2nd: Jared C.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

GUESTS –NO Guests

MAYORS REPORT – *Mayor Rick Whetsel*

- Received a Thank you from the Below family. The Council’s donation to Hospice was greatly appreciated.
- Council will be voting on O2022-001 to Amend O2021-016 Permanent appropriations for 2022.
- Finance: Police Department Evaluations are in Gena / Rick to get with Auditors to make sure it has been appropriated. 4% across the board for all officers. We also discuss putting the Chief on salary.
- Down spout on the town hall has officially fell off. We will be getting 3 to 4 estimates and proceed with the repairs.
- ARP Comm. will update later in the meeting.
- March the Fire Dept. will be in for an update.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – *Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk*

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.

- 1st Jared C. 2nd Earl M.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

ZONE REPORTS – *Nothing to report*

- Zone 1 – Dan Conner, House on Maple and Main is it sold? Heard rumblings that the property changes hands. Mayor Whetsel advised that the property had not been sold and that a family member is in charge of the property as the owner lives in TX.

- Zone 5 – Jared Capelle, Resident on High St. (Phillip Riddle) needs to get leash on his dog and/or contain it properly. The couch along the road is set to be removed.
- Zoning Issue: A letter was received and brought up to Mayor Whetsel which was shared with council. Mayor Whetsel will stay on top of the issues.
- Zoning Issue: Change from a Zoning board to a Planning Comm. to allow for councilman to be on the committee. This will hope get enough people to start making changes and move forward on issues.
- Zoning Issue: Demolish burnt / blight properties. Jared C. to look into this process. It will definitely take some discussions with the property owners to acquire consent to proceed. Earl M. will discuss this matter with Mr. Gallagher as he has a property in question on Maple.

STREET COMM. – John D.

- Village dump truck experienced a flat right rear tire. Jared C., and John D. were notified and instructed the street dept to get it fixed repairs were \$392.00.
- Next week black top will be purchased and patching will begin in problem spots.
- Mower maintenance will begin next week. The dept. should have everything it needs to get them ready for the season.

FINANCE COMM. – Jared C.

- Nothing to report.

ARP (American Rescue Plan) COMM. – Jared C.

- 2 meetings under our belt and were looking into expanding the park building to allow for external restroom facilities.
- The comm. would like to explore using funds for roads however the guidelines are pretty clear so this may not be an option.
- The comm. has reached out to Poggemyer with no response at this time.
- With the gutters falling off the hall the focus may need to shift to the town hall building and doing some much needed repair. John D. will work with the Historical Society to see what if any guidelines we will need to follow.
- Grants will be looked into as the village can use ARP funds to match grants.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vote on Street Dept. position.

MOTION: To hire Louan Whetsel to fill Street Dept. opening.

1st Dan C. 2nd John D.

All In Favor – Yes Motion Passed

- Corey S. to look into a planning committee. We will need some interest from village residents however, this will allow for 3 council man to be on the committee.
- Issues with dogs in the village. Seems we can not give out any direction to the village as the Dog Warden has no real policy/procedure to handle these issues. Tim W. recommended we have Corey S. look into options and/or guidelines for the village and residence to follow. As of now we are asking that any incidence get reported to the police dept. or sheriffs dept.

NEW BUSINESS:

- O2022-001 Ordinance to Amend O2021-016 2022 Perm. appropriations
MOTION: To pass O2022-001
1st Jared C. 2nd John D.
All In Favor – Yes Motion Passed
Earl M. – Yes, Tim W. – Yes, Jared C. – Y, Dan C. – Y, John D. – Y, Juanita R. - Y
- Contract Position for the Police Chief. \$14,400.00 / year 80hrs / mth
MOTION: To approve Police Chief Contract
1st Tim W. 2nd Jared C.
All in favor Yes motion carries.
- Pay mileage for Fiscal Officer to do Village Business. This will be paid qtrly.
MOTION: To reimburse Fiscal Officer for mileage on a qtrly basis.
1st John D. 2nd Earl M.
All in favor Yes motion carries.
- Replace the sign in front of the town hall and add one at the Salem St. park.
MOTION: To purchase to two signs for hall / park not to exceed \$2000.00.
1st Jared C. 2nd Earl M.
All in favor Yes motion carries.
- Police Dept. (Patrol Mans Raises) on hold until meeting in March.

Finance Meeting will be at 6:00p.m. before the Council Meeting. March 22.

MOTION: To Adjourn 1st John D. 2nd Dan C. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting March 22, 2022 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall



Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk



Rick Whetsel
Mayor