

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 2022

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Cox, Hiner, Donnalley, Thomas & Beech

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on June 14, 2022 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Temple made the motion to approve the minutes from the 5/24/22 regular meeting.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$94,749.67

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 5/28/22 in the amount of \$54,364.31

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

Mayor Wilson asks if anyone attending had anything to speak about except chickens which are later on the agenda, if anyone would like to speak. Those who would like to speak on chickens will be recognized later in the meeting. No one ask to be recognized.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: LIFEGUARD WAGES

Council woman Donnalley reported the parks committee has discussed increasing the lifeguard wages, the village wages are less than neighboring municipalities. The proposal is \$10.50 per hour retro to hire date.

Cox made the motion to approve the lifeguard wage of \$10.50 per hour retro to hire date.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: CHICKENS IN THE VILLAGE

Council President Thomas representing the ad hoc committee formed to draft a proposal to allow chickens in the village, distributed to council the recommendations of the committee. Mrs. Thomas explained to those in attendance this committee was task with drafting a recommendation to council, this draft is not in ordinance form. The committee has spoke with both the Village Solicitor and Zoning Inspector while drafting the recommendations, other area ordinances were taken into consideration for certain sections for what fit best for the village. The penalty and violation section addresses having a first warning with 72 hours to correct if not rectified in that period a second warning with another 72 hours, if still not corrected the third is the chickens are to be removed. Council man Darcy asks if the committee had any idea on how many lots in the village would be permitted to house chickens. Mrs. Thomas said the committee did not have an exact number however those who are permitted will be less than those who do have a big enough lot, there are more that do not qualify than do. The guidelines being considered came from other ordinances and the Farm Bureau recommendations on what is needed for one chicken. The committee is taking into consideration what is best for the entire village not just a select group who has expressed interest in

having chickens. If council would decide to move forward this draft would be put into ordinance form which would amend the current ordinance not allowing chickens and be an exhibit to that ordinance.

Cox made the motion to table any decision so everyone had the opportunity to read and research the draft since just distributed at the meeting.

Darcy 2nd

Mayor Wilson asks if anyone would like to address council regarding chickens. Martina Grimm Sunset Dr was the first to speak. She started with she has no knowledge of who is in favor of amending the current ordinance, however she is against. If council were to amend the current ordinance what would the next group or individual, ask to be removed from the animals not permitted in the village. She chose to live in a municipality that does have some kind of regulations which also provides public water, sewer, and safety services. She feels the government in charge should have regulations in place that protect all. We all make decisions to live in a certain place for personal reasons. She cannot say if having chickens near her home would increase or decrease the value of her home since there are not any facts to prove that either way, however it could be the deciding factor for individuals who are choosing to move into a village or city. Mary Ann Gray Spruce St who was on council when the ordinance prohibiting chickens was passed spoke on why it was passed at that time someone had approached the village regarding having a lion in the village, she is against allowing chickens. John Deichler Morris St believes he could have one of the bigger lots in town and he is still against chickens. He is concerned about how this would be regulated and the fact that no matter how good someone's intentions are would they be able to take proper care of the chickens living in town. He feels that it would be about 80% of the properties in town would not even qualify not taking into consideration that 30 to 40% are rentals where the decision would be left to the landlord not the tenant. As a landlord in town, he would not allow chickens on his properties even if permitted by ordinance. Frank Gallo High St was the next to speak, Mr. Gallo has lived in the village since 1956 while he was competitively racing, he was proud to say he was from Lisbon and stayed in town his entire life because of that. His family has owned the house he lives in since 1946 the lot is 1 ¼ acres of land, there have been chickens and even horses on that property at one time. He himself has had chickens on the property since 1985, he is here to defend his rights as a property owner and his chickens, there are no houses near him with no complaints about the smell or condition of his chickens and is not asking for any special treatment. He mentioned the memories he has with his grandfather having the animals there and what they mean to him. Council woman Temple stated that you mentioned you are not asking for special treatment however you are receiving because you have not had to remove your chickens, Mr. Gallo responded he was under the impression that he was grandfathered in to have his chickens since the chickens had been there since before the ordinance was passed prohibiting them. Ms. Temple responded according to our current solicitor there is no such thing as grandfathered. Mr. Gallo ask Ms. Temple in all the times you have been to my shop to have your lawn mower worked on why did not say something regarding the chickens? Ms. Temple said she never noticed the chickens. Zach Strong Chestnut St who is in favor of chickens stated he would like to see something passed either way but feels people should have a choice if they want them or not, however there are more important things to deal with in the village for instance the vacant lot next to him with nothing but a foundation or even the burnt building on the corner of N Market and Chestnut right across from village hall. In his opinion if the ordinance is done correctly there should be no issues with having chickens in the village. With no one else asking to speak Mayor Wilson called for a vote on the motion to table the draft recommendations.

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: CEDAR ST PARK EXERCISE PATH

Mayor Wilson reported the contract has been signed a pre-construction meeting was held and construction should be starting tomorrow. He and Council woman Donnalley went to all the neighbors explaining the project with most being enthusiastic.

RE: CDBG LIONS CLUB RD PAY REQUEST WITH CHANGE ORDER

RT Vernal submitted their pay request to the county for the Lions Club Rd CDBG project, the pay request included a change order in the amount of \$8,090.84 bring the grand total to \$86,867.34. According to Mayor Wilson this is still

approximately \$11,000.00 under the awarded amount of funds. The engineer and RT Vernal are preparing cost estimates and options for additional work to be completed. Council woman Hiner questioned if any of the options were what was cut from the original bid, Council Cox stated the only thing that he thought was going to be done which was not were the two areas underneath the SR 30 bridge, he was under the impression those were to be paved also but were not. The rest of the works he says looks good. Mayor Wilson stated the signage is one area being looked into, whatever is done though will not cost the village any additional monies.

Cox made the motion to approve the final pay request with the change order as presented.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2121-2022 – A RESOLUTION ASKING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY CERTAIN TAX VALUATION

The current cemetery levy is up for renewal this year the cemetery board is requesting a renewal with an additional 1.25 mills. The levy has not changed since its original passage, a levy which was to bring in \$100,000.00 is now generating \$68,000.00. The proposed levy renewal with additional is estimated to be most efficient way to increase tax with the least increase to residents. The figures from 2021 range from \$36.67 to \$137.50 per year on a range of \$40,000.00 to \$150,000.00 value home, this resolution will ask the county to officially certify the tax valuation of a renewal of 3 mills with an additional 1.25 mills.

Thomas made the motion to pass resolution 2121-2022 a resolution asking the county auditor to certify certain tax valuation.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2122-2022 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Thomas made the motion to pass resolution 2122-2022 a resolution approving new alternative method of apportionment for the 2023 local government funding.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2123-2022 – A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE APPROVAL OF CITY OF SALEM 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Thomas made the motion to pass resolution 2123-2022 a resolution to exclude the approval of the City of Salem for the 2023 local government funding.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: BID PROPOSAL CAMERAS VILLAGE HALL

A quote to install 8 cameras around village hall was submitted at cost of \$6,967.00. Ms. Wonner explained it would replace the current camera with additional camera added for the upper parking lot and a camera at the door to upstairs for the drop box.

Temple made the motion to approve the proposal from Connected Technologies in the amount of \$6,967.00

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: QUOTE OUTDOOR WORKOUT SUPPLY – ACTIONFIT PARALLEL BAR STATION

Pool Manager Jayce Frank explained the exercise equipment from Outdoor Workout supply, this commercial parallel bar station that would fit in with the other equipment purchased. Council man Darcy asks if there would be any maintenance or needed material underneath the bars, there would not be. The committee will bring back updated quotes for 10 lights and 1 bench this is down from the 15 lights and 3 benches, the last quote was from February. Council woman Hiner questioned if the village was still considering cameras at the park, yes but those will be after the path project is complete.

Donnalley made the motion to approve the purchase of the parallel bar station at cost of \$2,080.00

Cox 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: LETTER OF RESIGNATION BRYCE ALLEN FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

Cox made the motion to accept the resignation of Bryce Allen as full time officer.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: QUOTE TO UPDATE WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS TO VILLAGE HALL

A quote was submitted to update the outdated access points in village hall in the amount of \$896.00, since this quote was submitted there will need to be new work done for the body camera computer and tower once received. Ms. Wonner ask for approval not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the work. Council man Cox asks this is a need not a want than correct, yes.

Cox made the motion to authorize work for wireless access points and body camera computer and tower not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: OHIO FIRST RESPONDERS RECRUITMENT AND RENTION GRANT

Mayor Wilson requested approval to submit a grant application for recruitment and retention of first responders, this grant was made available by the DeWine administration. The retention allows up to a 10% bonus to employees who have stayed two years with the pandemic. Mayor Wilson stated that since March 2020 the police department has lost 13 employees both officers and dispatchers. There is no match or any cost up front according to Mayor Wilson. Council woman Temple questioned if this is open to all employees and how long does it last, no it is not and it is a one-time bonus after the two year time period.

Cox made the motion to approve the application for the Ohio First Responders grant.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: HIRNG OF TICKET TAKER/CONCESSION WORKER/GENERAL MAINTENANCE AT SWIMMING POOL

Pool Manager Jayce Frank submitted for consideration hiring Noah Hetherington as a ticket taker concession work and general maintenance at the swimming pool with a rate of \$10.50 per hour. When ask what he meant by general maintenance worker, this employee would mow the interior grass of the pool and do any small repairs needed so the street or water department employees would not need to be called.

Hiner made the motion to hire Noah Hetherington as a ticket taker/concession worker/general maintenance worker at a rate of \$10.50 per hour.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Council President read a letter of appreciation from a resident on Prospect St who has a daycare business, it was the last day, and she took the boys out for a walk to the fairgrounds there was a tree down across the road with yellow tape around the boys would not cross. They did not want to go across the yellow tape without permission, so she called Pam in dispatch who sent Chief Abraham to Morris St. She knew if the boys were told they could by the police department they would be ok with walking around the tree. The letter stated how patient and kind Chief Abraham was with the boys, taken a picture with them, showing them the inside of the car, and even stating someday you could be an officer like me. The one boy stated no disrespect Chief, but I do not want to be a police officer I want to be a zoo keeper. The letter went on to say how lucky the village is to have Chief Abraham and what he means to this village. Cassie Stietz signed the letter.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT

The following report was submitted to council in their packets: May bank reconciliation, May month end fund summary report. The most recent June month end summary and the most recent vouchers were presented for signature prior to the meeting. Ms. Wonner requested approval to transfer \$40,000.00 from the general fund to the swimming pool fund. Council woman Hiner ask if at the next meeting a report could be given on the Income Tax letters sent out to landlords, this will be prepared for the next meeting.

Thomas made the motion to approve the transfer of \$40,000.00 from the general fund to the street fund.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

A copy of the street department report was submitted to council in their packets.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall was present he thanked DW Dickeys for the sand they donated to be used last week when the semi was losing diesel fuel going through town, to date the truck has not been located according to the state patrol barracks. Chief Hall notified the EPA of the spill as required. The remaining sand will need to be cleaned and discarded as required, Mayor Wilson will call ODOT regarding clean up. The fire association is having a golf outing August 6th at the Middle Beaver golf course there will also be a dinner.

PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council man Cox reported the pool was filled over the weekend, it unfortunately did not hold water above the skimmer. A four inch line from the old pool to the new pool was found to not have been capped or the cap broke, that was repaired than the pool did fill above the skimmer. However, once the water reached the gutter there was another leak, the dye put in came right back out. Two pool companies were called both recommending the same product be ordered, the silicon has been ordered and is scheduled to be delivered sometime between this Thursday and Saturday. Once this is put on it will need 36 hours to dry than fill the pool, the hope is that within 12-14 hours should know if it works.

Jayce would like to organize a 3 on 3 basketball tournament do this though the court needs to be striped. R&R Seal Coating submitted a cost of \$350.00.

Temple made the motion to approve the stripping of the basketball court at a cost of \$350.00.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

The pool house is almost complete, to better organize the safety and emergency items.

Cox made the motion to purchase two heavy duty shelving units at a cost of \$349.00 each.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

D&R Garage Door will be at the pool tomorrow to install the new door and keyless entry.

The hot water tanks at both the pool house and pavilion are not working, Council man Cox will bring prices to the next meeting on those repairs.

The cameras at the pool now have a new password and able to be accessed, Mayor Wilson ask if the camera's go back far enough to pick up the vandalism several weeks ago. No one is sure but they will check.

The splash pad current hours are 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, when the pool opens the hours will be the same as the pool 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Chairperson Hoover reported the survey work for the NE Pressure project has begun, the funding is still being worked on with RCAP. The vac con has been delivered and already used; it has been a laborer saver. Best Equipment conducted two training sessions to date.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

The reports for the approved zoning applications were submitted to council in their packets. Zoning Inspector Barkley reported he has completed another review of the vacant and maintenance buildings in town. The revisions for the zoning code are still being worked on with Solicitor Beech. The codes cited in the ordinance are being verified, a first draft should be ready soon.

MISCELLANEOUS

The chamber 3rd Friday in town is scheduled for June 17th 6:00 – 9:00 pm. The fireworks committee mentioned at the last meeting has decided not to do a show this year instead to work on one for next year.

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting on June 14, 2022 at 8:05 pm

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer