

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2022

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Cox, Donnalley, Hiner, Thomas
and Beech

ABSENT: Darcy

The regular meeting on September 13, 2022 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding.

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

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Donnalley made the motion to approve the minutes from the 8/23/22 regular meeting.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Hiner made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$46,521.26 and to approve payroll for PPE 9/3/22 in the amount of \$61,755.37.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

Marsha Bettis Landfried was present at the meeting to ask if the village had in the past considered a single trash hauler for residents and her thoughts on why the village should. She believes it could help with cost for residents with only one hauler, trash cans would only be out one day a week, truck traffic on streets and alleys would be less, the pollution and noise would be less with fewer trucks and the village might be able to offer recycle in addition to trash pickup. Council President Thomas responded saying the village had looked at the single hauler option pre-COVID. Companies contacted at that time said recycle was not paying fair prices so even though residents might have both at the end of the day it could all go back in the same disposal. In regard to bidding companies were not interested, if bid it could start at a low price but then have a significant increase after awarded on next bid. In researching Mrs. Thomas inquired about elderly and how currently a nice amount has companies who will walk back to where the can sits to accommodate the resident so they do not have to walk to the curb if not able, the companies asked said they may be able to do that for twelve households. A resident at the meeting spoke out against the single hauler, mentioning he is happy with his trash hauler but in a scenario where his company may get the bid others in town may not like them and vice versa. He also pointed out that if the companies bidding own their own landfill, they have more control on pricing which does not create a fair playing field when bid. Mrs. Thomas mentioned another concern is if residents want to rent rolloffs for projects and the company who was awarded the bid does not have rolloffs how would residents handle this. The mayor spoke in favor of the single hauler idea and that it should be looked at again with a possible opt out, which Mrs. Thomas ask how that works into a single hauler program. Mrs. Landfried thanked council for their time and listening to what she had to say acknowledging she appreciates them looking at it when they did. Council woman Temple questioned the ordinance times for trash cans to be out, Chief Abraham indicated it is 6:30 pm the day prior to 6:30 pm the day of pick up, the can has to be out of the curb lawn, sidewalk, or other public area. Ms. Temple questioned trash cans beside a house on Beaver St, those are permitted since out of the areas mentioned above.

Scott Strong was present to comment on the rental property registration idea, Mr. Strong owns rental properties in different municipalities. He explained how some have this requirement and others do not, indicating that he feels those that do help landlords instead of hindering. He pointed out several areas where he believed this to be true: finding an outlet that may not be working, when the landlord accompanies the inspector it gives him a chance to go inside a house he may not have been in for a while where can see hidden damages if any, the process helps people

who are not able to help themselves, acknowledges the cost for the registration may hinder landlords at first but possibly save them money in the future and finally it could increase the market rent price verse cost. Council President Thomas ask if other municipalities have licensed inspectors, Mr. Strong said they do not in most instances it is the municipality housing inspector or someone of a similar title. According to Mr. Strong Salem does in house where both Leetonia and Salineville only do drive by inspections. Board of Public Affairs Chair Bill Hoover discussed how the new meters in the village have helped residents/landlords find leaks earlier than in the past with the notifications available n the new system.

Brad McGovern was present to comment on his perspective as a realtor how a rental registration policy can help increase the market value of all homes in the municipality. Mr. McGovern explained the process he uses when figuring the price, a home should be sold for in the area. He also went over the average price of a home in the country, to the state level, to the local level how it changes drastically in areas. He has seen how this type of a registration can increase the values first hand when working with his father in law while living in Lima OH with properties he owned.

Mayor Wilson explained the zoning committee had met Chair Donnalley explained the committee has agreed to look into drafting legislation to create a rental registration in the village. There are approximately 400 households of the approximate 1300 in the village which are rentals. She stated that the committee hopes to have a draft ready in the near future.

Thomas made the motion to table the rental registration until the committee has a draft ready for distribution to council.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Theresa Burgess, Chestnut St, was present to discuss the parking issue once again she has with a neighbor on Harrison St. The mayor said he had been there again since the last meeting and does not see an issue, he even saw her backing from her drive while slow she was able to exit with no issue. Mrs. Burgess said she knew that no one would see what she sees, the neighbor in question plays the game that way, she has decided that moving from the village may be the best for her. She also mentioned that this problem will only get worse in the winter with plowing. Council President Thomas stated she feels this is more of a neighbor dispute which council has no authority over, when ask Solicitor Beech concurred with both Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Thomas.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2129-2022 THE 2022 PAYROLL ORDINANCE

Finance Chair Hiner explained the finance committee met discussing the payroll ordinance, a 5% and 4% increase were topic of discussion. The committee felt the police department should receive a 5% increase and the remaining employees a 4% increase as presented in the ordinance distributed during the council meeting. The 5% Ms. Hiner explained will reach the amount discussed prior to the income tax increase vote, the fire department wages are neither the 4% or 5% but the amounts discussed with the townships for wage increases. Council women Temple and Donnalley expressed their opinions on how they feel the wage increase should be the same for all across the board not the various levels. Ms. Hiner said she felt the same way until researching articles and discussion in the past on the information presented for the income tax election, Mayor Wilson disagreed with the differential in wage increase also saying he feels it should be the same across the board. The mayor and Ms. Hiner each discussed their thoughts on the articles from the newspaper and information flyer being referenced in the discussion with each understanding them in separate ways.

Hiner made the motion to suspend the rules and regulations for passing an ordinance.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Hiner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2129-2022 the 2022 Village of Lisbon payroll ordinance as an emergency.

Thomas 2nd

With a roll call vote: Temple, no; Cox, yes;
Donnalley, no; Hiner, yes; Thomas, yes
Motion Passed

RE: APPOINTMENT TO VACANT SEAT ON PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Wilson reported he had received two letters of interest for the vacant seat on the planning commission, Rachel Jones, and Joe Vitko. He and Council woman Donnalley interviewed both, their consent agreement is that Mr. Vitko is the better fit on the commission.

Donnalley made the motion to appoint Joe Vitko to the planning commission.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with Thomas abstaining
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2131-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSERVATION EASEMENT WILLOW GROVE PARK

Mayor Wilson explained the resolution and attached exhibit to the resolution is the tentative conservation easement presented to council by the Western Reserve Conservatory Group (WRCG). The agreement if approved does not commit the village to anything it just allows the process to begin, the only commitment is on the side of the WRCG a lump sum payment of \$38,000.00 for 21 acres of Willow Grove Park will be paid to the village upon approval. Council woman Hiner ask if the price could change through out the process since the approval does not finalize the easement, the mayor indicated that the price cannot change it is the only item locked in with the approval. Council man Cox stated that this does not make sense, how can the only thing to be set is the price. He is not comfortable with giving up the village's entire rights to the park for an indefinite time period. The village now has no intention of changing it from a park, however no one knows what may happen in the future that this park is not needed for something else. Council women Temple and Donnalley are in favor of the approval to see what WRCG has to offer the village and they want the park to remain a park indefinitely. Council woman Hiner indicated that nothing can change if the price is actually locked in other than the village given up their rights to the park as described in the agreement.

Cox made the motion to not approve Resolution 2131-2022 a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a conservation easement for Willow Grove Park.

Thomas 2nd

With a roll call vote: Temple, no; Cox, yes;
Donnalley, no; Hiner, yes; Thomas, yes
Motion Passed

Council woman Temple than wanted to make a motion to pass Resolution 2131-2022, on the advisement of Solicitor Beech this was not done since it was unlikely the outcome would change with the vote that just passed on not passing the resolution.

RE: OHIO APPALACHIAN INITIATIVE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported that he has attended meetings with OMEGA representatives, park district officials, county officials and local mayor's regarding the initiative. The last meeting an aide to the Lt Governor was in attendance, the aide emphasized that multi county/municipality projects will be given higher regard. The three projects for this area per the mayor are: expand the Greenway Trail to East Liverpool, expand the Greenway Trail from Salem to Columbiana and downtown revitalization along the trail. Council President Thomas inquired why all three were centered around the Greenway Trail when other infrastructure is eligible and needed in this county. For instance, a better broadband internet service for the entire county. The mayor referenced the Covid money the county used to

for broadband service for areas of the county, Mrs. Thomas felt that an expansion of this project could benefit more residents of the county.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2132-2022 ODOT MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Cox made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2132-2022 a resolution to enter into the ODOT Municipal Bridge Inspection program.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT RESIGNATIONS

Cox made the motion to approve the resignations of full time officers Chase Askounes and Zack Puckett.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Council man Cox questioned if Askounes was the officer who had committed to the K9 position wanting to stay here at the village, if so, why is he leaving? Chief Abraham confirmed he was with the reason given was more money and insurance Mr. Askounes went to St Clair Township. The department according to the chief is down 4 full time officers at the time of these resignations.

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD AND BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wilson received a letter of interest from Melinda Belaney for the vacant seat on the Architectural Review Board.

Cox made the motion to approve the appointment of Melinda Belaney as recommended by Mayor Wilson.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Board of Public Affairs Chair Bill Hoover informed council that Carol Petrachkoff resigned her position effective August 31st for personal reason after serving 14 years on the board. He and member Jeff Snyder went through the letters received for the last appointment, speaking with Barb Bailey. Both Mr. Hoover and Snyder recommend Barb Bailey to fill the vacant seat of Carol Petrachkoff. Mr. Hoover went on to publicly thank Ms. Petrachkoff for her dedicated service to the village over the years.

Cox made the motion to approve the appointment of Barb Bailey as recommend by the BPA members.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT

The following report was submitted to council in their packets: the August bank reconciliation, the month end August fund summary, the most current September month end fund summary. All vouchers were presented prior to the meeting for review and signatures. Ms. Wonner reported she has spoken with representatives from Farmer's National Bank regarding pricing and options for the consolidated account as requested. Ms. Wonner requested approval to transfer \$40,000.00 from the General fund to the Street fund.

Cox made the motion to approve the transfer of \$40,000.00 from the General fund to the Street fund as requested.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street department reports were submitted to council in their packets. The approved sweeping of the streets by Everbrite is scheduled to begin at 5:00 am Wednesday morning. The back hoe boom and lines has been repaired and is back in service. The fuel tank is ready to be moved, the electric will be completed when the tank is moved to its new location, then Southwest Fuels will complete the set up. The big leaf vacuum which broke down last year is still in the process of being repaired, the pony motor from the old vaccon was removed and being used on the leaf vacuum. The pony motor needs conversions to be functional CSS Mechanix is preparing pricing. Council man Cox thanked Council woman Hiner for the information on skid steer being offered in auction, however he does not feel we are in a place to purchase that at the moment, he would like to proceed in the direction of grants the mayor is working on. Council agreed this was the best for the time being. Mr. Cox has met with different contractors for budgetary information on repairs and additions to the current street garage, these prices will be used to prepare a bid proposal for the project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Wilson reminded those in attendance the fire department will open the Johnny Appleseed Festivities with a pancake breakfast Saturday morning from 7:00 am until 11:00 am. Council man Cox questioned with the new agreement and memorandum of understanding all the entities agreed to a contribute a certain dollar amount towards repairs to the station during the length of the agreement, has this happened yet. Council man Darcy is the liaison with the townships in his absence tonight Mr. Cox stated he would reach out to Mr. Darcy and Center Township Trustee Underwood for an update.

PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

The updated quote from 21st Century Alarm has been received at an amount of \$885.00. Council woman Donnalley mentioned the main garage door had been left open, Mr. Cox indicated this was an oversight by an employee the door was locked as soon as realized. The first shipment of exercise equipment has been delivered and is at the street garage, there is one more shipment to be delivered. The winterization of the pool is scheduled for the last week in September per Chris Peterson. The remaining chemicals at the pool will be absorbed by the water department for the treatment plant. Ms. Wonner ask that when the required signs are placed for the State Capital Improvement funding for the walking path and ODNR pool project are hung to provide pictures so the final paperwork can be sent to the respective departments.

Cox made the motion to upgrade the security cameras as presented by 21st Century Alarm.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Chair Bill Hoover reported the water department would like to thank the street department for the help they provided during shut offs for nonpayment. There were more shut offs than normal, the help was appreciated. The flushing of fire hydrants is continuing in the village. The hydrant on North Market St that has been out of service for awhile is scheduled to be replaced, the department has been waiting on parts for the hydrant with the delays in delivery it has been discovered it is easier to purchase an entirely new hydrant. Trumbull Industries sold the village a hydrant at cost for the replacement. The yard hydrant at the dog park has been completed.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

The reports for the approved zoning applications were submitted to council in their packets.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Johnny Appleseed Festival is this weekend, the scarecrow on the square is scheduled for Oct 1st. Council woman Hiner requested a personnel and street committee meeting, the meeting was scheduled for Monday September 19th at 5:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Temple made the motion to enter into executive session for personnel reason, the employment of a public employee.

Thomas 2nd All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

Chief Abraham and Solicitor Beech were invited into the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Thomas made the motion to reconvene from executive session at 8:10 pm.

Temple 2nd All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

The following action was taken from the executive session.

Thomas made the motion to hire Jordan Reynolds as a full time officer at 100% of the base, Mr. Reynolds has 13 years of experience, William Hewitt as a full time officer at 96% of the base, Mr. Hewitt has 3 years of experience, Jonathan Potts as a part time officer and move Lucas Davis from a part time dispatcher to a full time dispatcher at 92% of the base.

Cox 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting on September 13, 2022 at 8:13 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer