

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 11, 2024

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Cox, Donnalley, Smith

ABSENT: Hiner and Beech

The regular meeting on June 11, 2024, 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.

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION

Paula and Kenny Rose were present with their daughter and employees of Huntington Bank Firestone Branch. Ms. Rose explained to those in attendance how on April 12, 2024 her husband had gone to the bank where the employees noticed something wrong with him. Their quick action and attentiveness in calling her daughter and having an ambulance called taking Mr. Rose to East Liverpool Hospital. It was found he had a stroke after being treated, released and therapy he has made a full recovery. The Rose family wanted to thank the employees of the Huntington Bank Firestone Branch for their thoughtfulness on that day. Mayor Wilson read a prepared proclamation of appreciation giving a signed copy to Kim and Jen representing the bank during the meeting.

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Donnalley made the motion to approve the minutes from the 5/28/24 regular meeting

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The prepared vouchers were presented to council prior to the meeting for signatures.

GUEST (S):

Kathy Close, E Spruce St, was present to discuss the drainage issue on her street. The topic is on the agenda so she said she would wait to see what was brought up.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: GRANT ST BRIDGE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported Columbia Gas is in the process of moving a line, when this is complete construction for the abutments can begin. He also reported the first change order has been presented noting his displeasure on why, when the project was first discussed a work around for the existing water line attached to the bridge was discussed. This line is the main line feed from the reservoir located on Steubenville Pike Rd, Sr. Plant Operator had said this line should be removed from the bridge before any work is started. After engineering and ODOT completed the plans the work around was taken out, the contractor Marucci and Gaffney has said this line needs to be removed before any work. The change order reflects an estimated \$58,0000.00 increase to complete the work. The mayor said the pipe used for this will be given to the village after the bridge project is completed. He also said to save some money ODOT has opened an office in the village instead of driving back and forth. The work around for the water line is set to begin Thursday June 13th at 2:00 am, this will require a boil order until possibly Saturday. The water department employees are in the process of delivering door hangers to all residents and businesses who may be affected.

RE: PRITCHARD AVE BRIDGE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported Columbia Gas contacted him regarding moving one of their lines during this project. The proposed move would be on property acquired by the village during the FEMA mitigation from the flood in 2004. Because the property has been through mitigation the village will verify with FEMA if there are any restrictions.

RE: E SPRUCE ST DRAINAGE

Council man Cox met with a second contractor who had not submitted a quote, the first contractor GW Dailey Excavating submitted a quote material cost to be paid by the village is estimated at \$6,318.75 labor \$6,000.00. The project will follow the drawing presented at an earlier meeting the project will start east of the alley on the north side going to Jefferson St, approximately 200 feet of pipe with 5 catch basins will be installed. Council man Cox is waiting on a quote to remove at least one tree if not all three in the curb lawn on the north side, Barnes Tree Service and Glover Tree Service will be contacted. After receiving these quotes, a decision on taking the trees down and where to pay for them from, with Shade Tree paying for part or all. Council man Cox explained the dig will not be really deep, but he would like Street Supervisor Oliver to call oops811 prior to the project to see what is there. He also explained how the catch basin works to Ms. Close, showing her the drawing of where everything will be located.

Cox made the motion to approve up to \$12,400.00 for the parts and labor to do the drainage as described.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: MARIJUANA MORATORIUM

Mayor Wilson reported that he spoke with Representative Robb-Blasdell regarding cannabis dispensaries licenses, she directed him to the Asst. Deputy Director of Cannabis Control. He was told that if the village is serious about lifting the moratorium it should be lifted as soon as possible there are about 170 medical dispensaries that could switch to recreational leaving about 150 licenses with applications being accepted as soon as September 7th of this year. The application when submitted must include the location of the shop so it can be inspected at time of application. The deputy director also told the mayor there will be a second phase of applications which will be a regional license, one stipulation is that there cannot be dispensaries within 1 mile of each other or 500 feet of a school. The mayor would like councils' approval to have Solicitor Beech draft an ordinance to lift the moratorium, this drew 2 comments from residents in the room. They both voiced displeasure with having a cannabis dispensary in the village, why would you want to bring something like this to our village it goes against what you have tried to do in the past. Both said they would not want this beside their homes. It also brings more work to the police department along with exposing our children to this type of business. The mayor reminded those in attendance this referendum did pass the state even though when he checked it did not pass in the village but not failing by much. It was asked how much tax money this would bring to the village; it was said pennies on the dollar. The mayor said he has not received one complaint about allowing a dispensary and people call him about everything.

Donnalley made the motion to have Solicitor Beech research and draft an ordinance to lift the marijuana moratorium and restrict a dispensary on either Park or Nelson Ave.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2198-2024 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Donnalley made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2198-2024, a resolution authorizing the village to sell playground equipment to Tri – State Holiness Association Church for \$1.00.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Mayor Wilson asked if council had decided on which bulletin board and where they would like it placed the Lisbon Area Chamber of Commerce had requested. Council women Temple and Donnalley said they liked the bigger of the two with Ms. Temple suggesting the fountain square. This was tabled until a future meeting. The mayor asked council to decide soon so the application could be submitted to zoning for approval.

RE: PARK PROJECT MATCH

Mayor Wilson said that his anonymous donor was willing to extend the dollar for dollar match if council would give a written commitment on how much they will spend on equipment in 2025. The parks committee had said they did not want to participate in 2024 instead finishing the projects already started. Council man Cox and Council woman

Donnalley both member of the parks committee stated they are not willing to commit to anything at this time for 2025.

RE: BICYCLE RACKS

Mayor Wilson questioned where council would like to place the three bike racks that had been given to the village 2 from the parks district which are smaller and shaped like a bicycle than 1 bigger 6 bike rack from a private donor. Street Supervisor Oliver suggested the outer perimeter of the squares. It had been decided at a previous council meeting the larger bike rack would be exchanged for the smaller bike rack at the pool.

Temple made the motion to place all three bike racks in the village squares.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: FCI ELKTON WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported the village has 2 workers from the federal prison, the work program was discontinued during COVID. The mayor thanked the current warden for his willingness to bring the program back.

RE: CROSS WALK E LINCOLN WAY AND PRITCHARD AVE

Mayor Wilson asked if council had decided on which type and manufacture for the cross walk from the email, he had sent everyone. There was not a decision made this was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2199-2024 – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AKRON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Mayor Wilson explained Solicitor Beech reviewed the MOU this does not commit the village to anything. This MOU is a requirement of the hospital for federal funding of Medicaid, showing they serve a disproportionate share of low-income patients as determined under Title 42, Section 412.106 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Temple made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2199-2024 authorizing the mayor to enter into a MOU with Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron.

Smith 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: HIRING OF LIFEGUARD JOSHLYN IREY

Donnalley made the motion to hire Joshlyn IreY as a lifeguard at a rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: CHAMBER REQUEST

Mayor Wilson reported July 15th will be the Christmas in July event, last year The Clothing Surgeon used the electrical outlet on the gazebo to make shirts during the event. The mayor asked if this could be done again this year.

Donnalley made the motion to allow the request as presented

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

The following financial reports were submitted to council: May and June month end fund summaries. All vouchers were presented prior to the meeting for review and signatures.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council man Cox ask when street patching would start, Mr. Oliver said by the end of the week. This prompted Mr. Cox to question how aggressive the department was going to be in patching since they are behind schedule, Mr. Oliver said aggressive.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Council Cox reported the pickle balls courts have been finished in addition to a hop scotch and 4 square games. Mr. Cox commended the street department on the work they have done at the park, and all agreed with this statement.

BPA REPORT

Mayor Wilson reminded those in attendance again of the main water line work being done for the Grant St Bridge with boil order.

ZONING APPLICATIONS

The most current zoning applications were distributed to the council in their packets.

MISCELLANEOUS

It was reported this weekend is the Chamber event including a car show, music, and food trucks. A Disc Golf outing at Scenic Vista Park. A family fun day at the Columbiana County Fairgrounds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Donnalley made the motion to enter into executive session for the discipline of a public employee
Temple 2nd All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:20 for executive session.

Donnalley made the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:25 pm
Smith 2nd All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

With nothing further to come before the council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the June 11, 2024, meeting at 7:26 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer