

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 2022

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Hiner, Donnalley, Thomas

ABSENT: Cox and Beech

The regular meeting on August 9, 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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Hiner made the motion to approve the minutes from the 7/26/22 regular meeting.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$30,427.29 and to approve payroll for PPE 7/23/22 in the amount of \$59,323.26.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

Teresa and Jim Burgess E Chestnut St were present regarding an issue they had several years ago with not being able to get out of their drive. The Burgess' live at the corner of E Chestnut St and Harrison Ave, their drive way is on Harrison. A neighbor who lives on Harrison they claim is parking, so they are unable to use their drive way, they also claim the individual intimidates and follows them. Chief Abraham indicated the police department has ticketed them for parking the wrong way on Harrison. He suggested the only way to stop the parking is to either make Harrison St no parking on the street or a no parking here to curb sign. Mayor Wilson said he would go speak to the individual trying to see if there is a way to rectify the issue without putting up no parking signs on any kind.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: 2nd READING ORDINANCE NO. 2126-2022 – CHICKENS IN THE VILLAGE

Marti Grimm told council that since the last meeting she has done some research, in 2020 the same question on having chickens was brought to council by a petition that 21 people had signed. Council at that time voted unanimously to not allow chickens in the village, she ask what has changed in two years that without any petition and just random individuals coming to a meeting is council changing their position on chickens in the village while not enforcing the chicken ordinance already in place. Mary Ann Gray questioned how when rats become a problem will they be addressed, Council woman Hiner indicated there is verbiage in the ordinance on containment. Mayor Wilson explained there is also the option to file a complaint with the health department. Fiscal Officer Wonner informed those in attendance there is a referendum process after Council woman Temple questioned how to place an issue on the ballot if the ordinance passed. Mrs. Grimm requested that council consider putting the issue on the ballot.

Hiner made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2126-2022, an ordinance allowing chickens in the village.

Donnalley 2nd

Temple, No; Darcy, No; Donnalley, Yes; Hiner, Yes;
Thomas, Yes

Motion Passed

RE: WESTERN RESERVE CONSERVANCY GRANT UPDATE

Mayor Wilson asks for approval on the Western Reserve Conservancy, the park would have to remain a park indefinitely under this easement, timbering is not permitted, drilling pads are not permitted horizontal drilling is allowed. The village would retain ownership of the park it would be closed to any sort of development, the mayor said that a resident on social media ask if at any time the village would want to add cabins could this be done, it could not according to the mayor. The mayor said the offer is 20 acres for a \$38,000.00 easement, the acres are the southern portion of the park which is heavily wooded and has trails. The conservancy could add more acreage at a later time. Mary Ann Gray ask if the mayor knew what the conservancy would do with the easement and why they want it, nothing is free. The mayor responded it was an easement to keep the park a park, Council President Thomas said she feels they want the village to be locked into never being able to do anything else with the park. She is not in favor of the easement, not because she does want the park to always be a park because she does, but she does not feel that this council has the right to commit to something that is permanent, no one knows what will happen in the future where the village may need that for something else. Council woman Hiner questioned does this approval commit the village to accepting the easement and is the fee waived for sure as the mayor stated. She did not read that on anything she has seen on their website. The mayor said this is only a draft of the easement and allows the conservancy to complete a title search it does not commit the village to accepting the offer.

Donnalley made the motion to allow Western Reserve Conservancy to move forward with the easement proposal draft.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

All Ayes, Thomas No, Motion Passed

RE: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AN OWPC GRANT/LOAN GRANT ST BRIDGE ENGINEERING/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Mayor Wilson reminded those in attendance where the Grant St bridge project stands and what financing the village has received. The OPWC grant/loan application he is requesting approval to apply for is the last of the funding needed to complete the project estimates. The mayor and Sr Plant Operator Chris Peterson met with Columbiana County Engineer Bert Dawson and his staff to discuss OPWC funding, it is the understanding of the mayor the application the Board of Public Affairs (BPA) would be completing for the NE Pressure Water tower project is funded from a different pool of funds than the engineering application for the bridge. Council President Thomas wants to make sure the village is not competing against itself with the applications, she feels it would be easier to find the needed funding for the engineering than the water tower. BPA Chair Bill Hoover is concerned that if the BPA request is not approved the EPA would step begin to issue citations against the village since this project has been on the books for over 20 years which they have been patient about, the citations would result in fines which the village could have a tough time paying. Council man Darcy suggested that council slow down and examine other avenues of funding, the deadline for the OPWC application is mid-October. A finance meeting was scheduled for Tuesday August 16th at 5:30 pm. While on scheduling of this meeting Mayor Wilson indicated it is time that council should discuss wages for employees, he feels everyone should have some kind of wage and job evaluations could constitute the wage increase in addition to a cost of living increase set my council.

RE: STREET COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

A street committee meeting was scheduled for the same night as the finance committee meeting to begin at 6:30 pm or as soon as the finance committee meeting is complete.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: HIRING OF PT DISPATCHER

Chief Abraham recommended Lucas Davis and Ashton Weekley as PT dispatchers, he apologized since only Lucas' application was in their packet. He just interviewed Ashton this morning.

Donnalley made the motion to hire both Lucas Davis and Ashton Weekly as PT dispatchers.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Mayor Wilson asks if there is any update on the body camera grant awarded by the state, Chief Abraham stated the state suggest he file for an extension due to the delay on departments receiving their inventory. Mayor Wilson wondered if it would be beneficial to reapply for the same grant under this year's funding since the village was not awarded the full amount requested. Chief explained that the state told him that this year's funding would be geared towards departments that did not receive any funding therefor the village chances are probably lower, however if council and the mayor would like the application could be completed again this year.

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2127-2022 – 2022 AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS AS AN EMERGENCY

Fiscal Officer Wonner explained each appropriation change based on the amended certificate request to the county. Thomas made the motion to waive the rules and regulations for passing an ordinance.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

Thomas made the motion the approve Ordinance No. 2127-2022 the amended 2022 appropriations.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2128-2022 – ACCEPTING THE RATES AND AMOUNTS AS PRESENTED BY THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION

Thomas made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2128-2022 , the resolution accepting the rates and amounts as presented by the Columbiana County Budget Commission.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: STATEWIDE FORD LINCOLN PURCHASE ORDER K9 UNIT

A quote from Statewide Ford was presented to council in their packets for the K9 unit, in the amount of \$52,768.00, the cruiser should be ready for delivery early November. Council woman Temple questioned the purchase of the cruiser, her understanding was that donations would be used for the total purchase. The purchase order will be the appropriations in the new cruiser line item and part of the K9 donations received. Ms. Temple questioned if buying a cruiser this year would a cruiser be purchased again next year, the chief said he plans to keep current on the rotation schedule since this cruiser is not part of the rotation. The mayor would like to have this purchased tabled until a later date. The village is looking at applying for more grants if available, the purchase of this vehicle should not be detrimental to the application of a grant as a match to what is raised even with using a part of the funds raised according to the chief.

Hiner made the motion to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$52,768.00 to Statewide Ford Lincoln for the purchase of a K9 Ford Explorer Cruiser.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION TRAINING PROGRAM

Mayor Wilson reported that RCAP is looking to send seven village representatives to an Appalachian regional training program Oct 25-27 near Ashville NC all expenses paid by RCAP who recommends a council person be one of the seven representatives. Council woman Hiner feels that if RCAP is going to pay for all seven to attend it is a good idea, however she is not able to attend. Council President Thomas cannot commit at this time and Council woman Temple indicated the same. The mayor is planning on being one of the seven to attend.

RE: JOB EVALUATIONS

Mayor Wilson stated he would like to see job evaluations be used more in raises as he indicated earlier in the meeting, he said the City of Salem is looking to implement the same. Council woman Hiner has a template she has begun to work on. Chief Abraham mentioned that the village department heads have been doing job evaluations however they have not had any real meaning. A personnel committee meeting was scheduled for August 16th at 7:30 pm or after the street committee meeting ends.

RE: AMERICA 250 ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Mayor Wilson reported the state is taking suggestions on how to celebrate America's 250 anniversary. Lisbon has been asked to participate. There has been discussion on a music trail or even film trail in the state. If anyone is interested on serving on the committee to let him know.

RE: APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSION ON TRAINING

Council woman Hiner reported she found a grant which would award a \$25,000.00 grant to help implement training and other management building skills for organizations who complete the 10 week course. She feels this could be something good for the village, she apologized she really had not had time to research before the meeting. Council President Thomas said if the village would be eligible, she is interested in following up on who should attend. After reviewing the information, nonprofit organizations were the eligible groups, however Ms. Hiner will research more.

RE: PUBLIC REQUEST LOG SHEET

Council woman Hiner reported she had asked Fiscal Officer Wonner if the village kept a log sheet on all public records request, there is in her office.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT

The following report was submitted to council in their packets: July bank reconciliation, July appropriation summary, July revenue summary, July fund summary, current month end August fund summary. All vouchers were presented prior to the meeting for review and signatures.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Street Supervisor Oliver submitted two purchase order requests to council for approval. Temple made the motion to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$590.00 for all purpose hydraulic oil from Kelly Oil.

Donnalley 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

Temple made the motion to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$1,500.00 for cross walk paint from Municipal Signs.

Thomas 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall reported the association golf outing went well; they are already making plans for next years. The tentative date is July 30th a week before the county fair instead of during the fair like this year. The department completed a six hour training by Genesis on the jaws of life the village had purchased; during the training it was recommend the department purchase a stabilization kit with tools including a window cutter. This kit will lift a standard vehicle several inches off the ground making it safer to extraction, the cost is \$6,435.00.

Temple made the motion to approval a purchase order in the amount of \$6,435.00 for a stabilization kit and tools from Howells Rescue.

Hiner 2nd

All Ayes with Thomas abstaining
Motion Passed

PARKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council woman Donnalley reported the health department had completed the inspection at the pool, there were two minor issues, but the pool passed the inspection. One issue is the height of the fence in certain areas from the ground and the other when the depth markers were reinstalled the concrete is blocking a number. The Senior swim averages about 15 swimmers a day according to the mayor, he attends and hears nothing but positive. The mayor is sponsoring a community pool party Wednesday August 17th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, all are invited to attend.

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Chairperson Hoover reported the BPA has increase the rental fee on the use of the Vaccon with the purchase of the new vehicle from \$125.00 per hour to \$175.00 per hour. This cost includes the use of the vehicle and the village operator. Sand and 304 gravel were purchased as a restock for the water, sewer, and street departments. There have been a few communication issues with the water facilities, it was found to be an AT&T cellular issue, the provider has switched to T-Mobile to date there have been no issues.

CEMETERY BOARD RERPORT

Chairperson Jim Landfried reported the cemetery raised over \$3,200.00 during the fair on their parking donations. He thanked all the cemetery employees who donated their time after work to be at the cemetery for the parking.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

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

MISCELLANEOUS

The 3rd Friday event is scheduled for August 19th, this is also the first football game for the school it is at home. A concert is scheduled for August 20th at Scenic Vista park. Council woman mentioned high standing water in the ditch across from her house the street department will take a look.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thomas made the motion to adjourn into executive session for personnel reasons.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion passed

Chief Abraham was invited into the executive session.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm for executive session.

Thomas made the motion to reconvene from executive session at 8:28 pm.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

There was no action taken in the executive session.

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting on August 9, 2022 at 8:29 pm

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer