

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 25, 2021**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Cox, Donnalley, Berg, Thomas Solicitor
Beech

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on May 25, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding.

Father Wassi St George Catholic Church opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING May 11, 2021

Temple made the motion to approve the minutes from the 5/11/21 meeting.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$35,415.11 and payroll for PPE 5/15/21 in the amount of \$54,502.30

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

Debbie Richards was present at this meeting to ask approval for the Lisbon Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee to replace the current white/green Live Love Lisbon streetlight flags with an updated version. The flag being considered for approval is a blue flag which allows air to flow through with a picture of the Courthouse with verbiage noting Lisbon and the year founded. The banner is 30x60 and the committee would like to purchase 30 flags from Hall of Fame Trophy in town.

Cox made the motion to approve the replacement of the current flags described and replace with the new flag presented.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

All of Council agreed saying these new flags are beautiful and will be a nice addition to downtown.

Carol and Christine Schreffler addressed council individually concerning an incident at the cemetery over the weekend while the foundation of Ken Schreffler, Carol's husband Christine's father was being poured. The Schreffler's spoke on how Kenny was a veteran of the Army reserves although never deployed he had many friends who either did not make it back or were injured if they did make it home during the Vietnam War. After being discharged Kenny never completed his paperwork for Veteran benefits feeling he did not deserve those. Kenny was also a 39 ½ year Center Township Trustee, so wanting to make it to 40 years of service before losing a five-month battle with cancer. Mrs. and Ms. Schreffler explained how Kenny was a humble man who so enjoyed and loved serving his community in many capacities with many of those sitting in this room knowing Kenny personally. Mrs. Schreffler who has a contract with Richardson Monument to have Kenny's headstone placed before Memorial Day were present with Carly Brock of Richardson Monument Sunday afternoon while Mrs. Brock was preparing the foundation to place the headstone. During this process, the Lisbon Police were called by the Cemetery Board. The police ask Mrs. Brock to leave the Cemetery as she was in violation of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board on foundation placement. The Schreffler's are asking that this issue be resolved so Kenny's headstone can be in place before a holiday that meant so much to him is observed Memorial Day. Carly Brock Richardson Monument spoke from a prepared statement with documentation of several incidents being claimed with the Cemetery Board against her and her business. Also, from the prepared statement read how she and her husband have completed many updates to the house and business making them a nicer appearance, how they purchased land across the street building a garage to expand, they have installed a time and temperature sign not to benefit them but benefit the Village. Mrs. Brock stated that she feels the Cemetery Board is in violation of their duties and are against her and her business. Solicitor Beech ask Mrs. Brock if she had received the letter to her from the Village dated May 10th prior to the incident in the Cemetery over the weekend, Mrs. Brock indicated that she had. A copy of the prepared statement and supporting documentation was given to each Council member, the Mayor and Fiscal Officer. A copy will be filed in the Fiscal Office.

Frank Gallo High St was present at the meeting concerning the notice he had received about his chickens that have been on his property since 1985, prior to the farm animal ordinance being passed in the Village. Mr. Gallo who owns almost a half-acre with the lots he owns and does to have a neighbor within 50 yards of where the coop is located. The coop cannot be seen from the street. Mr. Gallo stated it was his understanding with past administrations that he was grandfathered in for his chickens. He has never received a complaint to his knowledge or had the police department say he needed to change anything. Mr. Gallo stated the way Chief Abraham has handled the visits have been nothing but respectful and he would like to work with Council to find a way to keep the chickens that have been there for so long.

Bill Hoover, BPA Chair, spoke to Council on how they are looking to hire a full-time employee even though they only need a part-time person. The concern is that they will not get any applications if only part-time, with this in mind the Board is asking Council to consider sharing in the cost of a full-time employee hired by the BPA with Chris being his supervisor, the insurance package could be shared in a 50/50 split, then the employee salary being paid from whichever department he is working, this employee would be a floater among all the maintenance departments.

Thomas made the motion to table this until Council could review the cost associated with this proposal.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Ms. Wonner indicated she would have this information prior to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: POLLINATOR GARDEN

Mayor Wilson gave Council President Thomas a letter from the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce stating the letter should be read. Mrs. Thomas read the letter which stated the Chamber is withdrawing the request from the last meeting to locate the pollinator garden in the Village limits. The reason being there was no dialogue and the meeting indicated how future works with go with the Village. Mrs. Thomas agreed there was not any dialogue during the Council meeting, stating the dialogue should have begun prior to the grant being applied for and the request to put the pollinator garden at the pool park after grant approval. Mrs. Thomas also stated the location of the garden and who was going to take care of the garden were the concerns from Council, not having a pollinator garden in village limits. She also said she does want to work with the Chamber however the Village does not want to work for the Chamber.

RE: JAG GRANT

Mayor Wilson reiterated that he wants bodycams now for the police department before the Governor makes them mandatory and the Village does not have them. Chief Abraham stated he does not feel the department needs them right this moment and it could be beneficial to wait to see if more funding does become available to purchase the cameras with all the software, server, and other needed equipment to operate the cameras. A concern that no one had an answer for is if there is a deadline on when the JAG monies had to be spent, if there was not enough awarded to cover the entire cost of a body camera program would the Village be able to apply for other monies to use to cover the cost. Council man Berg mentioned that yes, the current Governor is making a big push for mandated body cameras, it could be possible there would be other grants made available for new cameras and equipment, if we already had cameras would be eligible for any new grants for new equipment. Mr. Berg also wondered if the Village would need another officer to specifically oversee the cameras and all the storage requirements to properly enforce a policy and storage requirements, is our current level of staffing adequate to undertake something like this right now. Council President Thomas agreed, saying it might be in the Village best interest to create a policy and look for other funding options at this time. Council man Cox ask if the current JAG grant amount available would cover the entire cost, no this would not pay for the entire cost of everything needed for body cameras and storage. Council man Darcy asks if the JAG grant in question is body camera specific, which it is not. Mayor Wilson stated that for once he would like to see the Village be proactive and not reactive.

Berg made the motion to pass on this current JAG grant and give the Mayor the authority to look and research other grants that will cover the purchase of the body cameras and all cost associated with those.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Mayor Wilson stated he will look for these and he expects Council to support him on these grants.

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

RE: ENGINEERING SERVICES WALKING/EXERCISE TRAIL AT CEDAR ST PARK

The Village was awarded up to \$75,000.00 through the state capital improvements fund for the building of a walking/exercise path, engineering and design are not eligible for this funding. Howell's and Baird submitted a quote of \$6,650.00 for both.

Berg made the motion to approve the quote from Howell's and Baird in the amount of \$6,650.00.
Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: HIRING OF PART TIME DISPATCHER

Chief Abraham recommended Tina Cutright who has 20 years' experience as dispatcher with the City of Salem in addition to working for the Village when she first started her career.

Cox made the motion to hire Tina Cutright as a part time dispatcher.
Darcy 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: CURBSIDE PICKUP PARKING SPOT REQUEST S PARK AVE

Cox made the motion to approve the request from Amy Faulk who owns the building that Fox's pizza is in for a dedicated curbside pickup parking spot during hours of operation.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

The parking spot will be last spot on the street in front of the buildings.

RE: RESOLUTOIN 2092-2021 ODNR GRANT APPROVAL

Cox made the motion to pass resolution 2092-2021, a resolution approving the application for an ODNR grant.
Donnalley 2nd

This grant is a 75% grant with 25% matching funds, the Village will be applying for playground equipment.

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: REPLACEMENT OF CRUISER #2

Chief Abraham requested permission to obtain prices to replace cruiser #2, this cruiser is a 2013 with over 100,000 miles.

Cox made the motion to obtain prices to replace cruiser #2.
Berg 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

A copy of the most recent fund summary was presented to council in their packets. Ms. Wonner discussed the American Rescue Plan to the extent of what is known at this time, the guidelines are still being updated. Ms. Wonner requested permission to establish a separate fund for the American Rescue Plan when funding is received.

Berg made the motion to pass Resolution 2091-2021, a resolution to create a new fund for the American Rescue Plan funding.
Cox 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The street department report was distributed to Council in their packets.

Mayor Wilson reported that he had a complaint during the street sweeping about dust on the North side of the Village outside Village limits near the plaza, he did not understand why streets outside of town were being swept. Council man Cox and Council President Thomas indicated since the inception of having the street sweeping outsourced the first cleaning of the year has included all the way to Napa since Market St is the main route into town.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Wilson reported that he and Council woman Temple attended the fire meeting on May 19th as invited at the last meeting. Council man Berg was there than dismissed himself since he and Council woman Temple are both on a council committee together and this would have violated the sunshine law for a public meeting. Mayor Wilson stated that he learned a few things at the meeting which the department is not happy about. The first is the new truck, the men are very upset that there was a third design for the lettering that was used, and they did not have a say in the design. Council man Cox stated he and Chief Hall made the decision on the lettering. The department does not want the old police cruiser either, they say it is useless to them since not enough can fit in the vehicle. The old cruiser was to replace the Suburban which is currently the Chief vehicle.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The parks report was submitted to council in their packets, from the report the following motions were submitted for approval. Solicitor Beech will be consulted on signage at the park concerning rules, the department is still waiting on summer help through the County.

Berg made the motion to approve using Jerry Faulk to paint the lines on the tennis courts to properly lay out two pickleball courts.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Berg made the motion to approve the hours for the Splash Pad of 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with added hours of 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm through the week to accommodate family hours and provide rentals.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

The splash pad will open the week of June 5th with no daily admittance fee being charged in 2021. The splash pad will close between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to be cleaned.

Berg made the motion to approve setting the rental fee for the splash pad and pavilion at \$75.00, with \$25.00 for a refundable security deposit.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Berg made the motion to permit the school to use the sand volleyball court over the 4th of July weekend for a volleyball tournament.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Berg made the motion to authorize GW Dailey Excavating to perform work on the shallow end of the pool to repair leaks at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

APPROVED ZONING APPLICATIONS

The approved zoning applications were included in the Council packet.

Solicitor Beech was given the next round of maintenance and vacancy violations prior to the meeting to review.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Memorial Day parade will be May 31st at 9:00 am. The Lisbon Little Blue Devils will be holding a fund raiser June 5th 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Council President Thomas reported that Council had a Council of the Whole committee meeting to bring together all the pieces of the policy and procedure manual update, she and Council man Berg will be compiling the proposed changes into one document.

Council President Thomas reported she received a call from the day care on W Lincoln Way owner who wanted to thank Chief Abraham for taking the time from his day while the children were in the cross walk to stop and visit with the children, they were excited about him doing that.

The electric on the square is still not working property, Soltis Electric will be called.

The fire department would like paid for their hours to spray the pavilion at Willow Grove Park, Council is not opposed to this however they would like more details on how many firefighters will be there.

Berg made the motion to authorize the pay for those firefighters who spray the pavilion at Willow Grove Park upon clarification of how many will be there.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with Thomas abstaining
Motion Passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thomas made the motion to adjourn into executive session for a conference with the Village Solicitor concerning disputes involving the Village that are subject of pending or imminent court action.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:05 pm.

Thomas made the motion to reconvene from executive session.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 pm.

There was no action taken from the executive session.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on May 25 , 2021 adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer