

## Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. absent, Randy Spence present, Phyllis Foreman present, Robert Merriman present, Jason Mattern present, Brad Degenkolb present.

Officials: Mayor Bob Gale present, Solicitor Christopher D. Becker absent, Fiscal Officer Denise Geanangel present, Administrator Walt Ziembra present.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on August 2, 2018.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Reading of the Special Meeting Minutes: Motion by Brad Degenkolb, second by Bob Merriman to approve Special Meeting minutes of August 21, 2018.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern abstain, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 4-1 abstained.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Mr. Morelli questioned when repaving of Fernwood Road would be taking place. Mayor Gale explained that Fernwood Road will again be patched for another year with hopes of obtaining Grant Money to repave.

Robert Laukert reported the BHJ next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2018. He gave a handout listing the current fares and annual pass fees for Steel Valley Transit and reported that they were awarded two grants for two new buses. The Seven Range Fire District is being audited for years 2016 & 2017.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Resolution 2018-10: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to OPWC for resurfacing work was read for the third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2018-11: An Ordinance authorizing Mayor Gale to submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvements Programs for improvements to Phase V Sanitary Sewer Improvements was read for the first time.

Resolution 2018-12: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify delinquent water fees to the Jefferson County Auditors Office for placement on the real state taxes duplicate as liens and to be collected with real estate taxes was read for the second time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to suspend the rules.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2018-12: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify delinquent water fees to the Jefferson County Auditors Office for placement on the real state taxes duplicate as liens and to be collected with real estate taxes was read for the third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve Ordinance 2018-12.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2018-13: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify delinquent sewer fees to the Jefferson County Auditors Office for placement on the real estate taxes duplicate as liens and to be collected with real estate taxes was read for the second time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Brad Degenkolb to suspend the rules.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2018-13: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify delinquent sewer fees to the Jefferson County Auditors Office for placement on the real estate taxes duplicate as liens and to be collected with real estate taxes was read for the third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve Ordinance 2018-13.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2018-14: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify grass mowing fees to the Jefferson County Auditors Office for placement on the real estate taxes duplicate as liens and to be collected with real estate taxes was read for the second time.

Motion by Bob Merriman, Randy Spence to suspend the rules.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2018-14: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify grass mowing fees to the Jefferson County Auditors Office for placement on the real estate taxes duplicate as liens and to be collected with real estate taxes was read for the third time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to approve Ordinance 2018-14.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2018-15: An Ordinance accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying then to the County Auditor was read for the first time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to suspend the rules for the second and third reading.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2018-15: An Ordinance accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying then to the County Auditor was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to approve Ordinance 2018-15.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

#### Reports and/or Announcements

Mayor Gale read the Magistrate Report and the Code Enforcement Officers Report.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Brad Degenkolb to appoint Bob Laukert as the Resident Representative & Jason Mattern as the Council Representative for the Village of Wintersville to the Seven Range Fire District.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern abstain, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 4-1 abstained.

#### Administrator's Report

Walt Ziemba gave an update on Phase V construction applications.

2018-2019 Salt Prices are up 57% from last year. Mayor Gale suggested that Council budget \$91,000.00 for 1350 ton of salt.

Fall Hydrant flushing will be September 30 through October 5 from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. The restroom construction project is underway with the footers poured and plumbing roughed in. Quotes for a new pressure washer and pipe locator were presented. Mayor Gale requested that additional quotes to be sought. Demolition of 252 Beechwood and 116 Ellsworth is moving forward with RSV Construction.

EGCC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner is September 26. JCSWCD annual meeting is October 1.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve spending \$300.00 on the Employee Safety Meeting/Cook-out.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

#### Finance

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to pay bills as funds become available.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

#### Unfinished Business

None.

#### New Business

Jason Mattern said he looks forward to serving 2 more years on the Seven Ranges Fire District Board. He will also be attending the upcoming Regional Planning Commission Meeting. Jason Mattern acknowledges the need for Fernwood Road to be repaved but reminds that the road was not classified as it should had been for years and the need for monies collectively is an ongoing issue. Jason Mattern applauds the SRO Officer with Indian Creek School and stated that Bob Shoemaker is doing excellent job.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to go into executive session to discuss the current audit situation.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Brad Degenkolb, second by Jason Mattern to return to regular session.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Jason Mattern to adjourn until the next Regular Council Meeting on September 20, 2018.

Vote Randy Spence yea, Phyllis Foreman yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

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Denise Geanangel  
Fiscal Officer

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Robert Gale  
Mayor