

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

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

Officials: Mayor Bob Gale present, Solicitor Christopher D. Becker present, 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 March 7, 2019 Meeting.

Vote: Robert Martin abstained, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstention.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Robert Laukert, reported that SVRTA is in good financial shape. The Wintersville Bus Services has dropped slightly but is well received. SVRTA is looking to hire a maintenance supervisor.

Seven Ranges Joint Fire District meeting was held where 2019 contracts were approved. Island Creek would like to become part of the District. Wintersville Volunteer Fire Department is working toward building a training facility behind the Fire Department.

The RITA Subpoena program will be in September or October of this year.

Charlene Prentice of 330 Orchard commended a job well done repairing potholes.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2019-03: An Ordinance adjusting the pay rates of certain employees requested by the Administration was read for the second time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Robert Martin to suspend the rules on the third reading.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2019-03: An Ordinance adjusting the pay rates of certain employees requested by the Administration was read for the third time.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to approve Ordinance 2019-03.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2019-04: An Ordinance providing an additional on thousand dollars upon the completion of each year of employment for fulltime Police officers hired and working for the Village Police Department for the first three years of their employment was read for the second time.

Ordinance 2019-05: An Ordinance approving the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2019 was read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Brad Degenkolb to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2019-05 for the second and thirds readings.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2019-05: An Ordinance approving the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2019 was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to approve Ordinance 2019-05.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Fowler requested approval to hire Apollo to strip and wax Police Department and third floor at a cost of \$675.00.

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

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Reports and/or Announcements

The Wintersville Legion had a devastating fire and will be closed for approximately 4-6 Months. Mayor Gale received a call from Commander Holly thanking the VFD and the FOP for their support. They will be holding fund raising events.

Administrator's Report

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Bob Merriman to approve the purchase of a multi perimeter meter for \$2,000.00 for the sewage plant.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Robert Martin expressed concern for Phyllis Foreman and Mayor Gale said she is completing some necessary physical rehab in a facility.

Finance

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to pay bills Jason Mattern abstained on Check # 41164.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0 with 1 abstention

Unfinished Business

Mayor Gale spoke of the water break caused by the breaking of a valve while replacing a fire hydrant. The hydrant has been out of service for 7-8 years. The boil order will hopefully be over in the morning.

Mayor Gale wished to get the word out to residents that homeowner's insurance policies offer a sewer backup damage recovery as part of your policy for a minimal charge.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to adjourn.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

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Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor