

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. present, Randy Spence present, 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 Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to approve the minutes from June 6, 2019 Meeting.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Oscar representing The Sensible Movement Corporation to decriminalize marijuana introduced himself and shared literature of their movement to legalize marijuana.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to go into executive session.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to go back into regular session.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Resolution 2019-10: Authorizing Mayor Bob Gale to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvements for resurfacing of Fernwood Road was read for the first time.

Resolution 2019-11: Authorizing Mayor Bob Gale to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvements to systemwide Upgrade to Radio Read Meters was read for the first time.

Resolution 2019-12: Authorizing Mayor Bob Gale to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvements to Sunset Hill Subdivision, ETAL. Was read for the first time.

Ordinance 2019-13: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify Delinquent Water Fees to the Jefferson County Auditors Office as Liens and to be Collected with Real Estate Taxes was read for the first time.

Ordinance 2019-14: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify Delinquent Sanitary Sewer Fees to the Jefferson County Auditors Office as Liens and to be Collected with Real Estate Taxes was read for the first time.

Ordinance 2019-15: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify Grass Mowing Ordinance to the Jefferson County Auditors Office as Liens and to be Collected with Real Estate Taxes was read for the first time.

Resolution 2019-16: Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the Village of Wintersville on Behalf of the State of Ohio to Reimburse its Sewer Fund for the Sanitary Improvement Phase V, OPWC Project Number CT56W/CT57W with the proceeds of Tax-Exempt Debit of the State of Ohio was read for the first time.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2019-16.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2019-16: Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the Village of Wintersville on Behalf of the State of Ohio to Reimburse its Sewer Fund for the Sanitary Improvement Phase V, OPWC Project Number CT56W/CT57W with the proceeds of Tax-Exempt Debit of the State of Ohio was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Matter to approve Resolution 2019-16.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Reports and/or Announcements

Mayor Gale read the Magistrate and Police reports for the month of June. The Code Enforcement Officer's Report for the month of June was read.

Mayor Gale addressed the concerns of the current storms and the drainage issues being caused due to the system not being able to handle that much water in such a short time.

Administrator's Report

Walt Ziemba reviewed the 2019 paving schedule stating that it's over budget by \$34,000.00. Mayor Gale suggested that Luray Drive be pulled from the schedule and placed on next year's schedule with Fernwood Road.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to award the paving contract for Shelly & Sands as the low bidder.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

The Knolls II project is being re-bid and bids will be in July 25th.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve Phase V Engineering Agreement Amendment Modifications increasing the amount by \$215,000.00.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Walt Ziemba provided a recap of the tonnage & costs of spring cleanup. He also discussed the gas tax increase for 2020 and the additional paving & drainage money the Village will have. Digital License Plates is the newest technology being tested on the roads.

New Business

Chief Fowler introduced new Patrolman Paul Olier who will be beginning his 6 month probationary period July 14, 2019.

The Police Department was awarded the Certificate of Recognition for 25 years participation in the DARE Program with Art Fowler and Sam Pinkerton being our DARE Officers.

Mayor Gale commended SRO Shoemaker for doing a grant job and would like Council to review a renewal SRO contract for the upcoming school year.

Jason Mattern questioned why the Ordinance was not coming up on the Village website and Keith Wilson was asked to look into it.

Jason Mattern recapped the Jefferson County Regional Planning Meeting where there is a state program where villages visit neighboring villages to exchange ideas. He also reminded residents of the upcoming census and the importance of every resident being counted. Jason said he receives questions about Main Street needing paving and he was advised that the project has been moved up a year from probable 2021 to 2020 if the State can do it.

Transfers

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to approve an Advance from Fund 1000 to 5211 in the amount of \$117.00 for OWDA Loan Payment.

Unfinished Business

None.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Jason Mattern to pay bills as funds become available. Mattern abstained from check # 41580.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to nominate Dr. Michael Ross to fill the vacant council seat.

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

Motion passed 4-1.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Robert Martin to adjourn in the Next Council Meeting on August 1, 2019.

Disclaimer: These are a draft of the minutes and not deemed official until approved by Council.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor