

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. present, Dr. Michael Ross present, Randy Spence present, Robert Merriman present, Jason Mattern absent, Brad Degenkolb present.

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Randy Spence to approve the minutes for October 17, 2019 Meeting.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

None.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None.

Reports & Announcements

The Mayor's Court report and Police reports were read.

The Code Enforcement Officers report was read.

A New Code Enforcement Officer is being sought to begin January 1, 2020. Mayor Gale hopes to begin the new enforcement officer's training in December.

Mayor Gale read a letter presented to the Wintersville Police Dept. from the General Assembly in recognition of the Dept's DARE Program Excellence. Congratulations to the police dept. on a job well done.

Administrator's Report

The Shelter at Sunshine Park was destroyed when a tree fell on it. The insurance adjustor has filed a claim.

Mr. Ziemba recapped the ongoing new construction projects within the Village: Dunkin Donuts, Dialysis Center, A-1 Pools, Methodist Church and Elite Physical Therapy. The Knolls II waterline will begin main line connections this upcoming week. Locust Street will be closed.

Mayor Gale updated council on the Avalon Paving Contract and stated that the new start date will not be until next year 2020 due to hiring an outside contractor to do the job.

New Business

Chief Fowler brought Patrolman Whanger before council on completion of his 6 month probationary period.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve the hiring of Officer Whanger as full time employee.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Fowler announced the department is participating in No-Shave November to raise money for the officer's choice of charity.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Brad Degenkolb to approve entering into a contract with Bridge Payments for the processing of credit cards.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Gale met today with Brian Savage of Waypoint Solutions to discuss health insurance renewal options for the Village employees as the current renewal with Anthem came in at a 24% increase.

All employees will be receiving a memo tomorrow as to their expected mandatory response to the FormFire online form for Waypoint Solutions. If an employee is unable to complete the form online Waypoint Solutions will be available to help complete the form at no cost to the Village. If this is not completed by every employee and the Village is not able to find a new provider of insurance, employees can expect to pay \$50.00 for a single insurance plan and \$150.00 for family insurance plans from their paychecks a month. The deadline to have these completed is Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Robert Martin thanked everyone involved in the successful annual Halloween party. John Giannamore opened up his pizza shop on Sunday just to fill the order for the Village.

Randy Spence congratulated the newly elected Gael Dameron and reelected Dr. Ross to council. He congratulated Brad Degenkolb on a job well done.

Bob Merriman announced the upcoming finance meeting dates of November 14, 21, and December 5 at 6:00 P.M.

Brad Degenkolb congratulated Gael Dameron & Dr. Ross on their election wins.

Unfinished Business

None.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Brad Degenkolb to pay the bills as funds become available.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to adjourn until the next council meeting on November 21, 2019.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Robert Merriman yea, Brad Degenkolb yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

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Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor