

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. present, Dr. Michael Ross present, Randy Spence present, Gael Damron present, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman 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 Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to approve the minutes for January 16, 2020 Meeting.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Edward Littlejohn Sr., a candidate for Jefferson County Commissioner introduced himself to council giving his history and ask for support for the upcoming election.

Tony Morelli, a candidate for Jefferson County Commissioner introduced himself to council giving his history and ask for support for the upcoming election.

Jim Mavromatis introduced himself and was attending tonight's council meeting as a "sister city".

Mayor Jerry Barilla, Steubenville City Mayor, introduced himself and complimented the village of a very nice facility. He looks forward to working together for the whole region.

Rob Herrington representing Seven Ranges Fire District spoke to council about his ongoing concern of the time they spend in Steubenville on calls. He did assure there is not an issue with providing coverage in the Wintersville area. He is continually working on this with Steubenville Officials.

Mayor Gale also replied to Rob Herrington acknowledging that the Village of Wintersville itself is a separate entity from the EMS/Fire Dept. and has no input into this situation also noting that these matters need not be handled publicly. He is confident Steubenville Officials and Wintersville EMS will find a resolution.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2020-01: An Ordinance declaring that a 2011 Ford Flex is no longer needed and authorizing the sale to the Highest and Best Bidder was read for the 1st time.

Reports & Announcements

Chief Fowler brought forward Officer PJ Oiler asking for permission to hire him as a full-time officer as he has completed his six month probation.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Bob Merriman to approve Officer Oiler's full-time position.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor read the Magistrate & Police reports for the month of January.

Mayor read the Code Enforcement Officers report for the month of January.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to approve Chief Fowler to order a new 2020 Ford F150 for \$35,000.00.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Administrator's Report

The Knolls II Waterline Project is progressing and the waterlines are laid. Paving will be held off until the spring.

New Business

Randy Spence wished the commissioner candidates good luck.

Dr. Ross wished the commissioner candidates good luck.

Gael Damron said she understand that the Village cannot do business with her husband's business, B & K Ventures, due to her being an elected official but wanted reassurance that other Village Officials are required to refrain from the same.

Village Solicitor advised that he knows of no others doing so.

Unfinished Business

None.

Motion by Dr. Ross second by Jason Mattern to pay bill as fund become available.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Jason Mattern to go into executive session.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Michael Ross to come out of executive session.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to adjourn until the next council meeting on February 20, 2020.

Vote: Robert Martin yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

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Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor