

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. present, Dr. Michael Ross present, Randy Spence absent, 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 minutes from the April 16, 2020 meeting

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Warren Scott-Herald Star

Scott from Trebel.

Mr. Smith spoke to Mayor Gale prior to the meeting inquiring as to the status of the Orchard and Locust construction progress. He also requested speed bumps be built. Mayor Gale advised paving of the streets should begin the 1st week of June and speed bumps are not feasible but speed will be closely monitored and tickets given to violators. Mayor Gale also spoke to Mrs. Prentice advising her that they are waiting on parts to finish the job. If the Village weren't able to secure grants/loans for this water/sewer project, the cost to each household would have been \$20,000.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2020-05: granting a franchise to Ohio Power Company for lines of transmission and distribution of electric energy to the Village of Wintersville was read for the 1st time.

Ordinance 2020-06: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, Administrator and Chief of Police to manage employees to work from home to lessen the spread of COVID 19 was read for the 1st time.

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

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2020-06: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, Administrator and Chief of Police to manage employees to work from home to lessen the spread of COVID-19 was read for the 2nd and 3rd times.

Motion by Dr. Ross, second by Jason Mattern to approve Ordinance 2020-06.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Reports & Announcements

Cares Act-COVID 19 for related expenses is being complied.

Magistrate Court, Police Report and Code Enforcement Officers reports were read.

Scott from Trebel Electric Aggregations discussed his spreadsheet with 5 energy bidders with the low bid coming from Volunteer Energy at 4.599% for 24 months. This will go into effect August 2020 showing on bills September 2020. Letters to residents will go out in July notifying of the switch and have 21 days to opt. out. If they do nothing you will be part of it.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to award Volunteer Energy as the electric aggregate for the Village of Wintersville.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Late fees for delinquent water & sewer bills are being waived for April and May.

Spring cleanup for 2020 has been cancelled. The Mayor is working on an alternative Fall cleanup with dumpsters.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to schedule the next regular council meeting for June 18, 2020.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Memorial Day Weekend. There will be no service at the cemetery. They will be having a virtual service and the Mayor has been asked to speak.

Unfinished Business

None.

Administrator's Report

Scheduled paving projects are planned to move forward on this year's budget; next year not guaranteed.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Dr. Ross to permit to sell the 1999 GMC sanitation packer VIN # GDP7H1C6X-5397 valued under \$1,000.00 for scrap.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

The bi-annual hydrant flushing will be May 17th – 22nd from 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM.

The 2020 Infrastructure Project Summary consisting of Knolls Waterline, ODOT Main Street Paving, opening bids May 7th and the awarding of the paving of Meadowbrook, Squirrel Hill and Grandview Streets to Shelly and Sands with a completion date of June 30th to include striping of Cadiz Road.

The low bidder for the paving of Fernwood Road and Luray Drive was Shelly and Sands at \$184,881.40.

Phase V Sewer construction project will begin late June with Border Patrol.

New Business

Robert Martin asked if the holes on Orchard be filled and that they be checked every other day.

Ms. Geanangel requested a motion to approve a transfer.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Dr. Ross to approve the transfer of \$3,000.00 from the General Fund (1000) to the Permissive fund (2101)

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Jason Mattern relayed that the regional Planning Commission meeting was canceled for the month. Seven Ranges went forward as planned.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Dr. Ross to appoint for the next two years Robert Laukert as the Village representative for the Seven Ranges Board.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Bob Merriman to appoint Tom Ossio as the 5th Representative to the Board.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

The next finance meeting will be scheduled for August as fund deficiency is not evident yet.

Motion by Robert Martin, second by Bob Merriman to adjourn.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor