

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mayor Bob Gale called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Robert Martin Sr. absent, Randy Spence present, Dr. Michael Ross present, Gael Damron present, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman present.

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve minutes from the October 1, 2020 meeting

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Robert Laukert reporting on behalf of the BHJ's November 16, 2020 meeting. The Board has passed a resolution to accept as a goal to reduce traffic fatalities in conjunction with the state. The BHJ has had a reduction in financial assistance. Adam Scurti has been appointed as the Manager of Mobility Partnership. The SVRTA has settled it's mechanics union contract, Ridership overall is down approximately 25% with the pandemic. He reassured that all buses are completely sanitized and there is a partition dividing the driver from the passengers.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2020-18: An Ordinance to approve temporary appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021 was read for the first time.

Ordinance 2020-19: Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds for acquiring a Police Cruiser and Related Expenses and Declaring it an Emergency was read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to suspend the rules.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2020-19: Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds for acquiring a Police Cruiser and Related Expenses and Declaring it an Emergency was read for the 2nd and 3rd times.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy to approve.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2020-20: Amending Various Sections of Codified Ordinance 9471.02 and Repealing Section 941.06 of the Codified Ordinances to Change Sanitary Sewer Rates was read for the first time.

Ordinance 2020-21: Enacting New Section 933.02 (a)(4) of the Codified Ordinance adding a charge to cover debt services was read for the first time.

Ordinance 2020-22: Authorizing Political Subdivision to Participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program was read for the first time.

Reports & Announcements

Mayor Gale read the Magistrate, Police Reports and Code Enforcement Officer reports for the Month of October.

Administrator's Report

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve an Agreement between the Village of Wintersville and W.E. Quicksall & Assoc. for design services of Phase 6 of the Sanitary Sewer System.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Fowler:

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve the purchase of a new radar unit for \$2,500.00.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Gale thanked all employees for keeping expenses down this year in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Motion by Jason Mattern second by Bob Merriman to move the December Council Meeting to December 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Gael Damron to approve the purchase of a Ford F-150 Water Dept. Truck with the CARES Act money to provide safe social distancing with employees.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve the donated CARES Act money to the Seven Ranges Fire District.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Randy Spence thanked the OSU Extension Office for donating face masks.

Jason Mattern passed on a Thank You from the Seven Ranges Fire District for the Cares Act Money to purchase COVID Safe Equipment. Their training building upgrades are happening.

Unfinished Business

None.

Motion by Dr. Ross, second by Randy Spence to pay bills.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Dr. Ross, second by Jason Mattern to adjourn.

Next scheduled Meeting is December 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Gale
Mayor