

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Mayor Robert Martin called the meeting to order.

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

Officials: Mayor Robert Martin 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 Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve minutes from the April 1, 2021 meeting.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Gael Damron to accept the nomination of Brad Degenkolb to fill the vacant council seat.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Martin swore in Councilman Brad Degenkolb.

Jason Mattern nominated Bob Merriman as Council president.

Motion by Dr. Ross, second by Jason Mattern to accept the nomination of Bob Merriman as Council President.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Mayor Martin read and presented Proclamation for N.P.L., Wright Traffic Control, Columbia Gas and the Coppa Family. The recognition of the workers on St. Rt. 43 The day of the Coppa Family Funeral was admirable with the respect they paid to the family.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None.

Reports & Announcements

Mayor Martin read the Magistrate and Police reports for the months of March and April.

Mayor Martin read the Code Enforcement Officer reports for the Month of April.

Chief Fowler introduced new Patrolman James Henry. Patrolman Henry comes with years prior experience from Belmont County Sheriff's Office. Chief Fowler requested that the probationary pay be waived.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve the waiving of paying Patrolman Henry the starting probationary wage and agreed to beginning him at \$30,000.00 a year.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Fowler reported that the Prescription take back on April 24, 2021 was the biggest yet bringing in 151.5 lbs. of pills.

Judge Bednar has assigned prisoners to help cleanup the Village on May 24, 2021.

Administrator's Report

Phase 5 Sanitary Sewer Project wrapping up.

Motion by bob Merriman, second by Jason Mattern to approve the purchase of a New John Deere Tractor for \$12,300.00.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Dr. Ross to approve the repair of the vinyl fence at Valero's by Gil Thermes Fence Company in the amount of \$2,247.00

Vote: Brad Degenkolb 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 submission of a Grant/Loan Application in the amount of \$327,444.74 to the USDA for new equipment.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Columbia Gas sent mailers to the Wintersville Residents committing to restoring their properties affected by the gas line replacement project.

New Business

Judge Bednar has assigned prisoners to help cleanup the Village on May 24, 2021.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve \$500.00 for a luncheon in honor of Mayor Gale.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Village Park will be opening Memorial Day Weekend and the Summer Parks Program will resume this year.

Jason Mattern welcomed Patrolman Henry. He also thanked the road crews and condolences to the Coppa Family. He welcomed Brad Degenkolb back to Council. The Seven Ranges Fire District Meeting is Wednesday at 7 PM.

Gael Damron congratulated Mayor Martin and Brad Degenkolb. She expressed her condolences to the Coppa Family.

Dr. Ross Congratulated Mayor Martin and Brad Degenkolb. He expressed his condolences to the Coppa Family.

Brad Degenkolb thanked everyone for their support and is excited to be back.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Brad Degenkolb to pay bills as fund become available.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb 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 adjourn.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is June 3, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Martin Sr.
Mayor