

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Mayor Robert Martin called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Brad Degenkolb Absent, Randy Spence present, 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 Ziemba present.

**Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reading of Minutes**

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Robert Merriman to approve minutes from the September 2, 2021 meeting

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Persons Appearing Before Council**

Ron Cavanaugh a resident of 157 Beechwood Blvd addressed council with concerns of high grass at 233 & 300 Beechwood and the Cross Street and Beechwood Blvd lot. Mr. Cavanaugh inquired as to when Winters Drive would be striped. Administrator Ziemba advised he has been calling daily to get this completed.

Dream Kaufmann of 328 Orchard Street spoke to council about her concerns with the school bus stop at Snyder Tire. Mayor Martin advised her she needs to take her concerns to the Indian Creek School Board.

Chief Fowler has requested a base pay increase for his police officers with the retiring of Lt. Jesse Kosegi. Mayor Martin said a finance meeting would be scheduled to address this.

**Ordinance and/or Resolution**

**Resolution 2021-23:** A Resolution to Approve the Jefferson County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan was read for the first time.

Motion by Michael Ross, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-23.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Resolution 2021-24:** A Resolution Authorizing Robert Martin, Sr. Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvements Program and to Execute Contracts as required was read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-24.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Resolution 2021-25:** A Resolution to Transfer funds from Fund 5209 to Fund 5202 as read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-25.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**Resolution 2021-26:** A Resolution to Transfer funds from Fund 5211 to Fund 5214 as read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2021-26.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

### **Reports & Announcements**

Mayor Martin read the Magistrate and Police and Code Enforcement officers reports for the months of September.

### **Administrator Report**

The Phase 5 Sanitary Collection System is completed. Mr. Ziemba will be putting in the 2022 budget money for repairs to the Code Enforcement Officers Vehicle or for the purchase of a new car. A water/sewer committee meeting will be held to move forward with the meter project.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to accept the quote for \$6,200.00 to Freshwater Contracting to construct a wall in the front lobby of the municipal building.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

The Moon Valley waterline replacement application to date at a cost of \$1.4 million.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve the use of the American Cares Act money for a waterline replacement at Dana Lynn.

**Vote:** Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Luray Drive ditching will begin next week.

### **New Business**

Mayor Martin said the village intends to use \$5,000.00 from the 2021 budgeted community line item to host the village Christmas Parade of which they plan to have prizes and a tree lighting ceremony. It will be held the first Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Trick or Treat will be October 30, 2021 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. A Halloween Party will follow at the Municipal Building.

Randy Spence inquired if political signs could be limited to one month within village limits by Ordinance. Mr. Spence inquired if funds will be available to clean up the Parkview Wall if it does in fact fall. He was advised Yes the village will have the funds for clean up of the road.

Jason Mattern asked about the AEP electrical line tied to a tree by Giannamore's Pizza. Walt Ziemba advised they are aware of this and that AEP has been contacted. The Indian Creek Boosters Club has purchased new American Flags with new poles and brackets. The 2020 Financial Audit is complete rendering a clean opinion. The Jefferson County Port Authority has an open position that needs filled. Mr. Mattern

suggested that the Snow Removal Parking Ordinance reminder be put on the water bills. The Seven Ranges training center has been named in honor of Gary Fellows. Mr. Mattern wished all council candidates good luck in the upcoming election.

Gael Damron asked if there has been any movement on the Grandview Drive injunction. Randy Spence advised he was told the property is pending sale. Solicitor Becker advised that he was unaware of the pending sale and that he has not received any more regarding the injunction. Solicitor Becker suggested that the Ordinance be reviewed for rental properties within the village addressing BNB's.

Bob Merriman scheduled a finance meeting for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Chief Art addressed council asking for a \$1.50 raise for all his police department employees and a starting part-time rate of \$16.00 hour.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to hire auxiliary policemen Shawn McGinnis to the Village Police Department.

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

**Vote:** Randy Spence yea, 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 permit the purchase of a F150 system box for the police department at a cost of \$1,300.00

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Michael Ross second Jason Mattern to pay the bills.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Gael Damron to adjourn.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is November 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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Denise Geanangel  
Fiscal Officer

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Robert Martin St.  
Mayor