

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

**Roll Call:** Gael Damron present, Randy Spence present, Carmen DeStefano present, Pennie Scarpone present, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman present.

**Officials:** Mayor Mike Petrella present, Fiscal Officer Denise Geanangel present, Administrator Jesse Kosegi present, Solicitor Jake Linn present

**Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reading of Minutes**

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Carmen DeStefano to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2023 meeting.

**Vote:** Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Randy Spence to approve the amended minutes from the January 26, 2023 Special Meeting.

**Vote:** Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

**Guests**

None

**Ordinance and/or Resolution**

None

**Reports & Announcements and Communications**

The Police Report, Magistrate Court and Code Enforcement Officer Report was read.

Robert Laukert representing the SVRTA reported the agency has signed a contract with CEC Environmental to provide clean-up of sites for eventual development. Again, ridership is up. Passes and fare costs increased tremendously and was well received. The new Brilliant bridge is tentatively scheduled to open in March 2023.

In recognition of President's Day the scheduled Monday trash pickup will be moved to Tuesday.

**Mayor's Report**

Beth Rupert Warren was congratulated on her award. Congratulations to the Indian Creek OVAC swim team and Brandon Pendleton being named wrestling coach of the year. Thank you to Justin, Teddy, George and Bob for fixing two waterline breaks in one day. Skyler, Seth and Shawn Gegick caught a dog on the loose in the village.

Motion by Pennie Scarpone seconded by Carmen DeStefano to enter into a contract with PAEJ Water & Wastewater, LLC at a cost of \$2,000.00 a month.

**Vote:** Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

One guy at the sewer plant is cutting back to part time to help on the weekends. Tammy Straka will be returning back to work on February 6, 2023.

Jesse Kosegi, Administrator, will be in the office full time beginning February 6, 2023.

Gael Damron said the beautification committee will be meeting soon to look at purchasing additional benches, garbage cans and flags.

This spring crews will concentrate on replacing damaged signs as well as straightening leaning signs. Mesh and limestone will be laid at the sewer plant and a new roof will be installed the WWTP. The street and water garages are to be painted. Estimates will be gotten to paint the municipal building.

A contractor list was provided offering 24 hour emergency calling. The list can be added to but the contractor's must be licensed & insured.

Continuing Education information was given to all councilmembers.

Motion by Bob Merriman seconded by Randy Spence to approve Chief Vandeborne to order eleven hand held radios at a cost of no more than \$60,000.00.

**Vote:** Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

James M. Harris was introduced as a new full-time officer.

First Choice Hospice was at 500 Luray Drive was welcomed as the first new business of the year.

Councilman Mattern requested that the street garage on Canton Road be tightened up and cleaned.

#### **Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Kosegi has completed a \$10,000 reimbursement grant through the EPA for public water system equipment. List were a valve exerciser \$4,944.00 and a 20" 2 hydraulic chain saw \$4,968.00.

The closure report for the JB Green Team Grant completed in 2022 was completed.

#### **New Business**

The next finance meeting is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. followed by a parks & rec committee meeting.

Randy Spence questioned why the Christmas decorations were still up. He was advised because the bucket truck is still down.

Jason Mattern did want to bring attention to the request of allowing open discussion at certain times during council meeting by public attendee's. This involve a change to the Rules of Council.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Carmen DeStefano to go into executive session to discuss imminent litigation.

**Vote:** Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to come out of executive session.

**Vote:** Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Transfers/Advance:**

None

Next scheduled Meeting is February 16, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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Denise Geanangel  
Fiscal Officer

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Michael W. Petrella  
Mayor