

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

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

Officials: Mayor Mike Petrella present, Fiscal Officer absent, Administrator Jesse Kosegi present, Solicitor Jake Linn absent

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Can I get a motion to appoint myself Randy Spence as administrator and or clerk for this meeting?

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Carmen DeStefano to appoint Randy Spence as administrator and or clerk for this meeting.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2023 Council Meeting.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern abstain, Carmen DeStefano yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron abstain.

Motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstain.

Guests

Chief Vandeborne: Officer Justin Barbetta and K-9 Officer Rexy were both Certified. Their first shift out on Sunday there was a traffic stop which K-9 Rexy alerted on the car which had drugs and needles in the vehicle, which got that off the streets.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None.

Announcements

Wintersville Fire Department will be having their Gun Bash on October 7, 2023.

Trick to Treat in Wintersville will be October 28, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Leaf pick up will be the 1st 3 Monday's in November.

Wintersville Winter Weekend will be December 2 and 3 2023.

Wintersville Christmas Parade will be December 3, 2023

Reports and Communications

Magistrate Court, Police Report, Nuisance Reports and Code enforcements Reports.

Mayor Petrella: Council if you have any questions for the Street, Sanitation, and Sewer Departments head ask Jesse or I and we will be able to answer them.

Chief Vandeborne: We are starting to get the year end paper work started. The officers are required to complete a 24 hour CP Training if not completed by January 1 they will no longer be certified.

Had an Officer put in this two week notice, which he is from West Virginia and he is going to a Police Department there. I have already schedule a Physical for another officer if he passes the physical he will move from part time to fulltime.

The Department will be sending some officers to ALERT Training. Right now we have four officers interested in going. I am looking to host one of the classes.

Jason Mattern: Active shooters is big, Hancock County did work with the Police Officers. Have you done any live drills with the schools in are area.

Chief Vandeborne: We have done training, in the past we have but not anything recent. Bater Amusement is having a company come in regarding an active shooter and we have been asked to participate.

Gael Damron: Would you be including the Christiam School in this.

Chief Vandeborne: They are, training in the school is up to them.

Robert Laukert: BHJ met September 21 regarding eliminating a couple project that did not meet the requirements by the State of Ohio.

Progress Reports regarding the walking trail with West Virginia to Washington DC.

Park and Ride that has been designated by District 11 has been funded and will be completed this year.

Lover Lane still needs to get funding for widening.

West Virginia is looking at the Market Street Bridge and possibly closing it and putting in another Bridge.

Gael Damron: Do they have a time line when they will close the Market Street Bridge.

Robert Laukert: No, that is strictly up to West Virginia.

Charlene Prentice: STRVA 3 commercials are running on the TV to promote the Levy for 23-24.

The grant has been approved to clean up property on Adams Street they have been working on this grant for 5 years.

Mayor's Report

STRVA sent a letter, wanting me to appoint representatives, Robert Laukert and Charlene Prentice are the representatives to STRVA.

Chief Vandeborne and Myself had the privilege of being asked to go up and watch Officer Justin Barbetta and K-9 Officer get certified. Dave does a great job at Tri State K-9.

Thank You Jesse for going in his own truck and picking up trash that a resident forgot to put out.

Updates: Dana Lynn guard rail should be done in the next couple of weeks.

Water Break are going to get patched in the next couple weeks.

The guys are getting catch basin repaired and manholes raised before the paving. Also ditch lines. So everyone be patient.

Lights on the Water Tower will be replaced hopefully Monday the electricians was waiting on a couple Parts.

Council we had another meeting with the County. Jake Linn is working on the contract with them. Temporarily they are raising our rates \$1.00 per 1,000 when we buy from them.

We have 3 lift station that we pump for the County.

Two of those we will be raising to \$2.30 and one at \$2.60. This will be temporary. Once the cost analysis is done we will know what we will be charging them. They maybe raising the water rate at that point.

Gael Damron: Are we consider a wash?

Mayor Petrella: I would not consider it a wash we are losing money and they are too.

Gael Damron: Did we get any results on the report yea.

Mayor Petrella: No not yet.

I am getting call on the speeding and also raising the speed limit which I don't believe that will happen. Everyone please try and slow down.

Administrator's Report

Jesse Kosegi: Paving is going to be starting for Rex, Russell, Day Circle, Patton, Marshall, Simpson and Woodridge from Eisenhower to Simpson, we had a meeting this week with the Paving Company they want to start in 2 weeks. They will be done in 4 days.

We are doing curbs, catch basins, manholes repairs. Robinson Pipe came into clean out and repair a catch basin on Rex Ave. all the roads will be done by the end of the year.

In December I will find out if we got the funding for Cadiz Road.

Sewer Department got the new roof on the drying bed this week.

We have been working on the Water Meter Project. We all have been working overtime. When you get your Water bill there will be a number for you to call and schedule your new Water Meter. They will start on October 16th, they will do 20-30 a day. This all has to be done by December 31.

Gael Damron: Do you have an order how they will be done?

Jesse Kosegi: No, Fist come first served. She is going to be putting the schedule together. Everything is ready to go. All we are waiting on is the State of Ohio to inspect the AEP pole. I will have updates as we go.

Randy Spence: You are handling this well.

Jesse Kosegi: The concrete is going to start Tuesday.

Jason Mattern: On the curb project on Rex is there an underground Spring?

Jesse Kosegi: No, not as of now.

Jason Mattern: Could give an update on Meadow Road and Garden Drive.

Jesse Kosegi: We had Brian and Jerry Mathieu come in and tear out some places getting it ready for Davis to come in and patch on the water breaks.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to let Robert Laukert speak.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Robert Laukert: I live at 166 Rex Ave. my meter they have not been able to locate is that going to be a problem.

Jesse Kosegi: No.

Unfinished Business

Gael Damron: Beautification Committee reminder that the Veteran Banners are still on going the price is \$200.00, that includes Banner and bracket. The bench project is still on going. The Great Wall of Wintersville was postponed due to the weather it has rescheduled TBA.

The Beautification Committee will meet October 10th at 5:30 at the Vallet Wine Cellar.

Randy Spence: Do we have the status on the wall on Parkview?

Jake Linn: The Survey has been completed. I have been in contact with the landowners attorney.

Gael Damron: Do We have an update on the treatment center.

There has been several meetings they have not reached a settlement yet.

New Business

Jason Mattern: This is regarding the 7 ranges Fire District.

Jake Linn: It is still on pause, possibly dates needs changed.

Jason Mattern: With the location of the meters have they all been found.

Jese Kosegi: Curb boxes, we know where 99% of them are, meters yes.

Bob Merriman: Mayor you and the Chief brought up about Council riding with the Police Department is this something we want to do. What kind of allotment are we going to put out for the Police Department for the candy for the kids.

Jason Mattern: There used to be a line item in the budget for the Halloween party is it still in there.

Mayor Petrella: I haven't seen it.

Mayor Petrella: we need to call a finance meeting in the near future.

Json Mattern: What did we decide if Jake Linn is unavailable?

Jake Linn: The Village can hire another attorney for this on a temporary bases, but I will check into it.

Transfers

None.

Jason Mattern: Can you explain about EOCC workers.

Jesse Kosegi: From April to October or November we get workers from EOCC sometimes 2-8 they help out greatly.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to pay bills.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Gael Damron to adjourn.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Next Council Meeting is October 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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Randy Spence

President of Council

Michael W. Petrella

Mayor