

Council Minutes

February 18, 2019

Council Members in attendance: Council President Dave Heitmeyer, Rick Recker, Al Pingle, Sue Schroeder, Sue Christman, Tony Wobler. Mayor Kevin Benton, Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief Dennis Cupp, Amy Sealts, Eric Steingass, Keith Schierloh, Mike Bruns, and Steven Coburn Griffith.

Mayor Kevin Benton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Kevin Benton swore in new council member Tony Wobler.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting and accept them was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea and Tony Wobler abstained.

Parks and Recreation Committee met prior to the council meeting Chairman Sue Christman said the committee talked about putting drainage tile in the playground equipment in Bennett Park and the detention pond that the EPA is recommending that we put in and the driveway from the entrance of Buckeye Park to the Parking lot to get that widened before the fireman's convention.

Personnel & Finance Committee met prior to the council meeting and discussed employee raises and the Resolution will be read tonight, and the raises will be retroactive to the first pay of January. Rick Recker also said as the committee is planning on working on employee evaluations this year in October so they can be done by the end of the year and at the same time as the insurance renewal.

Mayor Benton said there was also a Neighborhood Revitalization Grant meeting at 6:30P.M. this was to talk about the grant and Poggemeyer design group was present with three representatives.

Mike Bruns from Mote and Associates presented plans for the remodel of the tennis courts in Buckeye Park, he said they plan to bid the Tennis Court project on February 27, 2019 and second bid on March 6, 2019 to advertise, and then actually except the bids on March 18, 2019 this project is over the \$50,000.00 threshold so he recommends this project be a prevailing wage and a bid as a normal bid project for the Village. Then the boat dock out at the reservoir is under the \$50,000.00 threshold and under the prevailing wage, he recommends that we bid them separate so we don't need to deal with a prevailing wage and then we can advertise the boat dock by getting proposals from contractors. Rick Recker made a motion that we proceed with bidding as Mike has stated above and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

ORDINANCE 3078: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE STREETS THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE VILALGE OF LEIPSIC, STATE OF OHIO, AND ITS SUCCESSORS, LINES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO PARTS OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF FOR LIGHT, HEAT, POWER AND

OTHER PURPOSES AND FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THE SAME WITHIN, THROUGH AND ACROSS SAID VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, STATE OF OHIO SUBJECT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CERTIFIED TERRITORIES FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS ACT (OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 4933.81 TO 4933.90) Was read for the second time.

Keith Schierloh was present said he would answer any questions that council might have for him.

ORDINANCE 3071: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2019 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 3071 and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

RESOLUTION 3077: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT WITH WATCH TV FOR INTERNET SERVICE AND THE USE OF A WATER TOWER IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3075: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL MANUAL IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

Eric Steingass was present, he said at first, he wasn't for the moving around of positions, but the more he looked at it, it is going to give the younger ones a way to step up and get more hands-on job cross training and work on their Water I licenses. Mr. Steingass said if he is moved to Water Distribution, he would still have several projects to keep working on for instance the lead and copper testing, flushing and maintaining hydrant plan, backflow prevention maintenance and cleaning catch basins out.

ORDINANCE 3079: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DECLARED AS SURPLUS THROUGH INTERNET AUCTION. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3080: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK QUALIFICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE 2019 VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC BUDGET IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3081: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE \$23,292.00 WORTH OF PLASTIC REPAIR PARTS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

Rick Recker asked Eric to explain what this expenditure is, Eric Steingass said this is for a new drag system in two of our settling tanks, he said he has already replaced one about four or five years ago and now the other two are of the three are to the point. Rick asked if this is something our guys will be doing, and Eric replied yes.

RESOLUTION 3082 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE WAGE RATES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3082 for the second- and third-time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Resolution 3082 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 3082 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call

on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3083: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A STUDY OF RAIL STORAGE FEES NOT TO EXCEED FIVE-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

Dave Heitmeyer asked if this was just for them to store something on or is this to park on, Mr. Barnhart said it would be for parking. Mr. Heitmeyer said he thought in the past this was brought up, but we weren't aloud to make money on that, Mr. Barnhart said before they contract this, he will get a solid answer on that. Dave said he had asked before, but he said he was told by Mr. Barnhart that we weren't aloud to make any money, Mr. Barnhart said we aren't aloud to make any money, the money would need to be spent back on the railroad.

ORDINANCE 3088: AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE VILLAGE TREE ORDINANCE 1332 TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

Mr. Barnhart said he had received a letter from Josh Warren he's a property owner in town, he has been asking about his tree for years and it has finally hit the point that the tree is definitely dead, this tree is scheduled to come down within the next two weeks.

ORDINANCE 3089: AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO MAINTAIN ALLEYS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

Mr. Barnhart gave council a list of streets that will be going out for bid and they are Orchard drive down by the trailer park, Mill St. from Main Cross to Rush St. and Ohio St. for the full length along with some options for some other streets in that neighborhood if the bids come in low. We have \$89,000.00 in permissive tax and this comes to \$105,000.0. So, we will have to spend a little bit of money.

Bureau of Workers Compensation is offering a free health fair for employees if we can have thirty people use the service and this includes firemen. This is a benefit, typically of larger companies, Mr. Barnhart asked if council would approve this. Rick Recker made a motion to allow the participation of the health fair for the employees and firemen and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

Mr. Barnhart said that Dean Miller operates the West Leipsic Trailer Park and noted that he was unable to reach the trailer that burned out until approximately eight hours after the fire because of the ongoing investigation. The only way to turn the water off was at the trailer itself because our meter feeds all the neighbors. Mr. Barnhart asked if council would forgive the water bill, he said he could do an average of the year and have him pay that amount. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow Mr. Barnhart to average out the bill for Dean Miller and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

ORDINANCE 3090: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3062 AS THE SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

Mr. Barnhart said that the vet's office wants to know if the alley between the Uptown Market and the Vets office can be reopened. They use it for deliveries and for pick up and drop off of sick animals. Mr. Barnhart said the building that had the fire is secure with fencing and he had spoken with Uptown Market about getting the dumpster that is placed there currently to have it moved. Al Pingle made a motion to have the alley reopened and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

Fiscal Officer Renee Spangler stated she will be attending the State Auditors Local Government Officials Training from March 6-8.

Eric Stiengass said his last EPA inspection was the middle of December and on that we got docked for not having a short term/long term Plan in writing for our water source. They stated that we need to have a backup plan in case of an emergency or a source of water for the water treatment plant. Eric said all the council should have received a letter in the mail from the EPA stating this, they gave us a deadline to respond to it and Justin Barnhart responded back to them asking for an extension till the end of February however Eric has spoken with them recently and they are concerned with responding to that. Mr. Steingass said the Utilities Committee needs to seriously work on this. The EPA said we could use the water study that Poggemeyer's did a few years ago to hear about our well study. He said time is running out we need to have a game plan. Justin gave council a timeline that he wants to send to the Taylor from the EPA, Mr. Barnhart asked for a motion from council to use the timeline. Dave Heitmeyer asked if we go with the timeline will it buy us the time, Mr. Barnhart said it will buy us till June 1st, Taylor from the EPA said that if we gave her the timeline then she will give us till June 1st to give her the submission of the plan. Mr. Barnhart said there will be a meeting on March 4th. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to use the timeline for the EPA and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Dave Heitmeyer asked what employees don't have CDL's, Mr. Barnhart responded Eric, Keith and himself. Mr. Heitmeyer thinks that all the guys should have the CDL.

At 8:05P.M. Tony Wobler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiation and purchase or sale of land and Rick Recker seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion Rick Recker yea, Alan Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

At 8:27P.M. Tony Wobler made a motion come out of executive session and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Rick Recker yea, Alan Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Rick Recker and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion Rick Recker yea, Alan Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:28P.M. The next council meeting will be March 4, 2019 at 7:30 P.M

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ATTEST: _____