

Council Minutes

June 17, 2019

Council Members in attendance: Al Pingle, Rick Recker, Sue Schroeder, Sue Christman and Tony Wobler. Mayor Kevin Benton, Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief Dennis Cupp, and Don Dorman. Council President Dave Heitmeyer was absent.

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

A motion to name Sue Schroeder as acting Council President was made by Sue Christman and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder abstained, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting and accept them as written was made by Tony Wobler and this motion was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

There was a Tax Budget Hearing tonight at 7:00P.M. with no public input.

Development Committee – met prior to the council meeting Sue Schroeder said the committee discussed recommendations for downtown businesses for the Downtown Revitalization Grant. Mrs. Schroeder said there are three buildings the committee wants to recommend, all the applicants were scored and then the committee reviewed the applications from a blind scoring. The committee feels that the top three scoring applicants should be the ones to be submitted for the grant application, which are Smokin B's, Dulle Chiropractic, and Mandi Osterfeld's rental space building. Rick Recker made a motion to have the top three scores be the building owners that get sent in for the downtown grant and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

Update on OPWC 2020 Street Grant- Mr. Barnhart said we have Poggemeyer design group doing this grant work for us, Ken Maag pointed out that road 7/Werner St is split between Leipsic and West Leipsic and that we would have to bid that together in order to make that work. Mr. Barnhart said he has spoken with Bockrath and Associates that have the work for West Leipsic. Mr. Barnhart also went over to West Leipsic's council meeting last Thursday to bring this up to them as well. Mr. Barnhart said Ken Maag is willing to handle the entire bid packet for both communities and then West Leipsic will just pay Bockrath's for what they were doing anyways and then Bockrath's would give the paperwork to Poggemeyer Design Group that is needed for the bid. Mr. Barnhart said he is waiting on West Leipsic to determine that they will do it and along with Bockrath's. Mr. Barnhart just wanted to run this by council to be sure there is no opposition, and by doing that this will be a \$300,000.00 project instead of \$150,000.00. There was no opposition in proceeding if Bockrath's and West Leipsic agree.

Mr. Barnhart told council that the fourth of July is on a Thursday he asked council if they would give Friday as another holiday. Tony Wobler said if an employee wants to take the day off, they can use their vacation time.

RESOLUTION 3112: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP TO SERVE AS THE ENGINEERING FIRM FOR PROJECTS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3114: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC FISCAL OFFICER TO CREATE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3114 for the second- and third time tonight was made by Rick Recker and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Resolution 3114 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 3114 and this was seconded by Tony Wobler. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3113: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF PUTNAM COUNTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

Rick Recker commended the village employees and village residents about making the town look great for the Fireman's Convention.

Al Pingle commended the Fire Department on a job well done for the Fire Convention.

Sue Christman told council that in May she went to the Tree USA thing and she really enjoyed going to it. She said we have been Tree City for thirty-eight years and there is only one other city that has thirty-nine years and that is Bowling Green. She gave Mr. Barnhart a plaque and stickers and a flag.

Mayor Benton would like the Village to purchase a sign that recognizes the athletes that made it to state. Rick Recker said we have talked about this before at council, but it just doesn't ever seem to get done.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Tony Wobler and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:49P.M. The next council meeting will be July 1, 2019 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____