

## Council Minutes

June 3, 2019

Council Members in attendance: Council President Dave Heitmeyer, 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, Kyle Stechschulte, and Troy Recker.

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

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting and accept them as written 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, Tony Wobler yea.

Streets, Buildings and Sidewalks Committee met prior to the meeting Chairman Al Pingle told Council this meeting was concerning the OPWC and CDBG grants he said we received a quote for \$10,750.00 from Poggemeyer and this is the one the committee is recommending that council go with, he also said there was a change order added for Central Ave to be added and this is the street right behind the library. Mr. Pingle said so the recommendation from the street committee is Poggemeyer. Justin Barnhart said the CDBG grant that we got was for \$25,000.00 for Central Ave., he said this is a \$33,000.00 project and Poggemeyer's quote for engineering on that was ten percent which would be \$3400.00 so if we were to go with Poggemeyer for the OPWC then they could do the projects for \$10,750.00 so then we looked at Bockrath's and Peterman's and when we added their figures in we added the \$3400.00 to it for the CDBG, so then it took Bockrath's to \$10,900.00 and Peterman would have been \$8,250.00. So, Mr. Barnhart said that since we are looking at doing a twelve-month contract with Poggemeyer it makes fiscal sense over the \$150.00 to have them do these two projects together.

Public Utilities Committee met prior to the meeting Chairman Tony Wobler said the committee was discussing different options for water sources for the Village and Justin has submitted to the EPA a water source general plan and it states different options that the Village of Leipsic could do. They are ground water improvements to the existing treatment plant which the projected cost would be a little over six million dollars, Ground water improvements a little over ten million dollars, surface water conventional eleven Million dollars, Surface water membranes ten million dollars, and the other option would be getting water from Ottawa for a little over three million dollars. Mr. Barnhart is going to meet with the EPA here soon and Mr. Wobler and Mr. Pingle may attend that meeting.

Review of Proposals for the OPWC 2020 Street Grant council reviewed the proposals with the addition of the CDBG grant and Al Pingle made a motion to go with Poggemeyer Design Group's proposal with the addition of Central Ave and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

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 first time.

Mr. Barnhart said the Library would like to have council have a council meeting at the Leipsic Library for one of their meetings. Mr. Barnhart asked council when they would like to do that meeting at the Library, Sue Christman recommends having that meeting in September at the Library.

Update regarding alley vacation: Mr. Barnhart gave an update regarding the potential of an alley vacation between the United Methodist Church and First Christian Church for safety of children in the area. Mr. Barnhart said, about six months ago, he was approached by the Altman family because LeAnne Altman's daughter is deaf. Mr. Barnhart said the Village put up barricades between the edge of Adam Cupp's driveway and the United Methodist Church and the big thing was to get feedback from the parishioners of the United Methodist Church. Mr. Barnhart said the only negativity was from Ward's the residential property there, they have a pass thru driveway and people are using it as an alley way. The closure would mean that Altman's would take the alley as a driveway and then the Village will cut it off, so the Methodist Church has access on their side. Mr. Barnhart said the Altman's are leading the efforts and the county is now requiring a survey be completed to close an alley. Mr. Barnhart said he put LeAnne in touch with Bockrath's and they are working with her privately.

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 first time.

Kyle Stechschulte was present to give an update on the Firemen's Convention, Mr. Stechschulte gave council a list of events that the firemen will be doing. He said camping will be opened up on Thursday and people start coming here on Thursday and some on Wednesday. Al Pingle asked how many campers do they have so far, Mr. Stechschulte said eighty. Mr. Stechschulte said they have been out there trying to make it fit but with the rain that we have gotten it's wet, he said they were out there yesterday trying to get the grass clippings off in hopes to try and dry it. And there was still a lot of water sitting. Mr. Stechschulte said he spoke with some of the council members about the stone lots being used if they can't get the grass area fit enough for the camping. Al Pingle said the only issue he has is if they have campfires is that they clean-up after themselves. Mr. Stechschulte said the only campfires that they are permitting are in the barrels that are being provided. Mr. Stechschulte said there will also be a dumpster out there and each campsite is getting two trash bags when they come in and he said they just brought in a bunch of trash cans to try and control it. He also said they have two groups coming in on Sunday to help clean-up too. He said Cruise Night will be Friday and it will start at the fire station to Blank St. then St. Mary's, to State St. to Jefferson St. to Main St. then to Belmore St and back. Rick Recker said but the trucks can go off route, but they can't use their sirens. Mr. Stechschulte said he spoke with Mr. Barnhart about putting out signs that say watch for stopped traffic or stop ahead or even temporary stop signs down from the Methodist Church. Mr. Stechschulte said the Nick Lynch band will be playing Friday night at the social and Wes Garcia will be opening for Nick on Friday. He said Saturday there will be a past presidents' luncheon which all of council, Mayor, and solicitor and any one they felt was necessary to come to that luncheon. Then the parade will be at 1:30pm he said safety wise we had to keep it under one mile, it will be starting from City Park/Viking Korner the fire trucks will be staged out at Ruhe's Airport it will go down here to the stop light then turn on Belmore St. then turn onto Blank St. and the parade will end at St. Mary's where people can either go back to their campers or back and park. Kyle asked council if they would cover the police coverage for sixteen hours total and Kyle said he thought it would be for \$320.00. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to cover sixteen hours of police coverage for the fireman's convention/social when the bands are playing, and Al Pingle 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. Rick said our new truck should be here by convention, Kyle said we were told it would be here by Fire Convention.

Mr. Barnhart told council about the work being done for a downtown revitalization grant and a neighborhood revitalization grant, he said up to three building owners can split the grant and the amount is for \$250,000.00.

Mr. Barnhart told council that the NRG is in the finalization process.

Rick Recker asked about Rick Thomas's property and Mr. Barnhart said it is in foreclosure.

At 8:20 P.M. Tony Wobler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss purchase or sale of land, a public utility expansion for the purpose of economic development or a I imminent legal litigation and Rick Recker 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.

At 8:50P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to come out of executive session and Tony Wobler seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker 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 this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:50P.M. The next council meeting will be June 17, 2019 at 7:30 P.M

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_