

Council Minutes

May 20, 2019

Council Members in attendance: Council President Dave Heitmeyer, Al Pingle, Rick Recker, Sue Schroeder and Tony Wobler. Mayor Kevin Benton, Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief Dennis Cupp, Ken Maag, and Troy Recker. Sue Christman 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 waive the reading of the minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting and accept them as written was made by Tony Wobler and this motion was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman absent, Tony Wobler yea.

Parks and Receptions Committee met prior to the meeting since Chairman Sue Christman was absent, Justin Barnhart gave the report of the committee. He said the committee discussed \$150,000.00 for playground equipment for the NRG grant. He said, there wasn't a ton of buy in from the committee on that kind of commitment to just playground equipment, but the committee was in favor of committing a match. Mr. Barnhart said that Chairman Sue Christman has voiced interest in a Splash Pad, but other members of the committee weren't real keen on that idea, but they do believe that we should spend funds on park improvements as match to the NRG Grant. Mr. Barnhart mentioned that the paving for the entrance to Bennett Park could be included in the park improvements, he said there is enough stuff that we could do whether it's a shelter house or whatever.

NRG Project Finalization, Rick Recker made a motion to commit \$150,000.00 to funding for park improvements as part of the NRG grant project and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman absent, Tony Wobler yea.

RESOLUTION 3103: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY FOR TWO POLICE OFFICERS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3103 and this was seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

AMENDED ORDINANCE 3106: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3062 AS THE FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Tony Wobler to amend Ordinance 3106 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 absent, Tony Wobler yea. A motion was made by Rick Recker to accept Ordinance 3106 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 3110: AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2223 REZONING LANDS FROM LI-1 TO R1-1 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules and read Zoning Ordinance Amendment 3110 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 yea,

Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman absent, Tony Wobler yea. Zoning Ordinance Amendment 3110 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Zoning Ordinance Amendment 3110 and this was seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Review of Proposals for the OPWC 2020 Street Grant, Mr. Barnhart presented council with proposals, Mr. Barnhart said that he marked three that he felt were competitive which were Peterman and Assoc they are out of Findlay, Bockrath and Assoc are out of Ottawa, and Poggemeyer Design Group, they are out of Defiance and have always done our street paving jobs. Ken Maag said for professional services you do not have to award based on price, Mr. Maag also told council that you know what Poggemeyer has done for the Village over the years and we aren't always the highest and we aren't always the lowest. Al Pingle asked Mr. Barnhart does this involve the Street Committee, Mr. Barnhart asked him do you want a meeting before every meeting, Mr. Pingle asked couldn't the street committee make a recommendation. Mr. Barnhart said yes, the Street committee could have made a recommendation. Mr. Barnhart asked Mr. Pingle if he as the chairman of the streets committee has a recommendation on this, Mr. Pingle said no he hasn't had a meeting on this. Rick Recker asked, is this something that must be done at this meeting. Mr. Barnhart said it's a ways off, Mr. Barnhart said the only reason he is pushing on it is that Bockrath and Poggemeyer is very interested in doing this, but Mr. Barnhart hasn't been able to tell which one to start working on it. Al Pingle made a motion to table this and that a Street committee meeting be scheduled so the street committee can make a recommendation 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.

The next item is a resolution authorizing the administrator to apply for the 2019 Clean Ohio Grant Program, the grant is due on May 31, 2019. CT started working on the application based on having a meeting with Mr. Barnhart, they saw the potential for the project, which is located in the rear of the new addition on Lot 14, which Rosebrock's don't see a lot of interest for residential interest. This would be on Lot 14 with potential for 4 to 8 parking spots, but it would be a paved and curbed parking lot with some lighting, trees and the start of the potential trailway that we have been discussing. This is an application for a grant it isn't a commitment to build however if we get these grant funds then the Village's match would be twenty-six percent. Mr. Barnhart said it would be a heck of a start to our trail process. Mr. Barnhart said that if we get the grant that we don't take any action until a master trails plan can be put together. Mr. Barnhart said CT wouldn't give the village a price but Ken Maag from Poggemeyer provided Mr. Barnhart with a quote of \$4500.00 for their engineering cost.

RESOLUTION 3111: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION CLEAN OHIO PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. Al Pingle asked what the recommendation was from the Parks committee. Mr. Barnhart said they met and voiced some concerns about stepping into this too early. Rick said why not go for it because we won't have to spend the money if we do not get awarded and at this time it is not costing us anything in engineering. Ken Maag said the application is due on May 31st you must have a signed purchase agreement then as well. Mr. Barnhart said they are willing to sign a purchase agreement. Mr. Heitmeyer said but to buy the ground, Mr. Barnhart asked, would we be able to back out of a purchase agreement if we did not get the grant? Ken Maag said the purchase agreement must be submitted with the application. Mr. Barnhart said so does that agreement say that you are guaranteeing you are going to purchase it, Mr. Heitmeyer said yes. Mr. Barnhart said what if we don't get the grant, Mr. Heitmeyer said then the village bought the ground. Sue Schroeder asked if we could make it contingent upon getting the grant, Solicitor Barry Schroeder said you could make it contingent on getting the grant. Mayor Benton said but would we want it anyway because it could be the trail head. Mr. Barnhart said this grant does require you to purchase land to be eligible. Mr. Heitmeyer thinks it's too short of notice, if we do it and it backfires and then we sit on an empty lot for two years and then we don't get it again. Mayor Benton said it could still be the entrance to our walking path. Mr. Heitmeyer said a \$25,000.00 entrance, that's a lot. Troy Recker told Mr. Barnhart that

we would be a conservationist too, Mr. Barnhart said not for the Clean Ohio though. Mr. Troy Recker said yes, all the work must be done on purchased property or a conservation easement, Mr. Barnhart said okay we should drop it.

Rick Recker said the sign at the fire department looks very nice and he said Jason Goodwin really spent a lot of time with getting it done. He said once they get the grass finished, they will be all set.

Dave Heitmeyer gave condolences to Sue Schroeder, her dad passed away.

Dave Heitmeyer then asked Mayor Benton, since Mandy has moved out of her apartment above the Uptown Market does, she have it rented to someone else. Mr. Heitmeyer said a while back we weren't charging her another readiness to serve charge because she owned the business and lived in the apartment, but said once it gets rented out to someone else besides her then the extra charge will be charged.

Renee Spangler told council that we are going to need to schedule a hearing for the tax budget and it can either be on June 17 or July 15, council felt June 17 would be the better date. Mrs. Spangler also informed council she would be off work on May 22-24.

At 7:59P.M. Tony Wobler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract issues, purchase or sale of land 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 absent, Tony Wobler yea.

At 8:36P.M. Tony Wobler made a motion to come out of executive session and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman absent, 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 Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion Tony Wobler yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman absent, Rick Recker yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:37P.M. The next council meeting will be June 3, 2019 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____