

Council Minutes

May 6, 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, Ken Maag, Paulette Mills, and Mandy & Brian Osterfeld.

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 April 15, 2019 meeting and accept them was made by Sue Christman and this motion was 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.

NRG Finalization Paulette Mills was present to have council finalize the projects for the NRG grant. Paulette said at the meeting down at the Community Center we had a great public involvement and she wants to go over the list with council one more time so we can finalize the decision. Paulette said we have some street improvements on this application the ones that were agreed upon were Sugar St. from Werner St. to the RR, Rush St. from E. Liberty St. to Buckeye Dr. and City Park Parking, E. Liberty St. from Eastom St. to Belmore St. and Buckeye Drive from Rush St. to Orchard Dr. the cumulative total for the street and parking projects is \$192,000.00. Then we also talked about the Maag hotel lot revitalization, she said they kind of broke it into two things, so we had \$110,763.00 for the lot improvement and street scaping around there, replacing the sidewalk, and paving the lot. Then we had a cost of a permanent band structure if council wants to do that, she said the dimensions would be approximately thirty feet wide by twenty feet deep because the lot is narrow, so for this purpose the band stand estimate was pulled out. Mayor Benton told Paulette the Village will need to purchase part of that lot since it is owned by Ruhe's. Paulette said purchase of land cannot be included in the grant. Paulette said if there is land acquisition that needs to happen with that property, or she is willing to donate it, to let her know. The cost of the band stand would be approximately \$67,000.00, Paulette said this is a little pricey, so we are looking at putting more alternates in. The other things that are intended to be in the application are a Basketball Court in City Park, Buckeye Park Sidewalks and two restrooms one in city Park and one in Buckeye Park. The total for everything on our list brings us to a little bit of a deficit of \$8,341.00, we were talking about taking that out or the Permissive tax or the Street Fund. Paulette said we have the band stand as an alternate but she wants to see if council wants to do some smaller alternates as well, she said we talked about some benches, a piece of adult fitness equipment for Bennett Park, another one was a sizeable piece of play equipment which would cost \$150,000.00. Paulette said or the village could do the play equipment on our own and use that as leverage for the grant. Paulette said do we want to put the band stand as the only alternate or do we want some other things incase we aren't that great in the bidding, Paulette told council if the alternates aren't in the grant the money can't be spent on them. Rick Recker asked if we could use other Streets as an alternate, Paulette said yes. Mayor Benton said he would rather see things we can as permanent structures for the Village rather than street paving that needs redone every so many years. Paulette said but, this gets streets paved that would not score well under OPWC such as they may not have a good traffic count, cul-de-sac's or dead ends because they don't look at traffic counts for this. Paulette told council that these projects all need to be done within the two-year time frame and if they aren't don't ever try to go back for CDBG funds. Rick Recker asked when we will find out that we are awarded the grant, Paulette said they will inform us probably by the end of October or early September, Rick said so then we have two years from that date, Paulette said no they will

send you a grant agreement and it's two years from the grant agreement. Dave Heitmeyer asked if ODOT has anything for sidewalks out to Dollar General, Paulette said we can look at this another time and it cannot be included in NRG Grant since the sidewalk will not be in the village limits. Paulette said the following is what we have for leverage is the pump station, and CDBG money to help. The village also has street paving going on through OPWC, and starting safe routes to school, and the community track, the CDBG grant, she said to be able to count these projects she needs estimates for them, and she needs funds committed. Justin said the road 5 project and it will be \$300,000.00. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to make these add alternates Fifth St., Poplar St. and the alley behind smokin b's and Al Pingle 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.

Mr. Barnhart gave council options to consider for remediation of the wall left after the demolition of 202 E Main St. Mr. Barnhart said the only bids we got back were from Tim Schroeder for a basic block wall or a split face wall, Mr. Barnhart said according to the note from Tim the basic block wall would still need sealer on top of that \$33,900.00 and split face has the sealer in it that price would be \$38,750.00, So it would be \$5000.00 more to do the split face. This is just for the demo area, but to go all the way up to the then it's \$56,000.00 for the basic block and \$64,500.00 for the split face. The bid requires him to put the footer in. Tony asked if Mr. Barnhart gave a deadline for people to give the other bids for like siding. Mr. Barnhart said yes, the deadline was last Friday, and he said he spoke with several of the contractors that wouldn't have been able to do the block and they had no interest because they cared about the look of there downtown. Dave Heitmeyer said we only got the one check for the fire, Mr. Barnhart said \$8500.00 and he has to send the bill to Fort Jennings State Bank and they will request the additional \$5000.00. Dave Heitmeyer asked why aren't re getting reimbursed for Badertscher's building, Mr. Barnhart said it will go on his taxes. Mandy Osterfeld the owner of uptown market said she at least wants a block wall, but visually if they are just going to block the outline of the old building it isn't going to look right but she doesn't think it needs to go the whole three stories but maybe two stories so there could be a clean line. Rick Recker thinks we should do block with a straight line the two stories. Tony Wobler would like to see split face just so it looks better coming into town from that direction. Mandy asked if we are only doing the two stories about the cap. Mr. Barnhart said the cap would be metal and they will fasten it somehow into the building. She also said they are in the process of having their HVAC replaced she is willing to work with Schroeder's. Mr. Barnhart said that Schroeder have forty-five days from tonight to get this completed. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to do plain block and two stories across the building and Al Pingle seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Mr. Barnhart asked council that if the coast of the regular block wall and to have it sealed is just as much as split face block would we just go with split face when we don't have to seal it. Mr. Barnhart asked if that was agreed that the regular block would need sealed, council said yes then Mr. Barnhart said so whatever is cheaper, and Mr. Pingle said yes.

RESOLUTION 3108: 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 3108 for the second- and third time tonight 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. Resolution 3108 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3108 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.

RESOLUTION 3103: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY FOR TWO POLICE OFFICERS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3106: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE3062 AS THE FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3107: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR THE ENGINEERING OF A LIFT STATION IN THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC INDUSTRIAL PARK IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3107 for the third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer 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 3107 was read for the third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3107 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.

Dave Heitmeyer asked if Mr. Barnhart has spoken with the entities out there to help. Mr. Barnhart said he has talked to Mars and it was a very passive ask and he said he plans to talk with Poet which will be a passive ask then he said he would go and make a second ask

RESOLUTION 3109: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A WAGE INCREASE FOR AN EMPLOYEE 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 3109 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 yea, Tony Wobler yea. Resolution 3109 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 3109 and this was seconded by Tony Wobler. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Mr. Barnhart asked council to consider hosting a pump station commissioning on a Saturday in July or August as a thank you to all the local residents who supported the project and as an official celebration of this advancement for Leipsic. He said we could do it in the morning and have Little Red cater the event. Ken Maag told council if the event is held in the evening that Poggemeyer Design Group will cover the cost of the catering.

Mr. Barnhart asked council to consider the authorization of road closings for the St. Mary's Church Social and the Fireman's Convention from Thursday June 13, 2019 to Sunday June 16, 2019 and to authorize the use of barricades and cones as needed for public safety, in addition an official authorization to use Main St. and Belmore St. in addition to other village streets for a parade and cruise night. Tony Wobler made a motion to allow the closure of the streets and use of barricades and cones from June 13, 2019 to June 16, 2019 and to authorize the use of Main St. and Belmore St and other various streets for a parade and cruise night and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Rick Recker abstained, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

Mr. Barnhart also informed council that the St. Mary's liquor permit crosses our public street just so they can include the Parish Life Center.

There will be a hearing regarding a zoning amendment to be held May 20, 2019 at 7:00P.M.

At 8:45P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract issues, purchase or sale of land, and a public utility expansion for the purpose of economic development 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 9:15P.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.

Mayor Benton informed council that he is retiring as the Mayor at the end of this year.

Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to authorize the administrator and solicitor to solidify a pending contract with Pro-Tec Coating Company and Al Pingle 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.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on the motion Tony Wobler yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Rick Recker yea. Meeting adjourned at 9:17P.M. The next council meeting will be May 20, 2019 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____