

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2009 7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Deem, Hush, Brausch, Simon, Long (7:17pm)

Council Members Absent: Brenning

Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Jon Browning- Solicitor, Jacinta Seagraves- Fiscal Officer Ed VanVickle - Acting Village Administrator, Chief Barton- Police.

Mayor Sandine called the meeting to order; led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and asked for a moment of silence for the US Armed Forces.

Minutes

Minutes from July Regular Meeting reviewed.

Motion to accept Minutes from June 9th as presented by Simon

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Deem, Hush, Brausch, Simon

Nays: None

Public Comments

John Rogers commented about Wagnall's state funding being cut from \$400,000.00 down to \$150,000.00 in 2010. Normal operating expenses are \$300,000.00. There is a good possibility he will be coming to council in the future for ideas to raise funds for the library. Simon asked the status of the funeral home occupying part of the library. Mr. Rogers said the funeral home is in and have paid the first month's rent. However, McGill is laying off workers. Mr. Rogers states that the economy is the worst he has seen in 30 years as a business man.

Reports from officers

Mayor

Mayor Sandine presented the Mayor's Court Report to council.

Mayor Sandine said RITA has report that some village residents have filed fraudulent tax returns to avoid paying the local 1% income tax and another ten residents that have never filed a local return. RITA will enforce accurate returns with possible prosecution to follow. As a result, there is \$7,000.00 of tax money that should be in the Village.

Mayor Sandine presented the agreement between the Village and Fairfield County. The Village's ARRA Funds will be given to Fairfield County, in turn, Fairfield County will fund the resurfacing of Columbus Street from Cedar Hill Rd. to Walnut Street and from Elder Lane to Delaware St. as well as fund moving the waterline on Lithopolis Rd. to prepare for bridge repair. Brausch asked what happened with North St. and South St. resurfacing. Mayor Sandine responded that funding had been denied. The agreement states that the Village will pay the contractors as work is completed and Fairfield County will reimburse the Village. Moving the waterline started this week and should be done by the end of the week. The bridge repair will start on September 14 and will take approximately six weeks to complete. We can move forward with a motion to accept this agreement by Long
Seconded by Simon

Mayor Sandine shared with council a few concerns with the Village's present trash hauling contract with Trace's. He requests to put Trace's on notice for blatant disregard of contract. The Mayor is willing to wait and see how well they service the Honeyfest before any further action is taken.

Mayor Sandine informs council the Village has received an application for a Zoning Variance from Crossroads Church. A public hearing is necessary before the variance can be approved. The Public Hearing is set for August 11, 2009 @ 7:00pm prior to the regular Council Meeting. Brausch states that he will be out of town the first two weeks in August.

Mayor Sandine asks for a Motion to serve a notice to the developers and owners of the vacant lots in the Rolling Acres Subdivision and, if the property owners do not comply within 5 days from the date of notice, authorizing the Village Administrator to have the noxious weeds cut.

Motion to serve notice by Long

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Deem, Hush, Brausch, Simon, Long

Nays: None

If the Village does have to mow the property, Council will then have to certify the expenses to the County Auditor to be perfected as a lien upon the tax duplicate.

Village Administrator

Ed presents Green Pact information to council. He also reports work has been steady on the new Administrative Offices.

Police Chief

Mayor Sandine presents the Police Activity Report. Chief Barton had to investigate a sudden power outage during the meeting. Chief Barton reports the outage appears to be due to fallen trees on lines located on South St.

Fiscal Officer

2010 Tax Budget presented to council.

Motion to pass Ordinance 10-09 the Tax Budget for 2010 by Deem

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Deem, Hush, Brausch, Simon, Long

Nays: None

Emergency to waive rules to pass Ordinance 11-09

Motion to pass Ordinance 11-09 to move \$236,237.92 from General Fund to Sewer Fund by Brausch

Seconded by Long

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Council Round Robin

Deem
Brausch
Long
Simon
Brenning

Executive session

There being no further public business a motion to adjourn by Long

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Deem, Hush, Brausch, Simon, Long

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned : 8:23pm