

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2008 7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Deem, Hush, Simon, Long, Brausch

Council Members Absent: Brenning

Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Jon Browning- Solicitor, Jacinta Seagraves- Fiscal Officer, Ed VanVickle – 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 May Regular Meeting reviewed.

Motion to accept Minutes from May 12th as presented by Long

Seconded by Deem

Ayes: Brausch , Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Public Comments

Mrs. Wilson – concerned about parking on North St. during the Memorial Day Fish Fry. There were people blocking the road and driving in her yard. Her biggest concern is if there was an emergency Officials would not be able to get through. Ed disclosed that they ran out of No Parking signs before they were able to post any on that section of North St. Mayor Sandine suggested we may want to consider closing that section of North St. at Market St. or at the very least make sure No Parking signs are posted next year. Mrs. Wilson through that would be fine. Mayor stated that North Street west of Market Street will be closed to through traffic at the Fish Fry next year.

Reports from officers

Mayor

Mayor Sandine presented the Mayor's Court Report for May, 2009

Mayor Sandine presented to council plans to restore the open space in Wagnall's Run to a natural prairie with trails for residents to enjoy.

Regarding Columbus Street resurfacing from Cedar Hill to Walnut and Delaware to Elder, the Village is waiting for the County Prosecutor to approve the agreement. Once that is completed, work will begin as soon as possible with a completion deadline on or before September 8, 2009.

Mayor Sandine informed council that the LTIP grant proposal for resurfacing North Street and South Street has been submitted. He and Ed plan to attend the OPWC public meeting on June 26th where the proposal will be scored. OPWC notified Mayor Sandine that he was not elected as a representative as a result of a 3 month telephone and email election.

Mayor Sandine presented a Contract for Service asking Council's approval to enter into a contract with GGC so that the engineers can complete the engineering necessary for the Columbus Street project. As stated in the contract the engineering services will cost \$68,000.00 to be paid back in \$10,000 increments each month for the next 7 months.

Motion to authorize the Mayor and Village Administrator to enter into the Agreement with GGC Engineers on the Columbus Street reconstruction Project – Plan B by Brausch

Seconded by Deem

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

The Mayor assures council that the engineering will be done prior to the due date of OPWC Round 24 and should earn for the Village an additional 8 points in the next round of OPWC scoring.

Mayor Sandine shared an incident with Trace's Sanitation regarding the Memorial Day Fish Fry. The Village requested a 10 yd dumpster for recyclables and Trace's refused to supply one. The Mayor pointed out that each council member has a copy of the correspondence regarding this issue and a copy of the contract. Further discussion at the July Regular Meeting.

The Billing Department has made a slight change in their policy regarding anyone renting in the Village with an outstanding water bill. Originally the bill would fall on the Landlord to pay; the Billing Department has decided to use a Collection Agency to satisfy the bill through the renter before turning it over to the Landlord.

Mayor Sandine announced 5 new businesses in the Village within the last 60 days and two other possible businesses that would like to locate in Lithopolis.

Village Administrator – Briefly followed up on the Mayor's comments concerning the property around the new Municipal Building.

Police Chief - Submitted report.

Fiscal Officer – Presented the Utility Stabilization Loan paperwork for approval. Fiscal Officer explained that this is an issue of Notes in the amount of \$250,000 that will be disbursed \$125,000 to the Water Fund and \$125,000 to the Sewer Fund. The term of the Note is 3 years at 6%. Everyone has a copy of the ordinance and agreements as well as the Fiscal Officers Certificate. This loan, along with an advance from the General Revenue Fund, should allow us to not raise rate for at least the next two years, while restoring some cuts and continuing to provide the same level of service.

Motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 08-09 made by Long

Seconded by Simon

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Motion to approve Ordinance 08-09 and declare an emergency made by Long

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Discussed notification we received from the County Treasurer's Office indicating that we are receiving an Estate Tax settlement for approximately \$460,000. This payment will be received in August, unless we request partial disbursement earlier. We have discussed that fact that after the State Department of Taxation reviews the estate, we may have to refund some portion, so we are holding some in reserve. We are working with our Local Government Services Rep from the Auditor of State's office on how we will allocate the remainder, but most will go to the Sewer Fund as an Advance. An ordinance authorizing the advance will be presented at the July meeting.

The Fiscal Officer presented a Revised Appropriation and Certificate of Available Resources Ordinance. Revised appropriations reflect a reduction in the Water and Sewer Funds due to our WC payment being less than anticipated. In addition we are increasing the appropriations in General Government to take into account the expenditures for the Columbus Street Engineering and additional money raised for the Honeyfest.

Motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 09-09 made by Brausch

Seconded by Long

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Motion to approve Ordinance 09-09 made by Simon

Seconded by Long

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Old Business

Revised Zoning Ordinance

2nd Reading

No through Trucks Ordinance

Discussion – Hold pending resolution on Street repair

Council Rules Update

2nd Reading : Modified time of meeting to 7:30 PM

New Business

NONE

Council Round Robin

Deem – Kudos on the FishFry and Fridley house.

Brausch – Nothing.

Long – Nothing.

Simon – When will the potholes on Lithopolis Road be repaired? Mayor stated that repairs would be conducted when Lithopolis Road is shut down for the bridge replacement. Also the road work up by Wagnalls Run will be completed at the same time.

Hush – What if the new trailer doesn't fit on the lot. Mayor stated that they still have to comply with other Zoning Regulations including setbacks and placement on the lot.

Executive session

NONE

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

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned @ 8:56 PM