

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2009 7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Deem, Brausch, Simon, Brenning

Council Members Absent: Long, Hush

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 April 14 Regular Meeting and Minutes from April 21 Special Meeting

Motion to accept Minutes from April 14 and April 21 with corrections by Simon

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Deem, Brausch, Simon, Brenning

Nays: None

Public Comments

John Rogers: Update on Wagnalls Memorial - State allots a certain amount for libraries each year. The amount allotted will be less this year for Wagnalls. The lease agreement proposed for the Funeral Home is necessary to offset the amount of money that will not be received. Simon asked how long the lease agreement is for. Mr. Rogers stated 3 year lease with an option. Mr. Rogers encourages council members to pass the conditional use of Wagnalls. Mr. Rogers publicly thanks Mayor Sandine for his hard work on the three houses on Lithopolis-Winchester Rd.

Reports from officers

Mayor – Mayor Sandine reviews the Mayors Court Report for April.

Mayor Sandine presents an MoU to give Savings Bank of Circleville some comfort in moving forward with development in the property of interest. This would give them full service access to property from Washington Street/Winchester-Southern and limited access consisting of a right-in, right-out on Lithopolis Rd. Reference Ordinance 16-02. Brenning asked if this would cause traffic issues on Washington St. if trying to turn left out of the property in question. Mayor states that due to the hours of operation there shouldn't be any major traffic issues. Long asked if any other businesses would be located along with the bank. Mayor Sandine said there has been mention of a title company and mortgage co.

Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Savings Bank by Brausch

Seconded by Long

Ayes: Deem, Brausch, Brenning, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Simon asked if there are any sewer lines to be concerned with on property. Mayor responded it is an issue that the bank will need to address in their future plans.

Mayor Sandine reviewed a conditional use at one of the buildings at Wagnall's Memorial. He explains that the Pfeiffer Funeral Home would like to lease Building #2 at Wagnall's Memorial for a chapel and viewing for the deceased. The village has worked very closely with them to make sure application is complete. Deem asked will there be signage? Mayor responded yes. Deem will they be considered an employer in the village? Mayor responds yes and the village will collect income tax from the business. Simon asks what would need to be done if funeral home moves out in a short amount of time? Mayor Sandine points out that the original use of the building will still exist so this is not an issue. Mayor states that there must be a public hearing scheduled, posted and held before the Board of Zoning Appeals can make a decision on the conditional use. Brenning asks what happens if there is a funeral on the same day as the Honeyfest? Mayor states that the Honeyfest has the grounds rented for that day however, he will work with the funeral home to make sure the conflict doesn't happen. Public hearing was set for May 29, 2009 @ 7:00pm. The mayor suggests the Board of Zoning Appeals can take place immediately following the public hearing.

Mayor Sandine shared with council discussion that took place at the meeting with the Fairfield County Engineers and other entities that are in line to received MORPC resurfacing funding. The \$90,175.00 that MORPC allocated to the Village can not be used because the sidewalks in the village do not meet ADA criteria. The sidewalks have to be ADA accessible and ours are not. The Mayor proposed to the County Engineer that the village will give them the money that has been allocated to us by MORPC in exchange for them providing the funds to resurface two sections of Columbus St., North St. and South St. as well as \$18,000.00 to relocate waterline on Lithopolis Rd. The balance will be paid from village funds that are available. Brausch & Brenning both liked the idea of some progress being made on road repair. Long stated that only Walnut St. and the center section of Columbus St. will be left to do. The Mayor informed council that there is no action required at this time.

Mayor Sandine confirmed that the detour for the Lithopolis Rd. project will be Rt. 674 and Elder Lane. Deem asked if a traffic light could be installed. Mayor said it is an issue between Fairfield County and ODOT.

Village Administrator – Ed and John went to a Gas Line Safety Course.

Police Chief – Jay reviewed the April Activity report. He informed Council that he applied for a grant to hire more officers and obtain video cameras for the vehicles. The Mayor purchased a digital recorder to use temporarily. Simon asked if the person you are recording must be aware. Jay said they do not. As long as one person in the conversation knows it is being recorded it is lawful. Brenning inquired about the reliability of the existing cruisers and if replacement is something to consider. Mayor Sandine said that the village has access to vehicles if needed. Brenning asked the chief if safety tips could be included in the next Newsletter. Chief agreed that he could write something up.

Fiscal Officer – Still working on UAN conversion.

Old Business

Motion to approve Ordinance 06-09 adopting Ohio Basic Code and Publishing the 2009 Ohio Basic Code by

Long

Seconded Simon

Ayes: Deem, Brausch, Simon, Brenning, Long

Nays: None

Motion to approve Ordinance 07-09 authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC LTIP and SCIP programs

Motion to approve by Brausch

Seconded by Brenning

Ayes: Deem, Brausch, Simon, Brenning, Long

Nays: None

First reading of Resolution 07-09 adopting Council Rules and repealing Ord.# 06-05.

Only change is Rule #9 Regular Meetings shall be held in Council Chambers in Town Hall at 7:30 pm the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. To implement best practices required by UAN.

Mayor Sandine informed council that the construction trailer at Stoney Bluff has been removed.

New Business

NONE

Council Round Robin

Deem – Nothing

Brausch – Nothing

Long – Nothing

Simon – Whose Motor Home is parked at the Fridley House? Mayor Sandine stated that it is a residents. He allowed him to park there until he could find a permanent place to park so it wouldn't be parked on Columbus Street.

Brenning – Fairfield Village – Heirs of Ms. Lyndecker have inherited trailer park and is evicting all residents. Deem asked what he is going to do with the land. Mayor said he didn't say. Any change of use would have to go through council.

Executive session

None

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

Seconded by Deem

Ayes: Deem, Brausch, Simon, Brenning, Long

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45pm