

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2017 @ 7:30pm

Council Members Present: Ertuncay, Tennant, Lowery, Daily, Zircher

Council Members Absent: Felbaum

Present: Scott Gilliland- Mayor
Brandon Roberts- Village Administrator
Chief Barton- Police Chief

Absent: Leslie DeVico- Fiscal Officer

Mayor Gilliland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; followed by roll call; 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: Mayor Gilliland asked for Council to take a minute to review the minutes from 6/13/2017. Gilliland asked if there were any changes or corrections. Councilwoman Tennant asked for a correction in “grated to graded”. Gilliland asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Daily moved to approve the June 13, 2017 minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Ertuncay, Daily, Tennant, Zircher. Abstain: Lowery. Nays: None

Public Comments:

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Gilliland read Ordinance 12-17 Modifying Group Health Insurance. Gilliland explained the options and clarified the rumors of the cost to employees. Questions about the health insurance to employee, Chief Jay Barton and Village Administrator, Brandon Roberts. Chief Barton indicated the cost seemed like a big increase and then realized that the cost was not that big of a difference. Village Administrator, Brandon Roberts commented that he took this job to make certain he could provide health care coverage for his family and is glad to have a job that offers health care. Councilman Zircher moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Daily. Roll call: Ayes: Lowery, Daily, Zircher, Tennant, Ertuncay. Nays: None. At this time, Councilwoman Daily moved to adopt Ordinance 12-17, seconded by Councilwoman Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Daily, Lowery, Zircher, Ertuncay, Tennant. Nays: None.

Gilliland read Ordinance 19-17, 1st reading, an ordinance prohibiting noise and imposing sanctions. Council members shared their views of necessity; how to enforce. Gilliland stated this ordinance would affect him personally with his cars. Councilman Lowery indicated 70 decibels is equivalent to holding a conversation vs 100 decibels is equal to a lawn mower running. Public comments asking if there would be exceptions for special events in the Village.

Gilliland read Ordinance 20-17, 1st reading, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 1-year lease with Scioto Valley Beekeepers. Councilwoman Daily asked if this was for the entire building, commenting that a survey was done a few years ago about what the community felt the building should be used as. Chief Barton commented that his police records are currently stored in the building and they need a place to store records. Gilliland commented about the utilities? Councilman Lowery stated utilities would be the responsibility of the tenant. Councilman Lowery also asked if they are taking the building “as is”? Gilliland commented further that

there is a lot to be cleaned out of the that building. Village Administrator Roberts commented that we need to get an engineer and a building inspector out to come through the building- water boiler only working at 10% efficiency.

Gilliland read Ordinance 21-17, an ordinance to amend appropriations. Tennant asked what the additional \$40,000.00 was needed for? Gilliland responded based on bills that come in we need to move this money half way through the year. Councilman Zircher moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Daily. Roll call: Ayes: Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay, Lowery, Zircher. Nays: None. At this time, Councilwoman Zircher moved to approve the amended appropriations, seconded by Councilwoman Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay, Lowery, Zircher. Nays: None.

Reports from Officers:

Village Administrator, Brandon Roberts:

We've contacted the EPA to come in and take a look at our water plant and to make recommendations. We received 14 violations and we have addressed 11 of those violations. Fairfield County is also coming in and helping. Once we get the plant in order, we can then move on to Ed's list. We interviewed 4 people for the Water Plant Operator of Record position. Hoping to have a decision in a week or so. In the meantime, we will have a temporary Operator of Record that will be here about 30 minutes a week and will verify that what we are doing is correct. Gilliland commented that we need to have the water plant in compliance.

Fiscal Officer:

No report.

Chief Barton:

Barton stated they are upgrading the exit lighting in the building. Report on activity in council books.

Mayor:

Fiscal officer provided a payment listing that you can find in your books. Met with Verizon- looks like the tower will happen. Takes about a year to complete. Gilliland also commented on paying a person to mow- the mower has now been fixed and the bush hog has been fixed. Looking to save some money by having the mowing done in house. Gilliland commented also that the 2010 police Dodge Charger has been tuned up, brakes etc... saved over \$1,000.00 to do this in house.

Gilliland commented he was contacted back in February by a Brandon Blestra (sp) regarding certain transactions and why things were done the way they were done- Blestra turned documents over to the State Auditor. This past March, again I was contacted by an investigator with the auditor's office; requesting hundreds of pages of documents. There is a special audit underway focusing on 2015 and moving back. Gilliland commented he is cooperating with the investigation.

Council Round Robin:

Zircher- nothing

Lowery- Addressed his last 2 absences. Mandatory work trip and planned family trip. Councilwoman Tennant moved to approve his absences, seconded by Daily.

Felbaum- absent

Ertuncay- nothing

Daily- nothing

Tennant- nothing

There being no further public business a motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Tennant, seconded by Councilwoman Ertuncay.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned @ 8:46 p.m.

Grant Felbaum
President



Leslie K. DeVico
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis