

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Lithopolis Village Public Meeting- Budget 2018 and Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 25, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Council Members Present: Zircher, Daily, Ertuncay arrived at 7:05p.m., Tennant arrived at 7:07p.m., Lowery arrived at 7:12p.m.

Council Members Absent: Felbaum

Present: Scott Gilliland- Mayor

Absent: Leslie DeVico- Fiscal Officer

Mayor Gilliland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; followed by roll call.

Gilliland asked if there were any public comments. Copies of the budget were available and distributed upon request. Eric Sandine asked about the general obligation debt and the summary of levies that should be included in the budget. Gilliland stated that everything that is in the budget is what is to be included and goes to the Auditor.

Gilliland then asked if anyone on Council had any questions. Councilman Zircher stated his concern of the missing documents. Gilliland commented that the budget was prepared and reviewed by an authorized state trainer and to the best of her knowledge the information we have is correct.

Councilman Zircher asked about the sewer operating services and is that amount reflecting the amount owed to Canal Winchester. Gilliland stated the revenue is down due to the fact that we no longer accept the sewer tap fees from Westport or the other builders- the builders are now paying directly to Canal Winchester. Councilman Zircher- does the amount carried forward in the general fund – Gilliland stated the reason for the low amount is we have budgeted \$200,000.00 for the payment to Canal Winchester. If we are able to pay Canal Winchester this year, that amount will roll over into 2018.

Councilman Zircher asked about the breakdown in salaries- Gilliland commented there is now a Fiscal Officer's pay broken down along with Mayor's Court Clerk etc. each employee description has its own line item. Eric Sandine asked if the budget included projected pay increases for 2018 and if the Mayor knew the total difference from 2017 to 2018? Gilliland stated he would have to sit down and do the math.

Gilliland asked for a motion to close the public meeting; Councilwoman Daily moved, seconded by Councilman Lowery. Roll call: Zircher, Lowery, Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay. Nays: None.

At 7:32p.m. Gilliland immediately went into the regular council meeting; called the meeting to order, followed by roll call. Roll call: Zircher, Lowery, Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay. Absent: Felbaum. Gilliland 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.

Gilliland asked council to review the minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting. Councilman Zircher asked for a correction under public comments and stated that it was not him who commented on helping the cemetery to relieve their water bill. Gilliland asked for a motion to accept the minutes as amended; Tennant moved, seconded by Ertuncay. Roll call: ZLTDE. Nays: None.

Public Comments: At this time, Joe Taylor thanked council for moving the trailer. Mr. Taylor asked if the village had received anything from Mr. Toole on the repairs or costs to the old police station. Amanda Wolin spoke that she is still waiting for the report from Mr. Toole. Mr. Taylor asked for a copy once received.

Mr. Winstaffer- Knights of Columbus, he would like permission for his organization to be able to collect money at the traffic light in the village. 80% of the money goes back to the Knights of Columbus and would like permission from Lithopolis for them to collect money. Gilliland asked council their opinion or thoughts – Chief Barton stated that as long as the person understands the flow of traffic and move out of the way when the light turns green; signs are posted in advance- the decision is administrative vs. law enforcement; we don't need someone looking down at their phones and not paying attention. We're concerned about the collector. Mr. Winstaffer said they would sign a waiver and just finished up in Canal Winchester and there has not been an incident. Councilman Zircher asked how many days and how many hours- Winstaffer commented they would collect for 1 day from 9-11:00a.m. Councilman Zircher stated he couldn't remember the objection with Councilwoman Tennant commenting the width of roads was the concern. Councilman Zircher moved to allow the Knights of Columbus to solicit on one Saturday in 2018 from 9- 11:00a.m.; seconded by – Lowery asked if we need an Ordinance in place to have some guidelines; Gilliland said an Ordinance wouldn't be needed but a Resolution would allow them a one-time event. Gilliland asked again for a second to the motion; Councilman Lowery seconded to accept the motion. Roll call: Zircher, Lowery, Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay. Nays: None. Gilliland commented that he would have a Resolution ready at the next council meeting.

Brady and Larry West- Brady lives at 74 Cherry Alley- speed bump placed in alley and was removed last week and the speeding is really bad again. Speed limit is 15 MPH and feels it should be 10 MPH. We have a son and have issues with speeders coming through the alley while putting my son into the car where I park in the back. People are flying through. We would like the law to be enforced and the speed bump put back in to slow the traffic down. Larry West commented that the police have patrolled but they can't spend their entire time sitting there. Councilman Lowery said the speed bump was moved over to Market street. Larry West would like the speed bump put back- we need more speed bumps. The speed bump slowed the vehicles down. Chief Barton asked if Brady knew of a specific time of this occurrence- he commented around 7:00a.m. and in the late evening hours when the bars close. Chief Barton said he will have his second shift officer back there patrolling. Gilliland commented that he and the Village Administrator were unaware of the speeding in the alley but they were aware of the speeding on Market Street; the speed bumps were moved onto Market Street to slow traffic down. We can move the speed bumps back to Cherry Alley- they are portable speed bumps. Brady asked if there was a time frame to install- Village Administrator Roberts commented by the end of next week we should have a set of speed bumps put back in the alley.

Tami Morehart representing The Wagnalls Memorial. Tami is here to discuss the noise ordinance, the Wagnalls has weddings and outdoor concerts that could be affected by the noise ordinance.

Old Business:

ORD 19-17 3rd reading Prohibiting Excessive Noise and Imposing Criminal Sanctions. Tennant asked if the changes had been made. Gilliland stated that the Village Solicitor has been out of town and no changes have been made. Councilwoman Daily made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Tennant. Roll call: Zircher, Lowery, Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay. Nays: None.

ORD 18-17 2nd reading Eliminating Village Administrator Trainee position.

ORD 22-17 2nd reading Standard Benefits and Pay Grades. Gilliland noted the change in the hourly wage for the Police Chief to \$21.34 per hour for 2017; \$21.98 for 2018 and \$22.64 for 2019.

New Business:

ORD 23-17 Ordinance Approving the 2018 Tax Budget. Gilliland asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 23-17. Councilman Zircher asked if this Ordinance gets 3 readings? Gilliland stated the approved budget would go to the Fairfield Auditor's office tomorrow. Councilman Zircher asked Councilwoman Tennant being on the

finance committee if she has any questions; Tennant stated she had no questions and everything appeared to be spelled out. Councilman Zircher stated his concern about the missing debt information and if it is needed to make a decision on the budget. No further comments from the Council members. Gilliland then commented that he would put together a special meeting.

ORD 24-17 1st reading Ordinance Creating a Fiscal Officer Trainee. Councilwoman Tennant asked when the resignation will take place. Gilliland responded the last day will August 31, but that she will be around in September before making her move to Florida. Gilliland explained he had interviewed 3 different candidates- all with some accounting background. Councilman Zircher asked where the position was posted- Gilliland stated the Eagle Gazette and on our website. Councilman Zircher stated that Council did the trainee position for the Village Administrator and was this something that we will be doing into the future? Gilliland commented that Ed had a lot of knowledge to share to pass down to Brandon, the same with the Fiscal Officer- UAN training, newsletter, payroll, attending Council meetings, she handles a dozen jobs... there is a lot to the job and the more time we can get with Leslie is important for the position. Councilman Zircher asked if an ordinance would then be created to appointment the new fiscal officer? Gilliland confirmed that is correct. Gilliland asked for a motion to suspend rules: Councilwoman Tennant moved, 2nd by Councilwoman Daily to suspend the rules. Roll call: Zircher, Lowery, Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay. Nays: None. Gilliland asked for a motion to pass Ordinance 24-17- Councilwoman Tennant moved, seconded by Councilwoman Ertuncay. Roll call: Zircher, Lowery, Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay. Nays: None.

Round Robin:

Brandon Roberts: Village Administrator. Working on list to the EPA and we are pretty well done with the reporting they required. Putting hour meters on a few homes to track the INI situation. EPA called and instructed us that we needed to hire a Water Plant Operator before Friday. We hired a gentleman today. We need to do the cold patching down and get the speed bumps back down.

Chief Barton: Provided monthly stats to council.

Mayor: Gilliland contacted the cemetery committee and they have had a plumber come out and fix what was wrong. Once the meter reads are done, we will have a complete picture of how much water leakage there was and move forward with a Resolution at that time.

Zircher- Nothing

Lowery- Will touch base with the Chief about the running route for the 5K. There is also a Facebook page now and registration forms are out.

Tennant- asked we are with Rolling Acres getting sidewalks. Gilliland spoke with the owners of the double lot and when we will enforce the letter. At this point, we will need to get with Mike Fultz to send another letter out.


Daily-

Ertuncay-

Gilliland then asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Daily moved, seconded by Councilman Lowery to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All Nays: None. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:33**



Grant Felbaum
President



Leslie K. DeVico
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis