

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
February 23rd, 2021

Council Members Present: Long, Tennant, Brown, Belek, Daniels(Zoom), Kidwell(Zoom).

Council Members Absent:

Present: Mayor- Eric Sandine, W.J. Barton- Chief of Police(Zoom), Amanda Wolin- Village Administrator, Dustin Camden- Interim Fiscal Officer, Jon Browning- Village Solicitor (Zoom).

Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Meeting Minutes

January 26th Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve as Amended

Motion-Tennant

2nd- Belek

6 Ayes

0 Nays

Public Comments:

Mr. Keech- Asked if Council has found a way to fill the budget after the Tax Levy was defeated? Mayor Sandine answered that there wasn't an operational budget hole there was a Capital Projects budget hole. Mr. Keech stated that if there was a need for the increase then the Village shouldn't be looking to purchase land at this time and looking forward to hearing Council speak on this.

Mayors Report:

Rumpke- Is willing to do a 1 or 2-year renewal with a \$.44 price increase for 1 year or \$.54 for 2 years. Village will absorb the increase for the 1st year if possible with a possible increase in the 2nd year. Will revisit in 6 months to see if a rate increase is needed.

Motion for a 2-year renewal.

Motion- Tennant

2nd- Brown

5 Ayes

1 Nays (Daniels)

2nd Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to contract for the services of a Mayors Court Magistrate.
3rd reading will be March 9, 2021.

Wagnalls Run Update- They have submitted there Sanitary and Stormwater plan for phase 6 and 7, and offsite road improvements for 2nd entrance and are being reviewed by engineer.

North star and Cemetery Association have come to an agreement and demolition should take about 30 days and construction should take around 30 days.

We reviewed an email from the school district concerning some road clearance issues in Stoney Bluff and Wilson Farms for buses and trash trucks. Looking into temporary no parking and see if it makes it easier for the buses.

Tom Kinick Real Estate agent has a client looking at the building next to the Pump House, and converting it to offices and wanted to see if they could get a variance for parking if needed and wanted to bring up and see if all this was possible? Mayor Sandine stated that if we could get a zoning application then we could see if a parking variance is needed and address converting it to offices.

Old Business:

1st reading of the Sherman pre annexation agreement, 2nd reading will be March 9, 2021.

Ami/meter replacement still on hold pending the lifting of Covid Restrictions.

**New Business:
Officers Report:**

Chief – Nothing

Village Administrator- We are changing Inspectors from Toole and Associates to Safe Build and using Community Core for processing of permits. We want to move away from Point and Pay and use Smart Bill for online payments. Read to Thank you cards the Village Received.

Fiscal Officer- Nothing

Village Solicitor- Nothing

Round Robin:

Brown- Had a Public Works Park and Rec meeting earlier to discuss the purchase of land at Stoney Bluff. Motion to Move forward with the Village Administrator to start contract talks with owner and draft a Contract.

Motion-Brown

2nd - Daniels

6 Ayes

0 Nays

Wanted to thank the Maintenance team and the Mayor for all the hard work clearing the streets during the recent snow events.

Daniels- Wanted to thank everyone that reached out to her family after the loss of my father.

Belek- Nothing

Long- Nothing

Kidwell- Nothing

Tennant- Thank the residents for moving vehicles when the snow started. Wanted to express our condolences to Council Member Daniels and her family after the tremendous loss they suffered and wanted to thank you for your dedication to the Village.

Public Comments:

Mr. Day- Wanted to see if a test alert could be set up so we know if it works? Mayor Sandine said he would schedule a test run of the alert system. Asked how the Village could move forward with these projects after they were voted down and then seek credibility for an issue like this in the future and how would you justify this to the Village? Mayor Sandine stated that because the levy was defeated doesn't mean we stop maintaining streets or Village owned buildings it just means repairs are done on a smaller scale. The addition of a full time police officer won't happen as that was to be matching funds to a COPS Grant. Council Member Daniels stated that there weren't any talks of objections for what the increase was being used for however the increase itself was voted down. Council Member Tennant stated the projects were not voted down, the increase itself did not pass. That doesn't mean the projects stop. Council Member Tennant Thanked Mr. Day for coming to the meetings and voicing concerns.

Mr. Keech- Thinks Residents wants the village to do these things but doesn't see the justification of spending \$400,000 on land when other projects need done? Mayor Sandine stated that Its not \$400k today its \$88,000 a year and none of the money for the land purchase comes from the street repair funds. We will still have road repair projects.

Mayor Sandine stated having no further public business to address motion to adjourn.

Motion Tennant

2nd Brown

6 Ayes

0 Nays

Meeting Adjourned.