

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2016 @ 7:30pm

Council Members Present: Barrett, Brown, Daily, Ertuncay, Gilliland

Council Members Absent: Felbaum

Present: Ted Simon-Mayor, Terra Wynkoop-Fiscal Officer, Ed VanVickle-Village Administrator, Chief Barton-Police

Mayor Simon 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. Prayers for Cyphert.

Minutes

Minutes from July 12, 2016 Regular Meetings reviewed. Gilliland moves to accept Minutes from July 12, 2016 as recorded, Seconded by Brown.

Public Comments

No Public Comments

Reports from officers

Mayor – Mayor reads Ordinance 12-16 to increase revenue, move money from the General Fund. Increase budgets for 5201-842-000 and 1000-621-000. Barrett asks if Counsel has approved. Gilliland asks if contractual services are engineering related and if Council needs to waive 2nd & 3rd reading. Gilliland moves to approve Ordinance 12-16, Seconded by Ertuncay.

Ayes: Brown, Barrett, Daily, Ertuncay, Gilliland

Nays: None

Mayor reads Ordinance 13-16 to adopt and approve amended appropriations and repeal Ordinance 10-16, funds are 5201-549-500, 1000-710-300 and 1000-740-344. Brown questions tap fees for Canal, Mayor states will take us thru the 1st of July. Gilliland moves to approve Ordinance 13-16, Seconded by Brown

Ayes: Brown, Barrett, Daily, Ertuncay, Gilliland

Nays: None

Mayor thanks Eric Sandine for all of his help, the work is complicated.

Budget Committee meeting the first part of August, need public hearing and submitted to Fairfield County by August 19, 2016. Discussion of who can and cannot attend. Budget Committee Mtg. August 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Need to set date for Zoning Meeting, brief discussion of issues. Ed has stepped down as Zoning Inspector. Conflict of interest having a Council Member acting as Zoning Inspector. Barrett do we have the money? Michael Bellick is interested. Mayor to contact.

Bloom PTO will give \$850.00 for Basketball backboards.

Barrett, who is going to be in charge of the zoning person? Ted will oversee most, except where ethical conflict is involved for him. Gilliland asks of township could help? No, very different. Mayor passes out list of incompatible, positions. Ed states have Mike Fultz should look into how to hire zoning inspector, whether contractor or employee.

Market Street, Township wants to know the status of opening. Whaley's home is an issue if one way. No one is opposed to it being opened. Mayor has a lot to investigate and look through. Barret moves to open Market

Street once the Solicitor has reviewed and with his approval. No one Seconds the Motion. Discussion takes place. Barrett rescinds his Motion.

Village Administrator - Ed Van Vickle - Consumer Confidence Report (handed out), Ed gives a brief explanation, and the report will go out in the water bill. Wagnall's Run Ph. 3 getting asphalt. Blue Bird Estates, water & sewer lines started. Creek is an issue.

Police Chief - Chief Barton - monthly stats for June and gives highlights. Passed out a letter that he sent earlier this year to the Mayor regarding issues with Jacinta and Mayor's Court. Need to hire a Clerk of Courts. Hand out regarding parking regulations and explanation. Gilliland questions length of spaces. Can it be restriped? Ed will look into the matter. Barrett, the O.R.C. lays it out. Possible to paint curbs. Issues with signage...people don't see them. Delaware Street one way, township would need to be involved. Barrett, eliminate parking on the corner. Gilliland suggests putting a mirror on a pole, Ed there are no poles. Barrett goes back to Mayor's Court, he needs figures. Scott suggests closing Mayor's Court, is there money in the budget for a Clerk. Chief explains other costs involved with contracting out. Gilliland asks if more tickets are written to locals or non-residents. Need a solution. Barrett wants figures, again.

Fiscal Officer - Nothing

Council Round Robin

Ertuncay – nothing

Brown – nothing

Felbaum – Absent

Daily – Asked about internet failure. Ted tried to explain and said he has received two different answers. He asked Eric Sandine to explain. Ted asked Eric to relinquish the site. Daily asked if people can still pay on line – yes. Daily also asked why we are not using Time Warner. Ed clarifies Time Warner does serve the Village. Marianne questions why it is still going down. Eric explains we have two networks. Ted to put on-line information in newsletter.

Gilliland – Mr. Solt issues. Chief has sent letters – certified. 10 day limit.

Barrett – Letter from John Browning – Set up escrow account to handle – we are being bullied.

Lengthy discussion takes place.

- Fire Department Water Meter, Ed has billing history and needs to review. Barrett wants free water for Fire Dept. and keeps referencing O.R.C. Barrett asks why everything has to be so difficult, Ed tries to explain. Barrett questions if it has been discussed before? Barrett quotes O.R. C. again, and questions Ted discussing it with him.
- Barrett personal opinion, we are running the fire department out of town. Questions opening Market Street again. Ed explains lawsuits are an issue. Daily questions dollar amount of "free water."
- Do we have estimates on water plant computer system? Ed clarifies the issue. It is a router problem. Barrett questions what was discussed at previous meeting. Ed explains it is a Telemetry issue. Ted has spoken with another company regarding computers.
- Has heard a rumor about moving the Beer Garden at the Honeyfest. Ted has handled this issue. Barrett questions resolution or ordinance for Honeyfest.
- Barrett was walking the Water Plant and found sediment. Ed explains it is iron and how to correct the problem. Barrett compares \$18K for pumps verses EPA fine. Ed explains it is time and money. Ted gave him permission to walk the plant.
- Mr. Simon is the Mayor, regardless what we think, he is the boss. If you don't want to work with him or help him or be a part of making this Village better, then you shouldn't be here. This is all opinion, not facts, if you don't want to be here, then you shouldn't be. He continues, we are too dependent on Eric. Ed tries to explain. Then he points the finger at Ted for not sharing. Gilliland we feel like we are under a microscope, it's the tension.

- I address Barrett's comment, he said to get him numbers, he needs numbers to decide. Canal tried to help. Chief, we have switched days, to try an alleviate stress. Chief gave out solutions. Gilliland offered to fix vehicles, no one has followed through.
- Barrett said he did not mean to offend me. Lack of respect for Ted, Ted let's go. Ed addresses Barrett that it comes down to time and money. Daily interjects. Scott offers help again. Ed tries to explain his position and conditions. Barrett tells Ed to stop, and moves to adjourn meeting while Ed is still speaking. Seconded by Gilliland.

Ayes: All No Nays Recorded.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:02 p.m.