

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021

Council Members Present: Tennant, Brown, Belek, Daniels, Kidwell

Council Members Absent: Long-arrived at 7:53pm

Present: Mayor- Eric Sandine, W.J. Barton- Chief of Police, Jon Browning- Village Solicitor, Amanda Wolin, Village Administrator, Jacinta Flowers, Fiscal Officer

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes from July 27, 2021 by Tennant 2nd by Daniels

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Public Comments:

Mr. Stertzler expressed concern about the corner at the entrance of Wagnalls Run off of Washington St. He states that gravel is washing onto the road when it rains, causing a hazard, especially to motorcycles.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Sandine shares with council Julie Camp of Forefront Web will attend the August 24th regular council meeting to present an overview of re-designing the village website.

The Mayor checked on the status of the 2021 Street Maintenance Plan this date. The beginning of the project will consist of full depth repair and should not affect traffic.

The Annexation papers for the Zwayer property have been resubmitted to the County Commissioners for approval.

A Reading of a Resolution to Accept the material terms of The One-Ohio Subdivision Settlement Pursuant to the One-Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and Consistent with the Terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement takes place

A Motion to Waive the 2nd and 3rd Readings by Daniels 2nd by Tennant

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion to Approve Resolution 01-21and Declaring an Emergency by Daniels 2nd by Tennant

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

A Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Village Administrator to execute a Letter of Intent (LoI) to Acquire Property for Future Intersection Realignment takes place

A Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd Readings by Tennant 2nd by Belek

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

A Motion to approve Ordinance 21-21 and Declaring an Emergency by Belek 2nd by Kidwell

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Mayor Sandine shares with council an inquiry by a resident regarding implementing a golf cart program in the village similar to the program that exists in Canal Winchester. Chief Barton explains the rules for a program of that type. Councilmember Daniels expresses concern of residents driving on Elder Ln even though it is not permitted. The Mayor points out that there would be no access to the middle of town from most of the Subdivisions. A discussion takes place regarding the possibilities of implementing this type of program.

A Motion to explore the Golf Cart program in detail by Belek 2nd by Brown

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: Long

The Mayor states several residents contacted the office about the new owner of Key West Wings painting the brick façade.

The Mayor shares with council the existing Historical Building Ordinance and asks if council is interested in revising the ordinance to have more restrictions on what changes can be made to the historical buildings in the village. A discussion takes place on what changes have taken place in the past and to what extent council wants control of changes made.

The Mayor agrees to bring examples of Historical Ordinances.

Mayor Sandine stated he had a resident call this week asking about emergency language in an ordinance. The Mayor recapped when and why we use emergency language. Mr. Stertzler shares his disagreement with the use of emergency language. As the Mayor attempts to move on a mumbling from the gallery occurs.

Councilmember Daniels states that she heard foul language from the gallery and shares that according to the Sunshine Law the public has a right to hear council but not a right to be heard. If this type of behavior continues it will not be tolerated and the president of council will ask the individual(s) to leave. The Mayor states we have always tried to run our meetings informally and would prefer to stay that way if behaviors allow. Daniels agreed if behaviors allow.

Old Business:

A Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Village Administrator to Execute Such Documents Necessary For The Implementation of the Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) Program takes place.

The Mayor shares the quote received by Ferguson for the implementation of the newer technology to update the existing meters and explains the benefits of the new system.

A Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd Readings by Tennant 2nd by Long

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

A Motion to approve Ordinance 22-21 and Declaring an Emergency by Belek 2nd by Kidwell

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

A 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Permitting the use of Village Sidewalks and Right of Ways for Café and Non-permanent Amenities takes place.

A Motion to Waive the 3rd Reading by Belek 2nd by Long

Ayes: 2

Nays: 4

Motion Failed. A 3rd Reading will take place at the August 24th Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Tennant voices concerns of this type of use during events with large groups of people. The Mayor points out the sidewalks in the area included in this ordinance are 3x the size required. The majority of council would like to review the Standards and Regulations before passing this Ordinance. Sandine agrees to provide another copy of the draft of the Standards and Regulations. Sandine asks council what direction they want to go as far as implementing the Standards and Regulations. Do they want them as a Policy of the Village, which gives the Administrator authority to make changes as needed or as an Ordinance, which requires amending the Ordinance through council to make changes? A discussion continues regarding details and clarification.

A 2nd Reading of an Ordinance establishing the Regulations and Disbursements for the Lithopolis American Rescue Act Program takes place.

A Motion to waive the 3rd Reading by Brown 2nd by Daniels

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

A Motion to Approve Ordinance 23-21 and Declaring an Emergency by Brown 2nd by Daniels

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Mayor Sandine reviews Zoning Code changes and new addition of a conditional use category sponsored by Councilmember Kidwell. The Mayor presents to council the proposed language to include in the Zoning Code pertaining to Small Box Variety Stores.

A Motion to include the Small Box Variety Stores language in the Zoning Code by Tennant 2nd by Belek

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The Mayor informs council that the closing for the Stoney Bluff property is on Friday.

Mayor Sandine presents the Quote from CT Consultants for installing crosswalks on Columbus St.

Fairfield County gave the OK to putting larger signs at the intersection of Lithopolis Rd. and Cedar Hill. Mrs. Jewel suggests adding 25 mph speed limit to the existing signs. The Mayor agrees to mention it to the county.

New Business: No new business

Officers Report:

Chief - Nothing

Village Administrator - Nothing

Fiscal Officer – Nothing

Round Robin:

Belek- nothing

Brown- Suggests for people in attendance to share the stormwater survey in their neighborhoods. Thank you to the Mayor for obtaining the quote for crosswalks, it is an important issue to pursue.

Kidwell – Reminds of Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday August 24th at 6:00.

Long – Suggests that the crosswalks will potentially take away the possibility of outside seating at Das Coffee Haus.

Daniels- Shares there is a training given by ADAMH to identify mental health issues taking place on Friday 8:30 – 4:30. Details are on their website.

Tennant- Nothing

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

Motion by Kidwell 2nd by Daniels

Ayes: ALL

Nays: None