

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2021 @ 7:30pm

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

Council Members Absent:

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

Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept Minutes from May 25, 2021

Motion Tennant 2nd Brown

Ayes: Tennant, Belek, Brown, Long, Kidwell

Abstain: Daniels

Nays: None

Public Comments:

Seeing none we will move on with Agenda items.

Mayors Report:

Ordinance 17-21: An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Jacinta Flowers to the position of Fiscal Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 733.262 of the Revised Code and declaring an emergency.

Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings

Motion Brown 2nd Belek

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion to approve Ord. 17-21

Motion Brown 2nd Long

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Ordinance 18-21: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 1099 contract to provide services to the Fiscal Officer during the transition to new Fiscal Officer and declaring an emergency.

Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings

Motion Belek 2nd Long

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion to approve Ordinance 18-21

Motion Tennant 2nd Long

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion to temporarily adjourn and move to public hearing

Motion Tennant 2nd Long

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Public hearing conducted to review the 2022 tax budget. The 2022 tax budget has been available for public viewing for the last 30 days.

No Comments

Motion to close public hearing

Motion Long 2nd Kidwell

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Ordinance 19-21: An ordinance adopting and approving the 2022 Tax Budget for the Village of Lithopolis

Motion to approve Ord. 19-21

Motion Belek 2nd Kidwell

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Mayor states the 2021 Street Maintenance Plan contract is signed. Waiting on dates from contractor for their availability. Amanda asks for sign up information to be put on the village Facebook page as a reminder to residents.

Mayor reads memo containing zoning chronology for corner parcel located in front of Wagnalls Run subdivision. Belek asks when the parcel changed hands from Fridleys. Mayor said when Dominion purchased the land to develop the subdivision the parcel was separated from the subdivision. A public meeting will take place with developer at a later date. Mr. Sterzer voices concerns about what comes with the existence of Dollar General. Daniels points out Mr. Sterzer can discuss his concerns with the developer. His concerns cannot influence the village's response to the developer. Mayor Sandine states that the property is going to be developed by a commercial buyer at some point. No matter what business initially goes in, the developer owns the building. The actual business or businesses can change over time.

Inspection Contract for inspections of Wagnalls Run Phases 6 & 7.

A Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to execute a contract with CT Consultants for construction inspector.

Motion Belek 2nd Daniels

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Update on Zawyer property. Developer has started the annex process. Mayor explains the process to council.

Retirement exemptions reported by RITA is 66.

Mayor states there are policy changes in the works. He recommends the day after Thanksgiving be added as a holiday this year to offset missing Juneteenth. Changes to the Zoning Code are in the works as well.

2 businesses have requested sidewalk use for outside seating. They will need to go through an application process for approval. The Mayor is working on standards for it.

The village is looking into a website design update. We received a quote of \$20,000.00 to bring the website current. Amanda offers to email the quote to council members for their review.

Mayor states we will need to have an Executive Session at the July 13th council meeting to discuss the wastewater contract with Canal Winchester.

Old Business:

AMI/meter replacement – information has been supplied to the vendor and working on financing plan. We need to determine continuing use of deduct meters. The cost does not justify the continued use. All new builds will have a pit meter installed moving forward. A Contingency Fund will need to be included in the new budget to update meters in “old village”.

New Business:

Officers Report:

Chief

Chief Barton introduced Maddie Muncie to council. She is on 2nd shift for the department. Seeking a 3rd shift officer.

Working on a grant to purchase new body cameras.

Daniels asked the chief about status of break ins in the village. The chief explains that they are always on alert however, it is very important for residents to make sure to keep garage doors closed and car doors locked.

Tennant asked what residents should do during 3rd shift hours until an officer can be hired. Chief Barton explained that the Fairfield County Sheriff’s department has an officer available for the village during those hours.

Village Administrator

Pre-Construction meeting will take place Thursday, July 1, 2021 for Wagnalls Run Phases 6 & 7. Road widening on Lithopolis Rd will take place to accommodate increased traffic.

The Village will purchase 25 flags and will have all flags up by July 4th. A boom lift has been leased to help get the flags up. The lift will also be used to clean and paint the iron filter.

Fiscal Officer - Nothing

Round Robin:

Brown- Welcomes Jacinta and asks if she will be attending Public Records training. She says yes. Asks the mayor if there will be any spraying for mosquitos in the village. Mayor says there will not be any spraying. He explains that spraying from the road does very little and aerial spraying is looked down upon due to the possibility of residents being outside when the spraying takes place. Asks about DORA for Honeyfest. Mayor states that with the closing of the brewery it would be difficult to qualify for one right now.

Daniels-

Belek- Asks about the status of El Pedegral opening back up. Mayor states that the ball is in their court. They recently had sewer issues that needed addressed. Amanda explained with it being an older building there were upgrades necessary to receive permits.

Long- Nothing

Kidwell- Asks about status of cell phone tower. Mayor states that it is not quite ready. Waiting on cell phone companies to do what they need to do.

Tennant- Says that Minutes are not updated on website. The Mayor explains that they are located in a different area of the website which is part of the reason for the necessity of design update.

Mayor addresses people attending on Zoom and asks if there are any questions. No questions asked.

Mr. Green asks if dates of meetings and other pertinent village information can be posted on the website rather than on Facebook. Amanda informs him that the council meetings are every 2nd & 4th Tues. of each month. If a change is made a notice will be posted in 5 different locations around town.

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

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Motion Tennant 2nd Kidwell

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0