

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14, 2022**

**Council Members Present:** Belek, Daniels, Long, Tennant

**Council Members Absent:** Brown, Greene (arrived at 19:03)

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

**Call**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Moment of Silence**

**Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to approve Minutes from May 24, 2022 by Belek 2<sup>nd</sup> Long  
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: Tennant

**Public Comments:** Seeing none we will move on with Agenda items.

**Mayors Report:**

The Mayor informs council there will not be an update on the AMI meters due to Amanda being on vacation.

Mayor Sandine shares with council an update on the 2021/2022 Street project including the streets that will be done.

Scheduling of the Parks & Rec Sub Committee meeting is postponed until councilmember Brown is present.

The Mayor shares with council an update on the Stone City Storage. Informs council they will likely be seeing a conditional use application in the near future.

Sandine shares with council changes being made to the Employee Manual. There will be an Ordinance at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Old Business:**

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Resolution 06-22 A Resolution indicating a need for increased revenue to support 24/7 policing in the Village of Lithopolis takes place.

A Motion to approve Resolution 06-22 by Tennant 2<sup>nd</sup> Long  
Ayes: 4 Nays: Greene

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 11-22 An Ordinance adopting and authorizing an increase in the Village Income Tax Rate from one percent to one and one-half percent(1% to 1.5%) takes place.

A Motion to approve Ordinance 11-22 by Long 2<sup>nd</sup> Tennant  
Ayes: 4 Nays: Greene

Councilmember Tennant points out that this ordinance only approves putting the proposed increase on the November ballot. It does not approve the actual increase. Mayor Sandine explains that because the increase will bring the tax rate above 1% it must be voted on by the residents. The vote will not only determine whether to increase the tax rate but will also indicate whether residents generally support 24/7 policing in the village.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 04-11 and Adopting New Utility Regulations takes place.

The Mayor gives an update on the Peter's lot splits. He has inquired about details of the plans and is waiting for a response.

### **Officers Report:**

**Chief** – Chief Barton introduces his newest officer, Elijah Schmelzer.

### **Fiscal Officer**

A Reading of an ordinance adopting and approving a 2022 Supplemental Revenue Increase and Appropriations Budget takes place.

A Motion to approve Ordinance 12-22 by Belek 2<sup>nd</sup> Long  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

### **Round Robin:**

**Belek-** shares his experience at the Alice Smith Preserve with the scouts and what a good job is being done. Mayor Sandine points out that the village had some work done by a Forestry Cutter to clean up the trails. Belek asks if it is necessary for council to revisit parking on both sides of the street in the subdivisions. He questions if this is a concern for the majority of residents or just one individual. The Mayor explains that the Fire Chief will be coming to the next council meeting to share his thoughts on the issue. A discussion takes place.

**Brown-** absent

**Greene** – thank you to the chief for keeping an eye on his house while on vacation. Thank you to Mr. Browning for the email. He shares a quick reference guide from the Fairfield County Re-entry Coalition containing contact information for Mental Health resources available to the public.

**Long** – nothing

**Daniels-** clarifies that sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner. Asks what is the appropriate way to enforce upkeep of the sidewalks. The Mayor responds there is an enforcement process in the Basic Code. A discussion takes place.

**Tennant-** says the Village looked great for Memorial Day with the flags and flowers. The Mental Health sub committee flyer contains very good resources for the public.

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

A Motion to adjourn by Tennant 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Ayes: All No Nays recorded.