

MINUTES OF THE April 19th, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Darlene Steele called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Council members present: Doug Eakins, Gene Sidner, Sheila Nelson, Randy Otis, Cory Coburn, Jim King, Darlene Steele. Also attending were Mayor Scott Hockenbery, Finance Director Jack Herrel, and Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council Kristina Eitel.

Prayer by Doug Eakins

Pledge of Allegiance led by Cory Coburn

Motion to make a change to the Agenda by moving section B to section A under New Business by Sheila Nelson and seconded by Jim King.

Roll Call – All Yeas

Motion to adopt the agenda by Sheila Nelson and seconded by Randy Otis.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to adopt the minutes of the March 15th, 2010 Council meeting by Sheila Nelson and seconded by Jim King.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Recognition of Guests:

A. Mr. Bill Mullett attended council meeting to discuss the upcoming 9.5 mill school levy coming up for renewal in May. This levy passed 25 years ago and renews every 5 years. He stated this levy is critical for the schools to continue to operate. Mr. Mullett stated he would appreciate the Village and community support. Gene Sidner asked how much room does the High School have left before it's considered full? Mr. Mullett replied that they are pretty full now. They did previously have space and this was the reason they accepted Open Enrollment so they could fill up the classrooms without having to hire additional staff. They now have 25 kids per classroom and they now don't have any more room. He also stated that the Open Enrollment allowed 6-7 kids per grade level.

B. Alan Farley attended council meeting to go over any questions council may have regarding the resolutions listed under new business for this week's meeting. Discussion listed below.

Old Business:

Darlene Steele scheduled a Public Hearing on May 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers to discuss allegations made by the Mayor during the last council meeting held on April 5th, 2010.

Review resident concerns from last meeting. (None)

New Business:

Resolution 10-026, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the Street Contractual Services fund (2011-620-300-0000).

Discussion: Mayor Hockenbery mentioned additional mowers are needed due to ODOT requiring the Village to mow the land we annexed which is out of the right-away and they claim we are now responsible to mow this area. Darlene Steele asked what portion are we responsible for and Mayor Hockenbery replied the Freeway to route 40 including both sides of route 29 and route 142 heading to and from London. Alan Farley mentioned out to Henrys Restaurant and Byerly on 29 as well. Doug Eakins questioned why the State is requiring us to mow but they are still maintaining the roadways (salt, pot holes, etc.). Mayor Hockenbery replied that ODOT will still maintain roadways within Village limits however we are required to mow. Mr. Eakins recommended that the Public Service Department look over all the bids to make sure there isn't a more cost efficient way to get this equipment. Mayor Hockenbery stated

that Alan Farley is here to answer any questions council may have due to research he has been working on with Harold walker to come up with the best solution. Mr. Eakins stated he has come across a program through Urbana Farmers Equipment for a \$1.00 per month brand new lease on a tractor. This would be \$12.00 a year fee and once we reach a 200 hour limit we will be able to turn the equipment in and get it replaced for a new one. He stated he has all the contact information regarding this program and is aware of a few counties taking advantage of this program including Pike Township. Mayor Hockenbery stated that this sounds like a great idea and we should look into it. Darlene Steele asked for Mr. Eakins to get information to Alan Farley to look into. Council further discussed the need for two tractors and what type of equipment we are now in possession of. Mr. Farley mentioned that we did not buy a used tractor. The Village purchased a Rear Frail for \$1000.00. They cleaned this equipment up and can now mow with it but it will take up more time. He also mentioned that it took 7 days to mow the pool and parks. Mr. Eakins asked council how much money was spent last year on mowing. Mayor Hockenbery replied \$12,000.00. Mr. Eakins also suggested the Public Service department look over everything first as a committee before any decision is made. Jim Kings asked when would the equipment be ready, Mr. Farley replied he can pick up the equipment now but cannot guarantee they will hold this equipment for us.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-026, by Randy Otis and seconded by Jim King.

Roll Call- Yeas; Coburn, King, Steele, Sidner, Nelson, Otis. Nays; Eakins

Resolution Passes

Resolution 10-025, a resolution authorizing the Service Director to purchase a tractor and attachments from JD Equipment, 1660 US Route 42 North, London, Ohio 43140 at state contract prices at a cost of \$65,351.23.

Discussion: Doug Eakins suggested this piece of business be tabled until council can research to guarantee this would be the best and most cost efficient way to handle the mowing situation. Darlene Steele mentioned that we need to move quickly due to the roadways and parks looking unacceptable. Randy Otis mentioned that he will get with Harold Walker and the Public Service Committee to schedule a meeting. Darlene Steele added that this Resolution covers the mowing from 29 to the Freeways to route 40.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-025, by Darlene Steele and seconded by Gene Sidner.

Roll Call – Yeas; Sidner, King. Nays; Eakins, Nelson, Otis, Coburn, Steele.

Resolution Fails

Resolution 10-027, authorizing the Service Director to purchase a zero turn mower with attachments from Friesen Fab & Equipment, Plain City, Ohio at a cost of \$13,846.06.

Discussion: Randy Otis stated that council needs to move quickly on this because the Parks and Pool are overgrown. He also mentioned that Alan Farley had to use his personal mower to get the job completed when they previously mowed. Doug Eakins added that we need this equipment right away but still would like to see if council could find more cost efficient way.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-027, by Darlene Steele and seconded by Sheila Nelson.

Roll Call – All Yeas

Committee Reports:

Finance: Darlene Steele mentioned that there will be a follow up meeting held tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. downstairs in the council chambers.

Police: None

Employee Benefits: None

Public Service: Randy Otis mentioned he will be arranging a meeting soon.

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: None

Special Events: Cory Coburn mentioned that he will have the minutes ready by next meeting. Committee decided to post pone the “Helping Hands” project scheduled in May until later this fall. Mr. Coburn discussed details to what the Helping Hands project will involve. He also mentioned that “Child Safety Day” being held on May 22nd was moved to Converse Park from Garrett Park.

Director of Finance Report: Jack Herrel mentioned that the month to month revenue is up due to income tax returns and that he was not sure why and that he will have to ask Income Tax Director Debbie Chaffins. He also added that we received a settlement from the County Auditor the first of March.

Director of Public Service Report: None

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: None

Mayor’s Report and Recognition: None

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Kristina Eitel mentioned to council that in the future due to changes they will be seeing legislation in the form of Resolutions that they may be used to receiving as an Ordinance. Doug Eakins stated to council that he has been receiving complaints from residents regarding Fellows Avenue. Council replied Harold Walker is working on the issues out there. Cory Coburn asked how the items were coming regarding the annexation project and the IGA. Mayor Hockenbery stated everything is moving along and should have information for the next council meeting. Doug Eakins inquired about the traffic light between Fry and Fellow receiving the timer. Mayor Hockenbery stated the engineers looked at the current configurations and a timer would not be possible, we would have to add new signals. Sheila Nelson asked if we have anyone at the Pool yet. Mayor Hockenbery stated he is meeting with someone on Wednesday to discuss everything regarding the job requirements and could be hired that day. He also mentioned that he has talked with the managers and employees and we did get our permit for the concession stand.

Additional Business: Jack Herrel asked Darlene Steele to make a motion to approve then and now purchase orders under motion to pay bills.

Motion to pay bills by Jim King and seconded by Randy Otis.

Voted by Acclamation of Council

Motion to approve “Then and Now” Certificates over \$3,000.00 by Doug Eakins and seconded by Sheila Nelson.

Voted by acclamation of Council

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by Sheila Nelson and seconded by Doug Eakins.

Voted by Acclamation of Council

Clerk of Council

President of Council