08/08/2023

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, August 08, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ewing opened the meeting with everyone standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ewing asked for Roll Call of all Councilmembers with the following members responding:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor Glenn Ewing

Administration: Interim Administrator Bob Lindhorst, Clerk of Council Kelley Snider

Department Heads: Police Chief Eric Williams

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann

Guests present in Council Chambers

(Residents) Lisa Tharpe, Donna Prues and Kerry Stamper/Front Street Café Owner, Gary Skeene. (Zoom) Bobbi Phillips, Sophie Woodruff, Sargent Jason Mallott

COMMUNICATIONS:

Kerry Stamper: Requesting additional street closures at Susanna to Skippers and Western up to Washington. (no cars will be leaving during the car show). Councilperson Allen made a motion to extend the street closures to include Western to Washington and Susanna up to Hotel.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

No parking signs will go up the night before the event. Kerry will communicate with the local businesses about the No Parking and Street Closures.

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 25,2023 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Prues motioned to approve Minutes of the Regular Council meeting with corrections to the Minutes with corrections; seconded by Councilmember Dalton, Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Finance - Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

- 1. Interest earned from StarOhio for July was \$5,076.03.
- 2. Resolution to Proceed has passed and been filed. Awaiting confirmation from the board of Elections.
- 3. We've received the 1st advance of the 2nd Half Real Estate Taxes Totaling \$220, 546.77
 - \$34,692.09 General Fund
 - \$80,440.67 Police Department
 - \$25,944.50 Fire
 - \$79,479.51 EMS
- 4. Appropriations are basically on track except the planned gaps in Police & Fire/EMS
- 5. Received Duke Estimates for Vesper Park in the amount of \$42,531. There's money in two places that can help with the costs.
 - Vesper Park Fund \$11,865.21
 - 2021 Community Park Improvement Grant \$11,025.00
 - ARPA Funds could be used, but Councilman Dalton doesn't want this to be used for this purpose. The anticipated monthly cost for the electricity once the lights are installed is \$87.00 per month.

*The Committee has reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month July 2023. Motion: Motion to pay the bills.

Councilperson Allen made a motion to pay the bills. Second by Councilperson Prues.

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u> Larry Prues <u>Yes</u> Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u> Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u> Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u> Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

Bob Lindhorst asked about an update from a conversation with ORW executives and she said she hasn't had a chance to talk with anyone yet due to a family medical emergency. Councilperson Dalton stated he has a meeting with the ORW Director, Brewster Rhodes, this week about the Appalachian Region Grant Program and would ask him when he had that meeting.

Police Department - Police Chief, Eric Williams

Chief Williams shared information about Sergeant Jason Mallott being placed on Administrative Leave. Council members present, felt we should abide with the information provided by our Solicitor, Scott Solman and agreed with Chief Williams' actions to date.

Police Chief Eric Williams:

17 Total, 7 speed - 10 other

Announced on Facebook we will be partnering with Bethel Police Department to host a Citizens Police Academy. This will be Sept-Nov 2023.

RiverDays was a safe event.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp: / Not Present

Mayor Glenn Ewing Theresa Leigh is stepping down as the Chair of Planning Commission due to her husband being ill. Brian Bailey will step up and be the Chair, Erica Willis will be the $1^{\rm st}$ Alternate and Theresa Leigh will be the $2^{\rm nd}$ Alternate.

Councilperson Woodruff made a motion to make Brian Bailey the Chair of Planning commission, Erica Willis $1^{\rm st}$ Alternate and Theresa Leigh $2^{\rm nd}$ Alternative. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues <u>Yes</u>

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Nothing to Report

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues Inquired about the Planning Commission with updating the zoning documents. Per Councilperson Dalton looking to do comprehensive document (West Union has a good system-user friendly). The reason it was asked is because when going to door to door in the new subdivisions, he noticed that the sidewalks were already damaged and needing repair.

Ryan Woodruff – Planning Commission requested an extension on the moratorium for 6 months so we can gather some more information regarding Drug Rehabs and Dispensaries.

Councilperson Dalton made a motion to extension on the moratorium for 6 months so we can gather some more information regarding Drug Rehabs and Dispensaries. Second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Mary Allen <u>Yes</u> Richard Feldkamp <u>Yes</u> Larry Prues <u>Yes</u> Jon Tharpe <u>Yes</u> Dennis Dalton <u>Yes</u> Ryan Woodruff <u>Yes</u>

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm