

11/14/2023

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, November 28th at 7pm.

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 Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor Glenn Ewing

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

Department Heads: Fire/EMS Tim Feldkamp, Police Chief Eric Williams

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann / Absent / Prior Work Commitment

Guests present in Council Chambers

Resident: Scott Wolf and Dave Stigler, Fire/EMS

Non-Village Resident: Christine McAdams/NRBA President

Zoom: Joey Vogel and Bobbi Phillips/Utility Clerk, Village Residents

COMMUNICATIONS:

Christine McAdams: Discussion on the Christmas Walk. Brought in new maps. Would like the parade route to go from Soccer fields up thru town. It would only be for the vehicles. Walkers would meet up on Front Street. There was a lengthy discussion on this. There were some concerns. It was determined that this year it would not go across highway, but would take the normal parade route ending at Western. We will discuss this further next year. The event Itinerary will most likely be updated. The accord on its way. Noted that vendors and businesses are not being charged to participate.

Council Dalton made a motion to close Front Street to Susanna and Walnut to Western for the River Village Christmas on Saturday December 2nd. Second by Councilperson Allen.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

MINUTES:

Minutes of the October 24th, 2023, Regular Council meeting was presented for approval.

Councilperson Dalton made motion to approve Minutes of the October 24th, 2023, Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp, Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mary Allen Abstain

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

COMMITTEE REPORT

Personnel & Finance Committee Report from November 6th.

Finance - Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin

1. Interest earned from StarOhio October was \$5,387.82.
2. We reviewed the monthly reports.
3. The State Auditor's Office is still working on the 2021-2022 Audit.
4. Joel had some additional information from Duke for street light replacement.
5. Joel shared some information on the medical insurance quote he received.
6. Joel asked if there were any additional wage increases for 2024. There was discussion of giving two specific employees a 5% salary adjustment in January 2024.

***The Committee has reviewed all checks and electronic payments for the month**

October 2023. Motion: Motion to pay the bills.

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

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Village Administration - Interim Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst

Bob was absent.

Police Department - Police Chief, Eric Williams

Chief Williams didn't have anything.

Fire/EMS Department - Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Chief Feldkamp didn't have anything. He did state that he'd be on vacation and would miss the next council meeting.

Per recommendation of Chief Feldkamp, he would like to terminate Tel Becker /Fire Fighter/Medic immediately. She was in the midst of completing her new 1year probation, and can be terminated without cause.

Councilperson Allen made motion to terminate Tel Becker /Fire Fighter/Medic immediately. She was in the midst of completing her new 1year probation, and can be terminated without cause. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst:

Would like to have Councilperson Allen make a motion to terminate Nick Hadley, Street Department Lead, immediately.

Councilperson Allen made motion to terminate Nick Hadley November 16th, 2023. He was in the midst of completing his new 90-day probation and can be terminated without cause. Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Submitted (3) State Capital Bill Applications on Friday 11/3:

- Augusta Boat Ramp & Dock \$1.87M
- Liberty Landing Ph2A \$1.99M
- Quarry Street Kayak/Canoe Ramp/Dock \$157K

- ✓ Restrooms have been winterized.
- ✓ Dog Park fountains have been winterized.
- ✓ Hausserman Park drinking fountain winterized.
- ✓ Boat docks pulled out and stored.

- ✓ 857 meters installed as of Monday about 85%+ complete, should be wrapped up by early December.
- Bobbi Phillips our Utility Clerk – Per Kelley it takes about 1.5 hours.
- Hiccups fixed. - yes

Skipper Notice of termination of lease (license) by Gary Blanton.

- Moving it to Maysville.
- When is it being moved? When river is high enough and they have contacted a company that will move it.
- Paperwork was sent to Scott Sollmann and will figure out what documentation is needed and find out about the tanks.
- Councilperson Dalton wished them well.
- Will find out about the gas tank and the electric
- Lease starts January 22 and will be due on Jan 2024. Will get with Joel Gilpin, Fiscal Officer.
- Councilperson Allen pointed out state of the riverbank, they will need to clean it up.

Tim Caldwell wants to purchase the property at 208 Susanna Way and has already purchased the property at 212 Susanna Way.

- The issue with purchasing 208 there was a resolution passed 2021-21 TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TO CAUSE REMOVAL OF SUCH LAWFUL CONDITIONS IF SAID OWNERS(S) FAILS TO DO SO WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF NOTICE
- Mentioned in Planning Commission Meeting about lifting or abolish the resolution.
- I spoke with Mr. Caldwell about having a MOU between him and the village.
- Does not want to purchase if its going to be torn town.
- He did send a timeline of what he wants to do with the property/Documents attached.
- Councilperson Dalton discussed the back taxes and would like a viable plan.
- Councilperson Allen would like to see it restored but wants the details.
- Will invite him to a meeting.
- The plans are to fix it up for his family.
- Scott Sollmann, our solicitor will have all the information on this.

Police Chief Eric Williams:

- Thanked council for supporting the police on the levy and congratulated Fire Dept.
- \$10,000 (correction on the \$ amount) grant, thru state. Minus matching funds for body armor. In the next few weeks get fitted and ordered.

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp: /Absent/Vacation

- David Stigler/Scott Wolf: Per Chief Feldkamp, Thanked the village and council for supporting to levy, will help the Police Department to get the next levy passed.
- Per Councilperson Prues it was still a team win with one levy passing.

Mayor Glenn Ewing:

- Wanted to confirm second meeting in December typically is cancelled.
Councilperson Dalton asked that we wait till the December 12th meeting to decide.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: Absent/Prior Work Commitment.

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider: Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

- No readings

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues –

- When highway went in divided village and liked the idea of having parade on the OLD 52 side. Was sad that we shied away from that. But does understand.

Ryan Woodruff – Absent

Richard Feldkamp – Absent

Jon Tharpe – Nothing to report.

Mary Allen –

- Thought the parade was a great idea, figure out how to make it work next year.
- Thanked Council for the flowers, cards, and text after losing her dad.
- Congratulated Mayor Ewing, Councilperson Prues and Council

Dennis Dalton

- Commended Mary for her hard work on the levy.
- Commended Councilperson Prues for his work on projects, along with Bob Lees and Bob Lindhorst.
- Discussed Capital Spending Budget with Adam Bird, and he was confident we will get something for each project.
- Had a Kick of meeting with KZF and engineers. Very impressive.

Councilperson Prues motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm seconded by Councilperson Dalton. **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

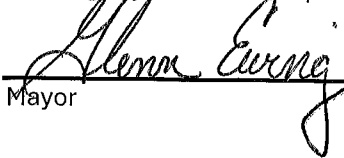
Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Absent

Jon Tharpe Yes

Ryan Woodruff Absent

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm


Mayor


Council Clerk