**July 23rd, 2019**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. **Present** - Mayor Ramona Carr; Council Members: Mary Allen, Gary Skeene, Paul Vanderbosch, Melanie Slade, Richard Feldkamp and Becky Ploucha; Village Administrator, Greg Roberts; Solicitor, Scott Sollmann; Interim Police Chief, Mike Couch; Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee and Clerk of Council, Theresa Leigh.

**Also attending**:

David Vornholt – 310 Susanna Way

Todd Wuerdeman – 300 Susanna Way

Minutes of the July 09th, 2019 Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Mary Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of the July 9th, 2019 Regular Council meeting; seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mrs. Slade: yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes Ms. Allen: yes

**Visitors**

**David Vornholt –** David asked if there were any decisions made concerning the painting and repair of the wall. Mayor Carr stated it is still being researched. David also wanted to let everyone know the shanty boat will be open until 8:30 tonight.

**Todd Wuerdeman** – Can we turn Plenty St., from Susanna to Washington St. into a one-way during River Days. Richard Feldkamp relayed that road would be closed for River Days.

**Administrator’s Report - Greg Roberts, Village Administrator**:

**Secret History of American River People Project**: A replica shanty boat is currently docked at Skipper’s Marina. It represents a six year project created by Wes Modes, an art professor from northern California, to chronicle the culture and challenges of the people who live along America’s inland waterways. Hosted by Historic New Richmond, the boat and team have an open house until 8pm this evening.

**River Level**: The river level has gone down (at least for the time being) to permit repair of the collapsed culvert on the riverbanks next to the Veteran’s Memorial and to finally install the floating dock at the boat launch. The fixed concrete dock is still under water.

**RiverDays**: Reminder that RiverDays will take place August 2, 3 & 4. It has been changed this year from the third weekend in August. Much effort has gone into promoting this year’s event.

**Interim Chief of Police, Mike Couch**:

* Chief Couch provided the NRPD bi-weekly updates (July 9 to July 23), including:
* 2 felony arrests
* 12 traffic citations
* 6 K-9 Officer Patriot assists

**Fire Chief – Vince Bee**: Chief Bee said the defib device should be delivered this Thursday. Too, with the help of Mr. Painter, the Fire Dept. received 8 free doses of Narcan from the Clermont County Health Dept. Chief Bee said he is working with Casey Gilpin on a RiverDays incident action plan.

**Ramona Carr, Mayor**: The Mayor asked Chief Couch if the dogs at 630 Willow have been removed. *The Chief said he would check the status.* Renee Scott, a neighbor to the property, said they are still there; she would like to see a deadline given for their removal.

**Scott Sollmann, Solicitor**: Nothing to report

**Theresa Leigh, Clerk of Council:** Nothing to report

**LEGISLATION**

**First Reading:**

**Second Reading:**

ORDINANCE 2019-08 ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING SCHEDULE NUMBERS TO THE NEW RICHMOND RECORDS RETENTION MANUAL

**Third Reading:**

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Paul Vanderbosch** – Paul asked if the fire hydrant near 407 Union St. has been fixed. *Greg replied that it has.* Paul also asked if we’ve been in touch with Ohio or Pierce TWPs about helping with the mowing and clean-up of Bethel-New Richmond Rd. and Short Hill. *Greg said that he has been in touch with Ohio TWP and is awaiting a response before he contacts Pierce TWP. Pierce TWP has been more than generous to us in the past.* Paul asked Chief Couch for information about the New Richmond Police Officer’s Association. *Chief Couch said Sgt. Mallott would be able to provide information about this non-profit.*

**Mary Allen –** Mary has been hearing quite a bit from residents concerned about litter, junk cars and such. She wonders if a reminder in our newsletter on how to be a good neighbor might help.

**Becky Ploucha –** nothing to report

**Gary Skeene –** Gary said his wife showed their grandson the bi-weekly New Richmond Police reports and he was so impressed by all the work the police in our community do.

**Richard Feldkamp –** Richard said there is a long list of complaints regarding cars posted on Facebook. I hope these are addressed and taken care of if found in violation. Too, Richard said let’s hope and pray for good weather for RiverDays.

**Melanie Slade** **–** nothing to report

**Comments from audience**: None

Gary Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Slade: yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Ploucha: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes Ms. Allen: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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**Mayor Clerk of Council**