

06-28-2022

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor, at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond, Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 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 Council with the following members responding:

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>

Present in Council Chambers: Mayor Glenn Ewing; Administration: Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider; Department Heads: Police Chief Mike Couch, Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp; Sgt. Jason Mallott

Guests present (*resident):

Bev Lewis, Village Resident, Kurtis Boggs, Village Resident, Gary Skeene, Village Resident, Tonja Simmons, Village Resident, Sophie Woodruff, Village Resident, Nancy Swats, Village Resident, Donna Prues, Village Resident, Lance Sizemore, Property Owner/Business Owner, Amanda Wheeler, Business Owner, David Painter, Village Resident/County Commissioner, Chris Hicks, Non-Village Resident.

COMMUNICATIONS

Gary Skeene: The rumor mill is bad, no chance of keeping a job and its wrong.
Lance Sizemore: Questioned his bid on the ball fields, Mayor Ewing has heard nothing

MINUTES

Minutes of the **June 14, 2022**, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

Councilmember Feldkamp motioned to approve the Minutes of June 28, 2022, Regular Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Prues, **Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

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>

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Village Administrator

Councilperson Allen motioned to make Bob Lindhorst interim Administrator, until further notice with pay rate staying the same, second by Councilperson Dalton.

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>

Councilperson Allen motioned to reclassify Jason Mallott as Interim Police Chief, until further notice with pay rate staying the same, Second by Councilperson Dalton

Mary Allen Yes Larry Prues Yes Dennis Dalton Yes
Richard Feldkamp Yes Jon Tharpe Yes Ryan Woodruff Yes

Police Chief Mike Couch

Hand out of accreditations
Hand out of Crime Data from 2017 to current
Enjoyed working with the best
He was thanked for years of service

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp

Nothing to report

Mayor Glenn Ewing

- Received a call from Chad with Duke Energy - he has a cornerstone from when Beckjord – would we want it – yes.
- If we provide Duke with overgrown trees, they will take care of it. We will start compiling a list.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:

The Village website/Zoom has been down since Greg has left; we are working on a new service to use for council meetings

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Third Reading: ORDINANCE 2022-06 RIVERVIEW BLUFF, ORDINANCE DECLARING TO BE PUBLIC PURPOSE CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-06, seconded by Councilmember Feldkamp 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

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues:

Nothing to report

Dennis Dalton

- Requested to move the video call for Council Meetings to YouTube and retain for at least 3 years Councilperson Woodruff agreed.
- In regard to Showboat Majestic, we have been patient, excited and disappointed. Bob Lindhorst has made many attempts to contact the owner with no avail. Would like to exercise our rights in the license agreement and motion to give the Showboat Majestic 90 days to remove the vessel do to not following the guidelines of the license and terminate the existing license, Second by Councilperson Woodruff. Councilperson Feldkamp and Allen agreed that it was a great idea at the beginning, and this will not be at the expense of the village. We need to be prepared to have it repossessed and removed from village.
- Noted that Mayor Ewing, Councilperson Woodruff, himself, and their wives had a great visit with Portsmouth Mayor Sean Dunn. He gave the group great ideas to bring to the table.
- Motion to change the water rate on next billing cycle, Second by Councilperson Allen.

Richard Feldkamp –

- Noted that there are several cars/trucks down on Washington Street that are broke down and probably parked illegally. Councilperson Woodruff will follow up on this.
- This past weekend cars were parked illegally on Front Street
- Will give citations first and then be fined.
- Per Councilperson Prues, the corrections on the parking lines will be corrected as well as 20MPH sign that is blocked on Bethel New Richmond.

Ryan Woodruff

- Wanted to thank Bob Lindhorst and Steve Light for making the riverfront look better.
- Also, wanted to thank Bobbi, Diane and Kelley for all their help during the changes.

Mary Allen

Discussed the email from David Wicks, related to the input on the Ohio Riverway. She thinks he wanted it consolidated vs individually, but Councilperson Prues already replied to the email so will continue to send individually,

Jon Tharpe

- Bobbi has been very helpful in making the customer service in the village better.
- Received letter from EPA in regards to manhole.
- Made a public request for anyone with grant writing experience or talent

Comments from audience/Visitors wishing to address Council:

Gary Skeene:

- Feels better about things after tonight's meeting

Ken Kimbrell:

- Likes the idea of getting an inspection of the Showboat Majestic
- Councilperson Feldkamp noted that we went out of our way for the Showboat Majestic. He was working getting shows on the boat.

Becca Vaske:

- Front Street is still having an issue with speeding. Has had conversations with NRPD. Suggested that we could have an empty police car? Lowering speed limit? Talked about fundraising. Councilperson Dalton discussing having fines doubled. Cannot lower the speed limit and discussed other ways to prevent speeding, borrowing a radar.

Councilperson Woodruff made motion to close Main Street to Walnut Street during Music in the Park and events at Haussermann Park, second by Councilperson Allen.

- Becca asked for either Dora or move Food Trucks. Council will look into this for future, but for time being, Green Kayak will be close for Freedomfest.

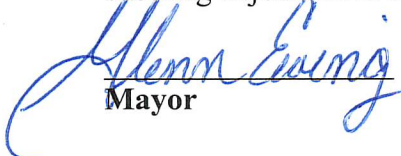
Steve Light also spoke up about Dora vs the food trucks in front of Green Kayak

Amanda from Wholy Bean spoke up and will close for Freedomfest as well.

Councilmember Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Tharpe. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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>

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m..


Mayor


Clerk of Council