7/12/2022

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers, 2nd floor at 102 Willow Street, New Richmond Ohio, in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 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 Councilmembers with the following members responding:

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe No

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Present in Council Chambers:

Mayor Glenn Ewing

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

Department Heads: Fire/EMS Tim Feldkamp, Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott

Absent: Solicitor Scott Sollmann

Guests present in Council Chambers (* Residents): Lance Sizemore, Resident/Business Owner, Donna Prues, Resident, David Painter, County Commissioner

Public Hearing - 2023 Tax Budget

Mayor Ewing announced, as advertised in the Clermont Sun, that the Public Hearing for the 2023 Tax Budget will begin.

Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to present to the public the preliminary tax budget for 2023 before it is filed with Clermont County Auditor's Office. The tax budget allows the Village to create a spending plan for the Village's revenue, it ensures that the Village will always have enough money for the things it will need and the things that are important. Although this hearing and subsequent filing is a formality that Clermont County still requires of the Village, the numbers presented will tonight will have changed by the time she, Council and the department heads sit down to finalize the budget that will be submitted for 2023.

She then asked if anyone had any questions or comments of which there were none. She announced the Ordinance 2022-07 will be read later in the Legislation section and is being presented as an emergency passage due to the timeframe the budget is due to the county.

The Public Hearing ended at 7: 12pm.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Lance Sizemore asked about his bid on the ball field. Andy Moran came in with a bid of \$90,000. Stating that originally, he and Doctor Miller planned on making it a Children's Park. We are still waiting on Scott Sollmann for answers. There was discussion on when to have our solicitor attend the meetings and which meetings he will attend and get our questions answered. We would like a timely response, this is frustrating and makes us looks stupid. Councilperson Allen noted we lost a big asset by terminating Greg Roberts.

Discussion on getting Caroline Duffy paid for the roundabout work she has already done. She is having surgery and can meet at 5:30pm, Tuesday July 26th.

Discussed moving the Committee Meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 28, 2022, Regular Council meeting were presented for approval.

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

Mary Allen YesLarry Prues YesDennis Dalton YesRichard Feldkamp YesJon Tharpe AbsentRyan Woodruff Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Provided below is a synopsis for each report; to obtain a full copy please visit the administrative office.):

<u>A. Personnel & Finance Committee Report</u> from the meeting held Monday, 07/11, 2022, as reported by Councilwoman/Vice Mayor/Committee Chair Allen_(will attach report)

It was noted that Kelley Snider will have a village credit card with a limit of \$1,000, no motion needed as well as Bob Lindhorst with a \$5,000 limit (Voyager).

Councilperson Allen motion to take Greg Roberts off Riverhills Bank, leaving Fiscal Officer Diane Schafer and Lynn Baird, Second by Councilperson Prues

Village Interim Administrator Bob Lindhorst

Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott:

Discussed salary changes by using comp time.

Asked for an increase in pay for Jan Reynolds, Councilperson Allen motioned for a pay increase to \$15 effective next pay period, Second by Councilperson Dalton

Mary Allen YesLarry Prues YesDennis Dalton YesRichard Feldkamp YesJon Tharpe AbsentRyan Woodruff Yes

Charlie Saylor went to part time effective July 1st, 2022, Councilperson Allen motioned for him to go part time, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen YesLarry Prues YesDennis Dalton YesRichard Feldkamp YesJon Tharpe AbsentRyan Woodruff Yes

Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp:

Councilperson Feldkamp is concerned about the Durango and wanted to check out the GMC/Admin car.

<u>Items voted on at the July 11, 2022 Council meeting, as requested during the Personnel</u> & Finance Committee report:

B. Safety, Laws & Rules Committee Report Councilman/Committee Chair Woodruff was not present.

¹Administrator Bob Lindhorst Fire/EMS Tim Feldkamp: Police Chief Jason Mallott:

<u>Comments made and items voted on at the July 11-2022 Council meeting after the Safety, Laws, Rules Committee report:</u>

C. Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee Report

Councilman/Committee Chair Tharpe was absent due to illness. Handed out

Administrator Bob Lindhorst

Mary Allen:

<u>Comments made at the July 11-2022 Council meeting after the Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee report:</u>

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Village Administrator Bob Lindhorst: Handed out

Interim Police Chief Jason Mallott: Handed out

<u>Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp</u>: Handed out (it was noted that Tim handed out the wrong report and a new one will be handed out). Assisted Goshen during the tornado in July. Discussion on getting firetruck repaired and hiring a grant writer, which could take up to 19 months

<u>Mayor Glenn Ewing</u>: Discussed Cornerstone from Beckjord that is being housed at Ace Hardware and about the trees duke offered to take down, need to compile a list.

Solicitor, Scott Sollmann: Absent

Clerk of Council, Kelley Snider:

• ZONING ORDINANCES, Update and approval

The Planning Commission recommends that Village Council approve and adopt the entirety of the last complete version of the Zoning Ordinance (currently what is on the Village website dated as 2013). This is a housekeeping step prior to doing any updating of said Zoning Ordinances. Motion by Councilperson Allen, Second by Councilperson Dalton

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Absent

Ryan Woodruff Yes

• ASBURN WOODS PUD project

The Planning Commission unanimously voted on June 2nd their approval of the revised final plans for the Ashburn Woods project to go to Village Council. An added condition that the developer installs STORZ fittings on the fire hydrants was noted. Planning Commission requests Village Council's approval of Ashburn Woods revised final plans subject to the installation of the STORZ fittings on the fire hydrants. Council needs to act on this to avoid further delay to the project. Motion made by Councilperson Allen, Second by Councilperson Woodruff

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Absent

Ryan Woodruff Yes

LEGISLATION read by Mayor Ewing

First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2022-07, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2023 TAX BUDGET, Motion to waive 3 read rule by Councilperson Woodruff, Second by Councilperson Dalton, Motion to pass by emergency by Councilperson Allen, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Absent

Ryan Woodruff Yes

ORDINANCE 2022-08, AN ORDIANCE AMENDING THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE, by Motion to waive 3 read rule by Councilperson Woodruff, Second by Councilperson Feldkamp, Motion to pass by emergency by Councilperson Allen, Second by Councilperson Dalton.

Mary Allen Yes

Larry Prues Yes

Dennis Dalton Yes

Richard Feldkamp Yes

Jon Tharpe Absent

Ryan Woodruff Yes

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Larry Prues -

US 52 potholes by the bridge have been addressed and the Quarry vehicles were moved today.

Richards Electric said that our street lamps which decorative streetlamps are obsolete – can we look for an entirely new post?

Ryan Woodruff -

Discussed the cemetery issues and who would cover when he was out of town. The biggest issue is the customer service. Councilperson asked that it be discussed with Councilperson Tharpe / Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee to set up a process. Wanted to thank the village for the donations for Goshen – it was heartwarming. Read a positive letter for Officer Beckman from a parent of a child that was having an issue at FreedomFest.

Richard Feldkamp -

Discussed the street and utility department and that it might be good to move them together. Thinks Bob Lindhorst will work out well as interim Administrator -. Rob Painter feels he has been cheated and will need help working on that. Councilperson Dalton has a plan. Asked Commissioner about the speed cameras, moving them around in different locations will that work - with the regulations and opinions, he will not attempt to answer that. Noted the riverbank looked nice for FreedomFest. Thinks the tree at Union Station needs to be cut regularly.

Jon Tharpe - Absent

Mary Allen – Discussion on using Winnelson for \$1,000 a month to help at the water treatment plant. Councilperson Feldkamp has heard this as well. Will be discussed with Norm. Ohio Riverway: Annual Summit will be November 10th.

Dennis Dalton – Ken Shearwood is retiring, name replacement. We will need a Class I, Norm has his Class II, \$24, Required 20 hours per week at plant. Councilperson Dalton made a motion to promote Norm Collins to Water/Sewer Supervisor at \$24 Councilperson Feldkamp seconded. This will be effective 1st pay period following Kens retirement (Aug 1) All the guys seem energized. There will be a kickoff for Liberty Landing on 7/22/2022, this is not a public meeting.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Mary Allen } \underline{\text{Yes}} & \text{Larry Prues } \underline{\text{Yes}} & \text{Dennis Dalton } \underline{\text{Yes}} \\ \text{Richard Feldkamp } \underline{\text{Yes}} & \text{Jon Tharpe } \underline{\text{Absent}} & \text{Ryan Woodruff } \underline{\text{Yes}} \end{array}$

Councilmember Dalton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm; seconded by Councilmember Woodruff. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Mayor

Clerk of Council