

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

WORKSHOP MEETING

June 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hurst at 6:30 p.m..

Present were: Mayor Hurst, Councilmembers: Chris Horn, Sarah Gregory, and Scott Fogle. *Also present:* Manager Sheridan and Law Director Brosh. *Absent:* Don Dohrman and Kasey Metz.

REQUEST FOR A FOUR WAY STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH MAIN AND HIGH STREETS

Citizen Barbra Cecil got up and spoke about her request for a four way stop at the intersections of N. Main St. and High St. Her concerns were related to speed and safety. If there was a four way stop, cars would be forced to stop. She advised she has written a letter to Council; this was the second letter she has written. Service Director Ben Herron addressed her concerns. He advised that he looks at speed and intersections. Ben stated speed and stop signs do not really go hand and hand. You're not supposed to control speed with stop signs. Ben advised the intersection is flowing as it should, there have not been any accidents that he is aware of in 40 years. He also advised if the stop sign was on the north side of the intersection with the hill it would be hard to see when approaching from the north. He advised he was not sure what the answer is but will look into the situation. He briefly addressed speed bumps and stated smaller municipalities are moving away from them for liability reasons.

PROPOSED NEW FIRE TRUCK

Fire Chief Jay was not at the meeting, Manager Sheridan addressed the issue and advised council if they have any further questions before making a decision, they can email him the questions or Chief Jay directly.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT / SIDEWALK INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Johathan Hurst presented a PowerPoint on the sidewalk assessment. This presentation discussed the conditions of the sidewalks in West Milton and gave them a number scoring PASER system. Manager Sheridan spoke about the proposed ordinance for the sidewalks. He advised it has been reviewed by Ben Herron, but has not been seen by the law director. The program will not be for this year, but would be something to discuss and budget for next year. Citizen Mike Craft spoke on the issue. He asked if Johnathan was contracted by the village. He also asked Jonathan what his credentials were to assess the sidewalks. Johnathan advised he was not contracted by the Village and that he was doing this as an intern. Citizen James Manning asked about the handicap ADA ramps and if the homeowner would be responsible for that. Ben Herron stated if the road is getting worked on typically, they will install that as part of the project.

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

Manager Sheridan spoke in reference to the fees of 98.24. He suggested the annual fee for residential would be \$500 and the fee for the commercial would be \$1000, but stated they can be whatever council wishes them to be. Chris Horn advised he felt the ordinance was too complex. He does not like some of the language and stated if it was written in this form, he would not support this. Scott Fogle asked if any vacant owners have reached out to Manager Sheridan about this. He advised no. Citizen Jason Timmerman spoke in length about the ordinance. His concerns were that there are already ordinances that cover the exterior of buildings. He felt that just because a building is vacant alone should not be a reason for the village to step in. His example was if he wants to buy a house and leave it empty, what business is that of council as long as the maintenance is kept up.

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COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS PROGRAM

Manager Sheridan advised he was going to try and resurrect the community pride award program again. The award would be based on the most improvements in the last six months. This would include exterior of the structure, landscaping, lawn care, exterior improvements and exterior decorations. Residential and commercial property within the corporate boundaries would be eligible for the award. Scott Fogle suggested the committee should be of several council members and several from the village administration.

RE-ESTABLISH PARK BOARD

Manager Sheridan stated this has been discussed previously and he wanted to bring it back up. He advised the discussion was to budget for this for next year. However there has not been a decision made on if this would be a full constituted park board or a committee from council. Mayor Hurst advised he liked the committee version to start. Mr Fogle advised to wait and see what grants could be available and discuss more when the budget committee meets.

TRAIL LIGHTING ISSUE

Manager Sheridan advised this has been worked on for quite some time for the design. He stated the trail will be from Downtown to Rachel Ann Blvd. It is approximately a one mile trail on the south side of 571. We received a million dollar grant to fund the project, but the budget did not include lighting. ODOT does not allow solar lights on State Routes, therefore that is not really an option. Solar lights could be put on the bridge. He listed the following three options.

Option 1: Light the entire length of the trail with ODOT approved lights which would add an additional \$450,000 (22 poles)

Option 2: Lighting from 48 to the bridge which would be half of the poles (11 poles) at an additional \$270,000. ODOT will not allow this to be done in phases. It all has to be done at the same time.

Option 3: would be to put 3 poles on the bridge which would be an additional \$125,000.

Manager Sheridan advised the design of the trail is on hold until a decision can be made about the lighting. He advised he wanted to lay the Conduent now and do lighting later; however, ODOT will not allow this. It's all or nothing. All agreed this is a safety concern. Mayor Hurst asked what our out-of-pocket cost was for the project. It is approximately \$600,000, but would need to confirm with the finance director for the exact amount. Sarah Gregory asked if there were any additional grants available. Manager Sheridan stated none that he is aware of. Sarah also asked when the current grant expires, Manager Sheridan advised it was a federal grant and they will not cut us off. There are also extensions that can be requested. Mayor Hurst asked Ben Herron if he had any input on solar streetlights. Ben advised there are good things for solar; however, he has concerns about that being a primary lighting. Citizen Mike Craft asked if there is a schematic for the trail, a plan or a drawing. He was advised it is still in the design phase.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fogle brought up the letter that went out to downtown business reference code enforcement specifically section 98.08. He then brought up the area behind Fox's Pizza with the parking lot. Manager Sheridan advised there have been meetings to discuss this issue; however, he does not feel that section pertains to asphalt.

Sarah Gregory advised 4th of July is next week. July 2-3 Lyons club will have Bingo, Carnival in the park, armbands are \$25, tickets are \$1.25 each or 20 tickets for \$25. The

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4th of July parade will be at 11am. Lyons club will be selling their food at Hoffman at 11am. The carnival in the park is from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. There will be fireworks, taco trucks, all kinds of fun stuff, kids pedal cars and tractor pull.

REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Sarah Gregory, seconded by Chris Horn, to move into regular session of the council. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. Abstain: None. Absent: Don Dohrman, Kasey Metz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Chris Horn, seconded by Sarah Gregory, to move into executive session pursuant to Section 4.12(B)(5)(a) consider appointment of discipline, promotion of a public employee. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. Abstain: None. Absent: Don Dohrman, Kasey Metz.

The council moved into Executive Session.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

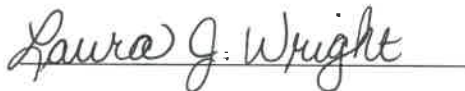
When the council returned, a motion was made by Sarah Gregory, seconded by Scott Fogle, to end the executive session and return to regular session of the council. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. Abstain: None. Absent: Don Dohrman, Kasey Metz.

END REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Sarah Gregory and seconded by Mr. Fogle to exit the regular session of council. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. Abstain: None. Absent: Don Dohrman, Kasey Metz.

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Gregory made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.



Laura J. Wright

Clerk of Council



Scott Hurst

Mayor