

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-9094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

WORKSHOP MEETING

February 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:30 p.m..

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

IGS ENERGY CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Dan Shuler from IGS Energy was present via video conference. He explained that energy costs have doubled from last year for customers. He said that weather can have effects on the costs of energy as well as an energy plant in Texas exploding has had an impact on these costs. He explained that IGS Energy has entered into a contract with the Village of West Milton for electricity and gas. These new rates would be comparable to the current rates and locked in until 12/27.

SERVICE TRUCK UPFITTING

Ben Herron was able to obtain 2 bids for the work needed to be completed on the new Ford 350 Super Duty Truck. There will be a resolution at the next council meeting to approve the work to be completed on this truck.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS

Chief Jay said that he has applied for grants over the past years for radios and has been unsuccessful because there is such a great need for them. He said they need these new radios to be compatible with dispatch. Every firefighter should have a radio for safety. Other agencies in the area are using the Motorola radios and this would allow our fire department to communicate with them on scene. Council asked for Chief Jay to find out more information about the Essential Service and Operation for 3 years and he said he would.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Chief Jay talked about wanting to bring the current code up to match what Ohio's laws say. It currently does not match what Ohio says. Chief Wright also added that under the current code, there is no way to cite anyone for anything that is in Ohio's laws. Chief Jay was going to send some more information to Manager Sheridan so they could begin working on this. Law Director Brosh is to seek out examples of nearby Municipalities open burn regulations.

PROPOSED PAY INCREASE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Manager Sheridan said this was a recommendation from the budget committee. It will increase Firefighters from \$10.30 to \$15.00 per hour. It will also increase Officers from \$10.85 to \$15.55 per hour. This will be on the agenda to be voted on at the regular meeting.

LONG BUILDING PROPOSAL

William Lutz of New Path was present to talk about the Gleaning Place. They need to move because their lease is up. They would like to rent the Long Building. There are some renovations that need to be completed first, but they are willing to complete those. These renovations will cost about \$12,000.00. Mr. Lutz would like to enter into an agreement with the Village. The consensus was that they could go forward with negotiations and would return to council with a proposal.

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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER AGREEMENT - ISALAH'S PLACE

Chief Wright presented on Resolution CM-23-11 for a one time \$1,000.00 payment to The Child Advocacy Center. This would allow the police department to use this facility for interviewing children in a safe, conforming environment. There is also a center like this in Montgomery County which charges a \$1,000.00 fee each time the center is used. They have already used this facility in Miami County once this year. He also said he would use money from his current budget and was not asking for any additional money. This will be on the agenda at the next council meeting.

STREET LIGHT STANDARDS

Andy from Choice One was present to answer questions about the street lights on the south side development. Ben asked if it would be possible to do a lumen study. Choice One can make recommendations on where the lights should be, but it is up to the Village to decide how bright to make the development. Moving forward it was decided to complete a lumen study. They also need to decide whether the Village will maintain the lights or the HOA will.

THIRD THURSDAYS

It was talked about shutting the street down for all Third Thursdays this year rather than just the one like last year. This would require the street being shut down 6 times which also would require overtime for the street department to put out the signs. Manager Sheridan suggested the two volunteer groups provide more information on the financial needs in 2023 then get back to the council.

N. MIAMI STREET WATER LINE RESOLUTION

Manager Sheridan presented a Resolution example that was going to be used for applying for the grant for this project.

COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS

Manager Sheridan said that there would need to be some changes in how the Community Pride Awards was chosen. It was discussed that it doesn't always have to go to the house that has the most perfectly manicured lawn. It may go to someone who has made improvements to their house and lawn. It was also talked about giving one to a business who has done some improvements to their property, but may not have one each month. Manager Sheridan will start working on some parameters. Discussion was also had that maybe different businesses would be willing to donate a gift card to go along with the honor.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Rosa was present to talk about the future land use in the comprehensive plan. It was discussed how growth may look within the Village.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF MODIFYING VILLAGE HALL OFFICE HOURS

Manager Sheridan stated that very few residents come in after 4:00 p.m. He suggested that they start closing at 4:00 p.m. and then staying open until 6:00 p.m. on water shut off days. It was decided that it would be given a trial basis and see how it goes. Manager Sheridan also said that if individuals were unable to make it in during regular business hours, they could make an appointment before 8:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. and he would make sure that someone was there to take care of them.

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REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

A Motion was made by Chris Horn and seconded by Scott Hurst, to go into Regular Session of the Council. After a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

Abstain: None. **Absent:** Sarah Copp.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSION

A Motion was made by Scott Hurst and seconded by Greg Tracy, to go into Executive Session of the Council pursuant to Section 4.12(B)(5)(a) to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, compensation of a public employee or official. After a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

Abstain: None. **Absent:** Sarah Copp.


RETURN TO WORKSHOP

A Motion was made by Greg Tracy and seconded by Chris Horn, to go back into Workshop of the Council. After a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

Abstain: None. **Absent:** Sarah Copp.

ADJOURNMENT

Greg Tracy made a motion, seconded by Don Dohrman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned.



Laura J. Wright

Clerk of Council



Anthony Miller

Mayor