

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Brian White presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Bob Jarvis, Katie Getz, Wynn Kearns, Darrell Starr-Jude, Kim Little, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, and Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

Residents and others present:

Motion by JARVIS to excuse

Councilman Gongwer.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes of March 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by STARR-JUDE.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1 (Kearns).

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment for 8:15 p.m. Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor White requested any Village resident wishing to address Council concerning Council business to please stand, state their name and address for the record, and their purpose for attending Council.

No comments were heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: Minutes are approved from March 15th meeting. Bills have been checked and approved for month of March.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Minutes from March 1st meeting are approved.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Committee met before tonight's Council Session.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

I met with John Spring from AEP regarding lighting at Patriot Park. The will be installing two light poles for each parking lot and located at the west edge of each parking lot. The lights will branch off of the utility line running behind the homes on Mohican Trail. There will be a minor upfront cost for the Village.

The first sweep has been scheduled for May 3rd and 4th throughout the Village. I would ask residents to refrain from parking on the street for those two days to help those crews as much as possible. As mentioned in our prior meeting, I was able to negotiate with Reilly and cover all three street sweeps within our budgeted amount.

I will be hiring four additional seasonal help this summer. Sean Hudak and Jeff Gillis return to the Parks Department, T.J. Gerhardt will work strictly for hydrant maintenance and painting, and we will fill one more position within the Parks Department as the school season winds down.

We are continuing to consider solutions for Pembroke Boulevard after the water main break. The washout took place under the roadway which weakened the asphalt and left considerable rough spots. Spot repairs will be done until we can schedule resurfacing next year.

We will have Planning Commission sometime in near future to discuss lot split/consolidation at 15 East Main Street.

Councilman Kearns commended Water Department for their quick response time for the water break on Pembroke. Mr. Kearns added Cemetery Board is also looking for help weeding the cemetery. Councilman Kearns asked how we verify if any of the pole lights are out. The lights are metered and the Village is charged whether they are working or not. Mr. Smallstey stated the Police Department keeps track of the streetlights.

Councilman Little said there is an illegal sign still in Woodside entry. Mr. Little advised that he put an orange cone at Highridge Road's catch basin due to hole/erosion.

Councilman Kearns asked about washer/dryer display outside house at 17 Woodside Blvd. Mr. Smallstey will see that it is removed.

Councilman Little asked regarding broken vehicle on Maple Street that also has the broken windows. Mr. Smallstey replied if the vehicle is inoperable it can be asked to be removed from property.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Mayor White shared Cash Report for courts with Council.

Dispatcher Deb Robinson's last day for working is April 8th. She has been working as a dispatcher for 40 years. They will be holding a farewell party in Chambers at 2:00 p.m. on the 8th.

Tax deadline for the Village will be extended to May 17th as is the state.

The American Rescue Plan continues to interpret what are legitimate expenditures.

I am now a member of United Way based out of southern Richland County.

Our comprehensive plan has a new name, *Lexington Leverage* and this can be found on the web. They are currently working on survey results sent to residents a couple of months ago.

Councilman Little asked about the progress of improvements for the old Decker's Depot property. Mayor White replied CIC brought in a company last weekend to do ground penetrating radar in search of any soil voids. The results will be sent to Poggemeyer Design Group, who in turn will bring to CIC. From there, CIC and Poggemeyer will create designs for the lot. Councilman Wise thought the Village already was aware of old tanks at the property. Council President Jarvis and Councilman Kearns replied simultaneously yes and no. Opinions of local residents and official have gone

both ways. Councilman Wise thought the radar survey was a little late in the game. Mayor White reminded Council Members that CIC is subject to terms of agreement.

Councilman Little noted the fencing has been on the old Lawson's lot for over six months. Mayor White stated Planning Commission will be looking at the site for lot split/ lot consolidation.

Councilman Little noted the poles will be a good site for flowers this Spring and Summer.

Mayor White recognized the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

No report.

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT

No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 21-09 by Mr. Jarvis

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Motion by JARVIS to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by JARVIS to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by JARVIS to adopt.

Seconded by KEARNS.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smallstey spent over four months with others in Richland County to create the 165 page document. Mr. Smallstey reported there are no significant changes in the updated version.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-10 by Mr. Gongwer

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRING RANGE USE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by LITTLE to continue and pursue legalities regarding the shooting range.

Seconded by STARR-JUDE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 21-10 WAS TABLED

Ordinance No. 21-11 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR APRIL FOR SECURITY, ADMINISTRATION, LAND & BUILDINGS, PARKS, LAW DIRECTOR, ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY, GENERAL FUNDS, AND SEWER & WATER FUNDS.

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Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council
requiring that an Ordinance is read on
two separate occasions.

Seconded by GETZ.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by GETZ.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smallstey stated capital expenditures included costs for areas of traffic study and comprehensive planning fees, both were set at ‘not to exceed’. Other added expenditures included EPA legal fees for Frederick Street and Water/Sewer rainy day fees at 25%.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Little asked if anyone was using the old NEER building, Mayor White replied Next Generation is using it. Councilman Wise asked about “Linkedin” commentary regarding Forest Machinery coming to Lexington? Mayor White replied the company is coming to Lexington, moving into the old Swagelok building on Industrial Drive. They will employ 30 to 35 people. An expansion plan is in the works.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were heard.

Motion by WISE to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor