

Regular Council

January 17,

23

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

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O'Brien, and Zack Alleshouse.

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

Residents and other guests: Mike Mitchell of 410 Fox Road; Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road and Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood.

Motion by LITTLE to excuse
Councilmen Jarvis and Wise.

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by O'BRIEN to approve the minutes
of January 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yea: 5; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by GONGWER to set the time of adjournment
for 8:00 p.m. Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; 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.

Charles Comstock of Essex Road asked if the Village will be correcting Community Park ballfield parking lots that flood several times a year. The lot is the small lot on east side of Lex-Springmill next to the Clear Fork River. Mayor White reported it is currently being discussed with Park Board Committee. Mr. Comstock raised the possible problems that arise with the Village's aging infrastructure. Mr. Comstock pointed out that much of the concerned areas in his neighborhood were built in the 60's and 70's. Mayor White stated that as streets are repaired so will curbs. Mayor White added the Village is currently researching transportation plans which includes Village sidewalks. Mr. Comstock noted that when paving over of old asphalt, creating lack of curb height and poor runoff. Mr. Comstock promoted his firm belief that a roundabout would serve the Village greatly if installed at the intersection of SR 97 and US Route 42. Mayor White replied a study was done by the Village and it has that intersection at a lower priority for accidents and there is not enough space for a roundabout.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: No report.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Park Board met last week. Next meeting February 7th at 6:00 p.m.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Finance Director James Banks:

Mr. Banks reviewed current finances with Council Members. Date was adjusted on the report to read December 31, 2022. All accounts are balanced for year-end. The village is currently 3% above 2021-year end amount. An audit is scheduled for this year.

Motion by LITTLE to approve

Finance Report as given.

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

Roll call. All yeas: 5 – 0.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

Transition to new health care, Sidecar Health, has been smooth. I called other entities who are currently using Sidecar and received positive information. An education meeting was held for employees.

Discussion was held regarding holiday hours for Christmas/New Year 2023/24. Dates are needed for accounting and payroll computer purposes. Clerk of Council will research previous years method as precedent while Council holds Executive Session.

Budget meetings schedule: Safety Service – February 6th 6:15 p.m.; Streets & Sidewalks – February 20th 6:30 p.m.; Buildings & Grounds – March 6th 6:15 p.m.; Public Utilities – March 20th at 6:15 p.m. and Finance – March 20th immediately after Council. If necessary, Finance can meet again before April 3rd Council Session.

We will receive compensation for damaged fire hydrant on West Main from our insurance carrier. They will pursue those costs from State Farm the insurance carrier responsible for vehicle involved with crash.

Mayor's Report

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Mayor reviewed small pieces of the Active Transportation plan created by Planning Commission and Council.

An application for LLC membership change is required for Lex Beverage Drive-Thur. Council voted NOT to request hearing.

Hearing is scheduled for our *motion to dismiss* will be February 10, 2023.

I participated in county-wide housing study. Lexington is one of the city/municipalities [node].

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

Speed sign on Plymouth Street received heavy damage during the Christmas Eve storm. It was destroyed by winds. It will be replaced; it was insured. Councilman Kearns asked if the speed sign is operational during winter months, and if not, take it in for storage during the down times. Chief Pauley said the sign does work, when it is energized by sufficient solar energy.

Old cruiser is being cleaned up and will be listed on GovDeals.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Parliamentarian Councilman Gongwer:

Motion by GONGWER to extend

Time of adjournment to 8:15 p.m.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution NO. 23-03 by Mr. Kearns

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE OHIO EPA FOR A GRANT FUNDING THE VILLAGE PURCHASE OF WATER TESTING EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 5 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 5 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by KEARNS to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Needed paperwork for grant application. Maximum monies could be \$10,000.00. Items have been identified that total \$9,800.00

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments.

Motion by O'BRIEN to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss consideration purchase of real property.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Mayor White requested Attorney Studenmund and Administrator Smallstey to also attend the Executive Session. No action will be taken.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by GONGWER to reconvene to Regular Council Session.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:13 p.m.

Motion by GONGWER to extend Time of adjournment to 8:25 p.m.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Gongwer asked what Council did with holiday pay/hours last time. Clerk of Council reported, in 2017 Council approved the following dates pay purposes.

Christmas Eve will be observed Friday December 22, 2023;

Village Offices will be closed.

New Years Eve will be observed Friday December 29, 2023;

Village Offices will be closed half day.

Motion by GONGWER

to approve same holiday pay/schedule

as stated above.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the town entry signs; over the years many have been destroyed from weather or other related incidents. Councilman O'Brien would like to have them replaced.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn

before the appointed hour.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor