

Regular Council

January 5,

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

As read by Mayor Brian White:

“January 4th, 2021

*Mayor White, John Studemund (sic), and members of council,
It is with absolute regret and great sadness that I am giving my resignation
as Council Woman for the Village of Lexington, Richland County,
Ohio 44904. My resignation will be effective immediately,
on this day of January, 2021.*

Respectfully, Erin Rue Underwood”

Motion by JARVIS to accept
Erin Underwood’s resignation.

Seconded by GONGWER.

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

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

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

Other officials present: Attorney John Studemund, Chief Pauley, and Administrator Andy Smallstey.

Residents and others present: Mark Caudill, reporter for Mansfield News Journal, and Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REORGANIZATION 2021 VILLAGE OFFICIALS

KEARNS nominated Councilman Bob Jarvis
for Council President/Pro Tempore
and close nominations for President/Pro Tempore.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

KEARNS nominated Councilman Adam Gongwer
for Council Parliamentarian
and close nominations for Parliamentarian.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Bob Jarvis is Council President/Pro Tempore for Village Council 2021 by unanimous vote.

Mr. Adam Gongwer is Parliamentarian for Village Council 2021 by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by GONGWER to approve the minutes
of December 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

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

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: Bills are up-to-date and approved through December 31, 2020.

SAFETY SERVICE: We have one resolution on tonight's agenda.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Councilman Kearns asked Mr. Smallstey if he has the water/sewer capital request started. Mr. Smallstey confirmed that Mr. Swank did leave 2021 capital request list for the water/sewer department. Mr. Kearns requested an informal meeting with Brad, Mike, and Andy within the next two weeks.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

A spread sheet was given to Council Members listing all non-legislative appropriations to close end of year finances.

We had multiple posters on utility poles throughout the Village, reporting of lost dog. I had my administrative assistant remove the illegal postings and called the owner of the dog to let her know we kept the posters and offered their return. The woman was very upset at my removal of the posters and I did explain to her the Ordinance and how to post them legally in the Village. Within few minutes of hanging up there was a posting on Facebook, with my picture, and urging people to call the Village in protest. I have spoken to several callers and explained the situation; all were satisfied with my explanations.

Councilman Gongwer asked if the mystery of the loud truck plowing Woodside was resolved. Mr. Smallstey replied it was not a Village truck.

Councilman Kearns noted Main Street's corridor has been cleared of redundant signs and appreciated Mr. Smallstey work on getting this done.

Mr. Smallstey reported of inner-department changes. Tom Argenio has retired as Parks Supervisor and been rehired as laborer in Water/Sewer Department. Josh Whitfield has moved from Water/Sewer Department and is currently working for Parks Department. Todd Ward, a 15 year employee, is now our Parks Superintendent. I will be conducting interviews the week of January 18th through the 22nd for Water/Sewer Supervisor. Councilman Kearns asked if Tom Argenio will be getting licenses for water/sewer plant operation. Mr. Smallstey replied Tom will work the department for a couple of months to get a 'feel' for it then make a decision.

Mr. Smallstey's full report can be seen by request from Clerk of Council, Brenda Wilson.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

OML updates, distributed by Brenda Wilson, has excellent snapshots of "What's happening" I hope all take some time to read these newsletters.

I forgot to call Andy Meade regarding the status of the demolition on Plymouth Street. I will do this tomorrow and let you know his response. Councilman Little asked

if Council/Planning Commission will be able to review architecture plans for the cleared plot of land. Mayor White replied that all paperwork required by the Village will be given to Planning Commission/Council for their review.

Our resident winner for Light UP Lexington is Bradford Family located at 530 Cedarwood. This year we did voting online in association with Facebook website.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

Tonight's Resolution brings James Anderson on as probationary full-time Officer. Mr. Anderson started as an auxiliary Officer January 2020. I highly recommend Mr. Anderson as our new 11th Officer.

Parliamentarian Report

As reported by Councilman Adam Gongwer:

January 11, 2021 Special Council Session has been cancelled.

Next Council session will be held Tuesday January 19th in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

We now have vacancy on Council and have 30 days to fill it. Council President Jarvis stated he is on it; Clerk Brenda Wilson will be set up interviews for the vacancy.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution NO. 21-01 by Mr. Jarvis

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON TO SELL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by JARVIS to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Motion carried.

Resolution NO. 21-02 by Ms. Underwood

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES ANDERSON AS A FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

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

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Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Wise noted Steering Committee has a meeting tomorrow to review ground work before meeting with Poggemeyer Design Group next week. The meeting will be held on ZOOM.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council President Jarvis will have Standing Committees assigned by next Council meeting.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor