

Regular Council

March 1,

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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, Adam Gongwer, Darrell Starr-Jude, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, and Todd Wise.

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

Residents and others present: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive and Kris A. Leiter of 188 Hanover Road.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes of February 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by GONGWER.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment for 8:00 p.m. Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 7; 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.

Kris Leiter of Hanover Road requests obtaining position of play-by-play announcer for ballgames at Community Park. Mr. Leiter was told to contact LBSA, Mike Bichsel. Councilman Kearns stated there is working equipment for announcements for Reel-Swigart, Rose, and Algire Fields. Mr. Leiter also volunteered to serve on Park Board when the Committee is revived.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: Bills have been checked and approved through February.

SAFETY SERVICE: Minutes are approved from February meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Committee met before tonight's Council Session and focused on MRO and Capital expenditures. Motion was made to approve the committee budget as a recommendation to Finance for final acceptance.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: Committee met in February; minutes are approved.
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Committee will meet after tonight's Council Session.

FINANCE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

The 2021 street resurfacing project is currently out for bid. The bid will run again this week, with bid opening scheduled for March 11th at 11:00 a.m.

We have remained fortunate throughout the pandemic with our COVID numbers. The Village has suffered roughly 579.5 hours sick leave due to COVID. Those hours have been claimed by 11 different employees.

I am happy to announce the Village again qualified as Tree City USA for the 36th year. The annual Tree City USA ceremony is being considered for in-person attendance in Lancaster in early June. They have asked member communities to respond with preference before making a final decision.

The parcel on Frederick Street with the prohibited product sign was addressed by letter last week. The owner was formally asked to change the sign to the commercial sale of the property only or remove it altogether.

Councilman Wise requested Mr. Smallstey reviewed the number of parked vehicles in the yard located at 137 Delaware.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

I have been notified our 2019 audit will be performed by group from Westerville, Ohio.

I did a proclamation at Eastern Elementary School recognizing the month of March as Youth Fine Arts Month.

Our Governor is currently changing COVID rules/guidance for events, sports, parades, etc. I have started receiving calls regarding festivals.

AEP has approval and funding for an electrical substation named Salerno substation to be located on Middle Bellville South Road. This will give us two new circuits to run from Vanderbilt Road to State Route 97 to Industrial Park and Castor Road. This will bring some help in taking the pressure off our substation and bring more power to the industrial park. Work is scheduled to be completed by August 2022.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

Staff recognition for 2020:
Full Time Officer – Mike Beasley
Full Time Dispatcher – Deb Robinson
Part Time Officer – James Anderson

Note, Deb is retiring this year.

We received the grant money for the \$13,000.00 vest reimbursement.

COVID truck is now in service.

Mayor White asked if the shields were donated to Bellville. Chief Pauley confirmed that they have been donated.

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT

No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 21-06 by Mr. Jarvis

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE LEXINGTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION.

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

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

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: 7-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by JARVIS to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smallstey explained this is transferring Village property to CIC to allow the Richland B&O Trail to build a maintenance building/equipment storage facility. The Village cannot directly lease the property; CIC is able to do this for the bike trail. Mayor White said this is an ideal location because it is located at about the halfway mark between Mansfield and Butler (*note, that location is at mile 11 of the total trail of 18.5 miles*). Mayor White said this is a positive step in the right direction towards recognizing the bike trail as part of our Village community. With our comprehensive plan also engaging with the bike path, such as using for the Halloween walk last year, we hope to continue the movement of users of the bike path coming into our village. Village businesses have invested their own money to install signs along the bike path. By donating property we have converge two public entities and becoming even better neighbors. Councilman Little asked if the maintenance building will have a restroom. Mayor White confirmed a restroom will be installed but only for the bike trail personnel such as mowers to use and not as a public restroom. Councilman Kearns said the building is in an ideal location for picnic table. Mr. Kearns said he has reviewed the site plans and only with this land donation will the plot be increased to a useable size for their facility footprint. Mr. Little asked that the Village waive tap fees. Mayor White will pass that onto CIC but the decision will be taken later.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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Councilman Wise stated approximately 850 people responded to the Village's comprehensive survey. Many of the comments were good. We are holding a meeting with Poggemeyer on the 9th to review the results.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were heard.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor