

Regular Council

May 15,

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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: Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O’Brien, and Todd Wise.

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

Residents and other guests: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood; Mike Mitchell of 410 Fox Road; Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road; and Robert Heckathorn of 150 Sherwood Drive.

Motion by O’BRIEN to excuse Councilman Jarvis.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

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

Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by GONGWER to approve the minutes of May 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

Roll call. Yea: 5; Nays: 0; Abstain: 1 (Wise).

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by GONGWER to set the time of adjournment for 8:20 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: Committee met before Council.

FINANCE: No report.

SAFETY SERVICE: Ordinance tonight.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Sludge depth was taken at lagoon. Draining the lagoon will need to be considered as future capital item.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: Two Ordinances tonight.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Park Board meets June 6th at 6:00 p.m.

FINANCE REPORT

Motion by LITTLE to accept May Financial Report.

Seconded by O’BRIEN.

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

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

Thank you to Eric and Stephanie Webb of Keller Williams Legacy Group Realty for their community volunteer day. The group painted most of the playground equipment at Bicentennial Park.

Charter Next Gen will also be providing a day of community caring and will be painting the playground equipment at Community Park.

Arbor Day Ceremony this Friday at 10:00 am on the northwest corner of the square next to the old Key Bank. We are planting a tree honoring our oldest resident, Lewis Ryan.

Thank you to the Street Department for work done on Salem and Mayfair road’s culvert. The culvert was blocked by significant debris from a storm last March. We will return to replace the sidewalk.

Street sweeping dates: May 22nd and 23rd.

Hope to have new Village website on big screen for June 5th Council meeting.

Street’s rebidding winner is Kokosing.

Councilman Little asked if the paving the lot across the street is on the agenda. Mr. Smallstey replied he hopes they will start this week. Will also schedule Patriot Park when they come in to pave the old lot.

Mayor’s Report

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Solar Eclipse happens April 8, 2024. We are expecting to double in population that day; schools are closed in anticipation of crowds. Commissioner Vero oversees the task force for the event.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley: No report.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Parliamentarian Councilman Gongwer:

Summer schedule for Council begins next month. June, July, and August only one Council meeting per month. Discussion for July meeting on the 10th as opposed to the 3rd was held. Decision will be made at the June session.

Casual business attire is acceptable during the summer months.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 23-14 by Mr. Wise

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE EDGE GROUP, FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON DOWNTOWN PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by WISE 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 WISE 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 WISE to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Mayor White detailed the Comprehensive Plan set up for the Village spanning from the square to Rite Aid on East Main. The concept will include enhancing the right-of-way; character aesthetics; and other details. They will have six months to detail the concept.

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

Ordinance No. 23-15 by Mr. Wise

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF CERTAIN VILLAGE STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by WISE 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 WISE 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 WISE to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Ordinance No. 23 – 16 by Mr. O’Brien

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 11-35 AND 18-13 TO REVISE THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.
Motion carried.

Motion by O’BRIEN to adopt.
Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: Mayor White stated this comes from discussion regarding safety in schools last March. This will entail a second SRO who will be stationed more in the grade schools. Chief Pauley stated monies will be ready for June 5th legislation. Councilman Kearns asked if this was a request made by the schools. Chief Pauley confirmed it had.

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

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Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 23 – 17 by Mr. Kearns

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, OHIO, THREE ADMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE CHARTER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, ONE SUPPLEMENTING THE RESIDENCY OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTING THE RESIDENCY QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MAYOR, AND THIRD AMENDING THE POSTING OF PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

HELD TO THE FIRST READING

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Kearns thanked Charter Commission members for their dedication and hard work.

Councilman Kearns gave report regarding Cemetery Board meeting that met May 8th. Changes were made in the CD finances from Huntington Bank to Park National. They have upgraded the electric services at the cemetery building which also included the electrical panel. We have linked up with Bellville’s Cemetery Board. Bellville is currently looking for Sexton.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Little stated signs on Steam Corners Road are in the public right of way. Councilman Gongwer has noted three separate sign violations.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by KEARNS.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor