

Regular Council

October 17,

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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: Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O'Brien, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Law Director John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, and Village Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

Residents and others present: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive. Robert Heckathorn of 150 Sherwood Drive. Michael Mitchell of 410 Fox Road. Mrs. Christina Thompson of 71 Dartmouth.

Motion by LITTLE to excuse
Councilmen Jarvis and Allehouse.

Seconded by GONGWER.

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

Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by KEARNS to approve the minutes
of October 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by O'BRIEN.

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

Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by GONGWER to set the time of adjournment
for 8:10 p.m. Seconded by LITTLE.

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.

Mr. Bacin of Cedarwood Drive asked if research was completed regarding the entrance to the new high school as to traffic control. Mayor White replied the entry off of State Route 546 is for the Junior High School only and once the drive for the high school is complete that will relieve a lot of confusion for the drive off of the state route.

Mrs. Christina Thompson of 71 Dartmouth complimented the Halloween Walk held the 15th of October. Mrs. Thompson questioned why there was not more advertisement regarding the walk; why not in a fall newsletter that usually arrives with the October water bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: Two ordinances tonight.

FINANCE: We have an Ordinance tonight.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: We will have joint meeting with Planning Commission on November 16th.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Finance Director Jim Banks:

September report has the CD interest included. Everything balances.

Motion by LITTLE to accept

September finance report.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. All yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrative Director Andrew Smallstey:

ODOT has approved the \$500,000.00 safety improvement for St. Rt. 42. This is a 90/10 split.

Still waiting to hear back from NatureWorks Program.

Poggemeyer has begun our project for funding for the meter readers, funding through OWDA, and will complete.

Water break on the square will not affect residents or businesses. The leak has been isolated late night Saturday and no residents are out of service.

Leaf pickup started today. No issues reported.

Public Utilities will hold meeting Tuesday November 1st at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Veolia project for meter replacement. Councilman Kearns asked if meter replacement project timeline and other details can be sent before the meeting electronically so committee members can review in advance. Mr. Smallstey confirmed, he has the information on a thumb drive and can send the important sections.

Tonight's Legislation is necessary for Park's ¾ ton truck. Vehicle needs to be ordered immediately before prices go up again. Monies coming from Christmas lighting and can be replaced at later date. Mayor White noted many cities and villages are experiencing delays with ordering new vehicles.

Councilman O'Brien asked about paving the parks parking lot. Mr. Smallstey replied the project will be completed as part of the 2023 street resurfacing project. Councilman Little agreed, stating quantity saves money and reduces setup charges.

Mayor's Report

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Attended Mayor's Court training last Friday with Council President Jarvis.

Thank you to Councilman Little and Keith Bacin for filling Halloween treat bags for the Halloween Walk last Saturday.

Will be holding committee meeting with Streets & Sidewalks to develop closer and more intense review about Village sidewalks.

The annexation for the schools application was submitted to Richland County Commissioners.

Ribbon cutting for new owners of Bucks will be held October 28th at 10:30 a.m.

Ribbon cutting for Bellville's new dog park will be held October 23rd at Bellville's dog park at 12:30 p.m.

Be aware, surveyor is currently out reviewing our sidewalks and will have it mapped out for the committee meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley

Safety Service will have committee meeting at 6:45 p.m. November 7th.

Councilman Kearns asked if rain date is set for October 27th Trick or Treat night. No date was given.

Mrs. Thompson asked if businesses will be participating before Trick or Treat hours. No one knew.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Parliamentarian Councilman Gongwer:

You can currently vote in person or by mail, October 12th through November 7th.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 22-25 by Mr. Gongwer
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING USE OF HELICOPTERS, OTHER THAN EMERGENCY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT, IN OR NEAR RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by GONGWER to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Little read the following excerpt from Planning Commission:

*October 17, 2022
From: Village of Lexington Planning Commission
To: Village of Lexington Council*

Planning Commission recommends approval of Ordinance No. 22-25 and Ordinance No. 22-26 as proposed:

Ordinance No. 22-25 – An Ordinance prohibiting use of helicopters, other than emergency or law enforcement, in or near residential zoned districts.

And

Ordinance No. 22-26 – An Ordinance restricting use of temporary storage containers, shipping containers, and storage containers.

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

ORDINANCE 22-26 by Mr. Gongwer
AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING USE OF TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS, SHIPPING CONTAINERS, AND STORAGE CONTAINERS.

Motion by GONGWER to adopt.
Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

ORDINANCE 22-28 by Mr. Little
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR OCTOBER COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS FUNDS.

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

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

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

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by WISE.

DISCUSSION: Changes made for purchase of Park's ¾ ton truck by using Christmas lighting funds.

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Kearns asked about cones/barrels to protect the newly erect wall across the street. Mr. Smallstey replied trees are being planted soon. It will be difficult to drive off the edge with bushes/trees planted. We are still waiting for quote on wrought iron fence. Mayor White announced CIC will be meeting soon. Councilman Wise asked if ground covering on the sides will be washed away. Mr. Smallstey stated it is landscaped to prevent falling. Councilman O'Brien liked the pumpkins. Mr. Smallstey noted they were repurposed from Halloween Walk.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor White expressed his appreciation to Brad Ross and the Water Department for their diligent work on Main Street's water leak. All total there were three valves in the leak location and one was shut off and needs repair.

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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor