

Regular Council

September 16,

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

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Keith Bacin, Adam Gongwer, Aaron Hoptry, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, and Todd Wise.
Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Administrator Peter Them and Executive Director Sherry Branham for Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

Motion by KEARNS to excuse
Councilman O'Brien.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by WISE to approve the minutes
of September 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by BACIN.
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by GONGWER to set the time of adjournment
for 8:20 p.m. Seconded by BACIN
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Sherry Branham was presented a proclamation read by Mayor Jarvis regarding recovery month for all citizens living in Richland County.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Jarvis 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 approved for August 2024.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Administrator Peter Them:

All ten bank accounts have been reconciled for the month of August. There were no issues. All CD's have matured.

Motion by LITTLE to approve
Finance report.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Peter Them:

Discussion regarding liability bonds be moved to a newer model, as opposed to previous umbrella. This will include switching from "bonding the person" to "bonding the position". Legislation will be created for next Council Session.

Bicentennial parking lot project has been completed. Water Department is currently replacing the roof. These were approved in '24 budget.

Councilman Kearns asked about mowing at closed Rite Aid lot. Mr. Them has called the company and mowing was completed just prior to the meeting.

Mr. Them attended tree dedication with Richland Soil & Water on the hill at Patriot Park. The tree was planted honoring Richland Soil & Water Volunteer of the year; he chose the location. This is our second planting from Richland Soil & Water Volunteers.

Councilman Bacin asked if the Village is able to hold property owners liable for maintaining their property. Mr. Them replied it is difficult and the Village would never recoup our costs and time. Attorney Studenmund noted Rite-Aid is currently tied up with bankruptcy court; there is no jurisdiction the Village can fall under to assure property upkeep.

Mr. Them introduced Mrs. Wendy Baney, Income Tax Clerk for the Village.

Mayor's report

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

September 25th Area Agency on Aging will have an Awareness Walk on the Bike Trail from 7:00 a.m. till 10:00 a.m.

Halloween Walk will be held October 19th from noon until 5:00 p.m.

P.T.O. will hold their Halloween festivities at Mid-Ohio Racetrack on October 26th from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Liquor License request for Matt McCune d.b.a. River Rock Café [previously housed by The Happy Grape].

Motion by KEARNS to approve
River Rock Café liquor request
as presented for 300 East Main Street
Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Jarvis:

Graphics for new patrol units are completed. All vehicles are scheduled for the upfit of equipment; completion date is estimated at six to eight weeks.

The Department continues to conduct background checks for patrol applicants. We have two positions open.

We have received few applicates for part-time dispatcher positions.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 24-37 by Mr. Little

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ALLOW ATTORNEY GENERAL, ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, COLLECT MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX DEBT.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by HOPTRY.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24-38 by Mr. Little

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council

requiring that a Resolution comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by HOPTRY.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council

requiring that a Resolution is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by HOPTRY.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by HOPTRY.

DISCUSSION: Yearly task.

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

Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were made.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn to
Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of real property.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Jarvis requested Attorney Studenmund and Administrator Them to attend
the Executive Session.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by LITTLE to reconvene
to Regular Council Session.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Jarvis announced Council President Adam Gongwer is moving out of the
village in the month of October. There will be a posted advertisement for the open
Council seat.

Motion by BACIN to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by GONGWER.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Barton
Clerk of Council

Bob Jarvis
Mayor