

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 16, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 7:24 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Office. Mayor John Wells called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Councilman Tom Bragg	Present
Councilman Rhett Matheney	Present
Councilman Steve Inman	Present
Councilman Kevin Morrow	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Captain Troy Copeland, Village Administrator Scott Brown, Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Sara Hurst, John Walter Finley

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of August 2, 2011

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Morrow made a Motion to amend the bill sheet and add the bill for Steve Garris in the amount of \$500 for sidewalk reimbursement, seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The amendment passed.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Inman.

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Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Mayor John Wells

Mayor Wells stated the Veterans' Service Office and the VFW have managed to reserve the Vietnam War Memorial Travel Wall to be brought to McConnelville over the next Memorial Day. Mayor Wells stated they are wanting permission to put it on Main Street; this side of the Dough Boy; for four or five days. Mayor Wells stated they are looking for it to bring between five and eight thousand visitors. Mayor Wells stated it is coming, we just need to find a location and figure out all the details.

Village Administrator Report

Village Administrator Brown read over his reports to Council. *See attached copies.*

Mayor Wells questioned how many violations the plant has had in the last six months. VA Brown stated two in June.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported July's month and year to date expenditures and percentage of the year to date budget for the following departments: Police Department month to date \$25,419.53; year to date \$150,239.86, or 50%; Mayor's Court month to date \$1,849.07; year to date \$6,234.51, or 49%; Parking Facilities month to date \$1,511.40; year to date \$6,599.47, or 47%; Swimming Pool month to date \$15,735.47, year to date \$30,322.90, or 43%; Street M & R month to date \$7,078.33; year to date \$43,102.87, or 42%; Water Fund month to date \$10,477.50, year to date \$105,350.74, or 57%; Sewer Treatment month to date \$39,086.26, year to date \$149,858.02, or 57%; Sewer Fund month to date \$7,812.49, year to date \$51,290.59 or 47% of the YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported all salaries and benefits went over due to three pay periods in the month of July; Police Department supplies and materials went over due to repairing cruisers; Parking Facilities and Mayor's Court contractual services went over due to refilling the postage machine; Sewer Treatment contractual services went over due to sludge hauling and surveying for the Sewer Separation Project.

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported July's month and year to date revenue and percentage of the year to date budget as follows: General Fund month to date \$33,195.23, year to date \$408,974.07, 74%; Street M & R Fund month to date \$6,618.06, year to date \$46,934.95, 57%; Water Fund month to date \$37,129.77, with \$4,212.62 of that being from Morgan Meigs, year to date \$260,363.78, 65%; Sewer Fund month to date \$48,416.84, year to date \$314,273.95, 70% YTD budget.

Police Radios

Mayor Wells stated we need to get the radio situation resolved. Mayor Wells stated FEMA has something they are not using and we are going to test it out to see if it works for us. David Bailey has another possibility to fix the problem that will cost between \$6,000 to \$8,000. Mayor Wells stated we have to do something on the radios soon.

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Police Cruiser

Councilman Inman requested Captain Copeland to report what he found out regarding cruisers.

Captain Copeland presented council with estimates from San Antonio on the refurbished cruisers. Captain Copeland stated they come with light bars, cages, etc. All the village will have to do is add the radio and decals.

Captain Copeland stated he has another place in Middletown, Ohio that has refurbished Dodge Chargers for sale; they don't have light bars or cages and their warranty is pretty limited on it.

Councilman Inman stated we have three choices from San Antonio. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to go with the 2008 model.

Councilman Inman made a Motion to purchase the 2008 Ford Crown Vic from Richaud Auto Sales in Cibolo Texas for a cost of \$16,663.61, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Ordinance 11-21

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-21, AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE A POLICE CRUISER.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to amend Ordinance 11-21 to read at a sum not to exceed \$17,000, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Inman.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adopt Ordinance on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Ordinance 11-21 was duly adopted.

Health Insurance

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Finance Committee met on Monday and discussed the employee's health benefits. Councilwoman Gessel stated VA Brown had a list of companies from Schwendeman and what they are proposing.

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Councilwoman Gessel stated she has appointed Councilwoman Blackburn to head up the health insurance as she has a better understanding of it. Councilwoman Gessel stated as of yet no decision has been made and it is important to get it done by the first of September as that is the renewal date.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated if you look over the paperwork; our current carrier looks to be the best deal.

Councilman Matheney questioned what the difference was between the renewal and 1a. Councilwoman Blackburn stated basically the deductible and prescription benefits; if we make a couple of changes, we can drop the deductible for the employees, and by doing that the village will incur an additional cost of around \$1,000 a year.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated currently the dental insurance costs around \$8,100 per year; if we change to Dearborn it will cost around \$7,200 a year and we could add vision for another \$1,100 and pay the same as we done last year for just dental.

Mayor Wells questioned if any more thought had been given about self-insuring. Councilwoman Blackburn stated with what we would pay with Dearborn; it appears to be better than self-insuring.

Village Administrator Brown stated it comes down to if we cut the deductible in half we would pay 1% more than our current health insurance renewal; and, if we change to Dearborn we can add vision and pay less than our current renewal with Humana.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated the portion our employees are paying is very reasonable.

Councilman Inman stated he felt Health Plan 1a, Dearborn Dental and Eye Med Vision sounded like a good choice to him.

Councilman Matheney stated he liked that also. He was just in question if there would be a waiting period for the employees if they went with a different dental carrier.

VA Brown left the meeting to contact the Insurance Agency to get that answer while council continued with the meeting.

Waterline Replacements

Councilman Morrow questioned if we had a plan to replace water lines within the village. Councilman Morrow stated there are several areas they appear to be repairing over and over.

Mayor Wells stated that has been true and probably always will be; however, council could prepare a list.

Councilman Morrow stated he felt we need to have a plan on what lines we want to replace each year.

Mayor Wells stated we have done that in the past; we replaced N State Route 60; Button Addition; Oakwood; etc. Mayor Wells stated one spot that currently should be replaced is the alley behind the Post Office; as we have worked on that line several times. Mayor Wells stated there are definitely places and council needs to come up with a list. Mayor Wells stated some of the lines we can do ourselves; however, the larger jobs need done by an outside contractor.

Councilman Morrow stated we need to prepare a listing like we do the streets.

Health Insurance

Village Administrator Brown reentered the meeting and stated the agency said as long as we are continuing coverage with another company and there is no lapse it will roll right in and there will be no waiting period.

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Recreation Committee

Councilman Matheney reported we are getting closer on our revenue and expenditures with the pool; the concessions are now making money.

Councilman Matheney stated he believes we should start now in the next few weeks and get quotes on grinding the paint off the bathroom floors and spray vinyl or epoxy them so it will be ready for next year.

Public Utilities

Councilman Bragg reported there was a Joint Utility Meeting with Malta last evening. They asked about calibrating our meter and the Administrator is not sure how to do so since our meter is mechanical and theirs was electrical.

Councilman Bragg reported they discussed replacing the pumps at the sewer plant and there was a discrepancy on the pricing of the pump. They were not sure if the \$13,000 covered both meters; or, if that was for just one.

VA Brown stated it is \$6,000 per pump plus \$1,000 set up. VA Brown stated he had thought the \$1,000 set up charge was for installation; however, he has since found out it will cost an additional \$6,500.

Councilman Bragg stated we needed to get Malta a price on it.

Councilman Bragg reported the next scheduled Joint Utility Meeting will be on December 5, 2011 at 6:30 PM in Malta Council Chambers.

Mayor Wells stated per ordinance the budget needed to be done in October; therefore, they may need to reschedule their meeting.

Health Insurance

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she would like council to review the insurance packet and get back to her with their thoughts by Monday, August 22 so the committee could make their decision at their noon meeting.

Mayor John Wells

Mayor Wells stated council will possibly see a bill on the next bill sheet from the jail as he put someone in jail for 20 days today and it costs \$52.00 per day.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Matheney.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Rhett Matheney, Aye; Councilman Steve Inman, Aye; Councilman Kevin Morrow, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

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The meeting was adjourned till September 6, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnellsville Village Office.

John A. Wells
Mayor

Ellen M. Henry
Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of McConnellsville concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.