

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 2, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 7:08 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:** Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Solicitor David Tarbert

**VISITORS:** Sara Hurst

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of July 19, 2011**

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 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.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Bills of the Village**

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to approve the bills, 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.

##### **Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation**

Council signed off on the July Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation.

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#### **Mayor John Wells**

Mayor Wells reported July Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$174.00; Meters - \$1,261.30 for a total of \$1,435.30. Mayor Wells reported July Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$2,305.50; Treasurer of State - \$583.00 for a total of \$2,888.50. Mayor Wells reported July Income Tax receipts as \$35,843.33.

Mayor Wells reported there was a problem with the telemetry over the weekend; the storms got the new tanks. Mayor Wells stated one of the new employees, Chris Apperson, was on call and handled the situation very well. The Village Administrator is on vacation; therefore, the crew is handling the repair and are doing a very good job.

Mayor Wells reported the river crossing portion of the Streamlining Project begins Monday.

#### **Recreation Committee**

Councilman Matheney reported at the end of July the pool is in hole \$4,832.15. Mayor Wells stated he felt that was good considering in the past it has been more.

Councilwoman Gessel Mary stated she was concerned about the conditions around diving board; it is very moldy and dirty; and, the board is dirty and slippery. She feels it needs bleached and scrubbed.

Councilman Matheney stated the paint on the bathroom floors is not working out and we need to do something with the floors before the pool opens next year.

Councilman Matheney reported there has been a problem with bats and the pool; and, the crew needs to go down and caulk the overhangs.

Councilman Inman questioned if there was any money available to resurface the tennis courts. Mayor Wells stated we resurfaced them about four to six years ago. Mayor Wells stated the best funding for recreation projects is the ODNR Nature Works Grant.

#### **Streets and Alley Committee**

Mayor Wells questioned how many sidewalks have we done this year. Councilman Morrow stated three completed and others are in the works.

Councilman Bragg stated the alley by McConnel Manor looks very good.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she felt the street down to the pool and the parking lot needed some repaving as there are large holes.

#### **Economic Development**

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she is still waiting on the pictures of the sign from Main St Café.

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#### **Finance Committee**

Councilwoman Blackburn requested the Village Administrator to include the Finance Committee on the insurance meetings and decisions.

Mayor Wells stated yes, he would inform him.

#### **Public Safety Committee**

Councilman Inman reported a resident on Fourth Street behind the tennis courts was burning trash on Sunday evening. Councilman Inman stated that is in violation of Village Ordinances.

Councilman Matheney reported his garage has been broken into four times in the month of July. He was questioning an ordinance on curfews. Mayor Wells recommended he talk to Chief Woodburn and Solicitor Tarbert to see what our options are.

Councilman Inman reported they have been gathering information regarding different options of purchasing a new police cruiser.

The committee has three options:

- 1) Purchase a new cruiser; however the delivery time is questionable as it will potentially take 90 days;
- 2) Purchase a refurbished cruiser from Texas like Beverly purchased; they purchased two Crown Victorias and are very pleased with them;
- 3) Purchase a demo from a company that sells the light bars; it is loaded with everything; however, we are unsure of the timeline for them selling it.

Mayor Wells stated he feels we should purchase two new cruisers over the next year; or we will begin to have our officers sharing cruisers.

Councilman Matheney stated he is almost 100% sure the purchase price on the refurbished cruisers includes delivery.

Councilman Inman reported the two Beverly purchased cost \$22,500 delivered.

Councilwoman Gessel questioned if the Crown Victorias would use more gasoline. Chief Woodburn stated no, they all run about the same.

Councilman Matheney stated the wiring is there on the refurbished cars for light bars; however, we have to purchase and install them. He believes we should spend the extra money and get LED light bars.

Councilman Inman stated we have money budgeted to purchase one this year; and, he suggests we move forward with one from Texas. Councilman Inman stated he would like to make a motion at the next meeting to do this; he wants Chief Woodburn and Captain Copeland to go to the website, look at the available cruisers and pick which they would prefer.

Councilman Matheney stated he wants to replace two cruisers over the next six months.

Mayor Wells stated Chief Woodburn and Captain Copeland will look over the cruisers and take their recommendation to the Public Safety Committee so it can be brought before council at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to adjourn.

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 meeting was adjourned till August 16, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

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John A. Wells  
Mayor

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Ellen M. Hemry  
Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of McConnelsville 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.