

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 4, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 6:52 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	Absent
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, Village Administrator Scott Brown, Solicitor David Tarbert

**VISITORS:** Sara Hurst, Pam Wells

#### **Invocation**

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

#### **Excuse Absent Council Member**

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Minutes of December 21, 2010**

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Establish 2011 Council Rules**

Mayor Wells recommended council to approve the same rules as in the past year.

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the same exact rules from 2010 in 2011, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

2011 Council Rules are approved.

#### **Election of President ProTem**

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to nominate Councilman Inman as candidate for President Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilman Bragg.

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

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to close the nominations, seconded by Councilman Morrow.

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 Wells announced that Councilman Inman was the newly elected President Pro-Tem.

#### **Committee Appointments**

There were no changes or preferences by Council; therefore, Mayor Wells stated the committees would stay the same in 2011 as they were in 2010.

#### **Mayor John Wells**

Mayor Wells reminded Council of the Work Session to be held at 6:30 PM on January 11, 2011 here in Council Chambers.

Mayor Wells reported December Income Tax receipts as \$9,827.26. Mayor Wells reported December Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$3,417.75; Morgan County Treasurer - \$75.00; Treasurer of State - \$606.00 for a total of \$4,098.75. Mayor Wells reported December Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fine - \$355.01; Meter - \$1,493.81 for a total of \$1,848.82.

Mayor Wells stated Council has a year end report from the Fiscal Officer on the Cash Funds.

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#### **State of the Village Address**

*See attached address.*

#### **Public Safety Committee**

Councilman Inman stated he would like to discuss the Code Enforcement Officer position at the work session; the language may modify the existing ordinance.

Councilman Inman stated there were still low hanging utility wires on Kennebec. Councilman Bragg stated he thought these were phone wires. VA Brown stated he did not find them; he will be shown tomorrow where they are.

Councilman Inman stated he has received calls regarding a letter sent out from the Water Department about licensed plumbers. Councilman Inman questioned if we could provide a listing of the licensed plumbers in our community. VA Brown stated he did not put a listing in with the letter as he did not know who did and did not have licenses, and he did not want to leave anyone out.

#### **Utility Committee**

Councilman Bragg stated he forwarded a copy to all Council on the water rates and would discuss this at the work session.

Councilman Bragg stated he had some concerns on the water line at the WODA Project; as to where they are going to move our line.

Mayor Wells stated he and the VA have had concerns also and are going to be raising questions with them. Mayor Wells stated our biggest problem is there is no valve, and this will be addressed. Mayor Wells stated this is a legitimate issue and the Administration has to figure out something in the next week.

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

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

The meeting was adjourned till January 18, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnelville Village Office.

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John A. Wells  
Mayor

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Ellen M. Henry  
Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of McConnelville 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