

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 5, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 7:14 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, Village Administrator Scott Brown, Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Sara Hurst, Ron Coler, John Walter Finley

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of June 21, 2011

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Morrow made a Motion to add a bill to the bill sheet for Jim Wilson in the amount of \$498.30 for the sidewalk improvement reimbursement program, 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.

Councilman Inman made a Motion to approve the bills as amended, 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.

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Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

Public Participation

Mr. Ron Coler addressed Council regarding his water bill. Mr. Coler stated he only used 885 gallons last month and he still had to pay the base fee of \$50.00. Mr. Coler commented he would be sure and get his money's worth the next month; he will turn his spigot on and let it run. Mr. Coler feels this is too expensive and the Village should give 1,000 gallons for the low/vacancy fee.

Mayor Wells stated he understands his thoughts; and, Council worked on this Ordinance for over a year. Mayor Wells stated no matter where they put the cut off; someone will be right above or below it and will be unhappy. Mayor Wells stated our costs have went up; some we control and some we don't. Mayor Wells stated Council has heard his concern and if they wish to do something about it; it is their prerogative.

Councilman Bragg stated he can't argue with his concern; however, there is no way to set something and keep everybody happy.

Councilwoman Gessel stated before meters the residents were paying \$59.00 per month; and now with the meters the base is only \$50.00; therefore, it is still less.

Mr. John Walter Finley addressed Council regarding State Bids for vehicles. Mr. Finley stated Captain Copeland has talked to him about purchasing police cruisers and working with the State Bid. Mr. Finley stated he has collected some information on this and will be sharing it with Chief Woodburn and Captain Copeland so they can bring it back to Council.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Councilman Matheney reported on the Public Safety Committee Meeting that was held on June 28, 2011. Councilman Matheney stated they talked to Captain Copeland and Chief Woodburn about purchasing reconditioned cruisers. Councilman Matheney has looked in to this and you can get whatever year you want with forty to seventy thousand miles on them; all the interior is replaced, it is repainted, rotors, calipers, all fluids, etc are replaced at a cost between \$10,500 to \$13,500. Councilman Matheney stated for the money we may want to look into doing this; we could get two for the price of one. He currently has found two 2007 Dodge Chargers with 41,000 miles for \$10,500 each; they were college campus cruisers.

Councilman Inman stated his follow up from the meeting was to drop by Beverly's Police Department and see what they thought of this program as they purchased some cruisers from it. Councilman Inman stated he has not been able to catch anyone in yet; and they also have two reconditioned cruisers for sale that he is going to check on.

Mayor Wells stated we may have something to bring to next council regarding the purchase of a cruiser.

Councilman Matheney stated everyone he has talked to regardless of what they were selling informed him to stay away from the Chevy Impala as they have been know to have several mechanical problems.

Mayor Wells reported they also discussed the status of Police radios as they have been having trouble with their portables. Out of this a meeting was set with David Bailey for earlier today; to come in a give them information on how to get the most use out of their radios. Mayor Wells stated Mr. Bailey has a band-aid solution to help and he is also

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working on a long term solution for this problem. Mayor Wells stated we are going to go ahead and buy radio antennas to put on the cruisers at a cost of just a few hundred dollars; and the long term solution is new tower technology; however, it is unknown on how long this will take to be completed. Mayor Wells stated he is hopeful the temporary fix will be complete within the next month.

Mayor John Wells

Mayor Wells reported June Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$3,594.00; Treasurer of State – \$797.00 for a total of \$4,391.00. Mayor Wells reported June Income Tax receipts as \$13,165.53.

Village Administrator Scott Brown

Village Administrator Brown reported he had a staff meeting today with the crew. They have scheduled to hot mix the pot holes and do patch work; they will be reclaiming where the new sidewalks were installed and removal of the old hydrants. VA Brown stated he was going to start having a staff meeting every week to let the guys have an opportunity to let him know what is going on.

VA Brown reported the following:

- 1) There was a water leak on Sunset Drive where TAM put a galvanized nut on a copper waterline that created a leak.
- 2) He has been receiving positive comments on the new sidewalk on Kennebec Avenue. The Contractor finished everything today; except for one section of a driveway.
- 3) He ordered 18 PRV's to finish up the rest of Kennebec. Once they are in place they will fire up the line again.
- 4) He signed the award papers today for the sliplining.
- 5) Met with the County Engineer on the paving. He stated the Engineer reported Jefferson Avenue had been done recently and the points were awarded based on the age of the street. VA needs a list from the Street Committee as to which streets they would like to see paved next.
- 6) He had a conversation today about 190 Third Street; wanting a curb cut in which he turned over to the Street Committee.

Councilman Matheney questioned if the contractors were done; who was in charge of putting the dirt back? VA Brown stated the Village crew.

A brief discussion was made on the paving of Jefferson Avenue. Council and Mayor both believe that Jefferson hasn't been done at least in the last decade and possibly the Engineer is thinking of the wrong street.

Ordinance 11-20

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-20, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate and distinct readings and place on emergency measure, 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.

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Councilman Matheney made a Motion to adopt Ordinance on emergency measure, 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.

Ordinance 11-20 was duly adopted.

Recreation Committee

Councilman Matheney stated he would have a report at the next meeting regarding the revenue and expenditures of the pool thus far this year.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she had Missy Scott print out the regulations on signs in the downtown area. Councilwoman Blackburn reported she is asking Main St Café to submit a design of the sign they are wanting to install so she can take it to the committee.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Inman stated he was pleased to report that some of the nuisance properties have been partially cleaned up.

Mayor Wells stated the property on Jefferson Avenue has done everything they said they would do. Mayor Wells instructed him to continue; or, he will have to come back to court. Mayor Wells stated the home now has gutters and downspouts; the chimney has been taken down; and, originally there was not any siding on the home and it is now all sided. The trash was cleaned up out of the front yard; they have made significant changes.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg stated he has a question on the water bill from Malta; he will talk to them and bring it back to the next council meeting.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Tax Committee met today and collections were up as the Mayor stated earlier in the meeting. Councilwoman Gessel feels one reason we do so well on our collection is the Tax Administrator tries hard to constantly keep after these people to pay their income tax that is due to the Village.

Councilwoman Gessel stated at the last council meeting they discussed donating to the Chamber for help with the fireworks and at that time no motion was made. Councilwoman Gessel stated she would like to entertain a motion to donate \$500 to the Chamber for the fireworks, 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, Abstain; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

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The Motion carried, the Fiscal Officer is to prepare a check for the Chamber for the fireworks.

Street Paving

Mayor Wells stated what County Engineer Hook is talking about with regards to the grant money is that the street has to be so old to get enough points. Mayor Wells stated it is very good he pointed this out to us as we don't want to go through the process with it and not get the points. Mayor Wells stated we have plenty of money currently in the fund; so, we could do paving on our own if we choose to.

Closing of Alley

Councilwoman Blackburn reported Shriver's Pharmacy is having a Kids Day July 23rd from 11:00 til 1:00 and they are requesting the alley by the back parking lot be closed. With no objections, the Mayor stated he will order it to be done.

Next Council Meeting

Councilman Matheney requested to be excused from the July 19th council meeting as he will be out of town.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilwoman Gessel 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 July 19, 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.