

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 15, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 7:10 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

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of March 1, 2011

Councilman Inman 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

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to approve the bills, 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.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Henry

Fiscal Officer Henry reported February's month and year to date expenditures and percentage of the year to date budget for the following departments: Police Department month to date \$16,701.96, year to date \$34,957.88, or 12%; Mayor's Court month to date \$965.90, year to date \$1,843.59, or 15%; Parking Facilities month to date \$769.25, year to

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date \$1,681.67, or 12%; Street M & R month to date \$6,503.80, year to date \$11,062.44, or 11%; Water Fund expenditures month to date \$24,088.62, year to date \$32,632.99, or 18%; Sewer Treatment expenditures month to date \$16,181.48, year to date \$27,963.14, or 11%; Sewer Fund expenditures month to date \$5,191.34, year to date \$10,436.78 or 10% of the YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated the Water Contractual Services went over due to paying for inspection of the Streamlining Project; and, Supplies and Materials went over due to purchasing extra water supplies.

Fiscal Officer Hemry reported February's month and year to date revenue and percentage of the year to date budget as follows: General Fund month to date \$60,786.59, year to date \$82,660.92, 15%; Street M & R Fund month to date \$7,075.93, year to date \$14,018.16, 17%; Water Fund month to date received \$39,637.25, with \$5,726.71 of that being from Morgan Meigs, year to date \$73,174.57, 18%; Sewer Fund month to date \$38,822.54, with \$3,700.70 of that being from Malta for Joint Sewer Operations, year to date \$71,405.25, 17% YTD budget.

Fiscal Officer Hemry stated February is approximately at 17% of the year and all of the expenditures are at or under 17%; and, the revenues are right at or close to 17%.

Chief of Police Rocky Woodburn

Chief Woodburn reported in the month of February, the Police Department had driven 3,019 miles and used 321.6 gallons of gasoline. The police department issued 20 warnings, 13 traffic tickets, 19 misdemeanor citations, making a total of 32 tickets issued. Chief Woodburn reported total hours worked for all officers was 637 hours and 18 minutes; they issued 7 crash reports and 19 incident reports.

Village Administrator Scott Brown

Village Administrator went over the report he passed out to council. VA Brown reported the total water loss for the year is currently at 4%. Questions arose on some of the billing figures on his report. VA Brown stated he would check into them and get back with Council.

Mayor Wells requested the master meter to be calibrated.

Ordinance 10-36

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 10-36, for the third and final reading; AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS; EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

Councilman Inman made a Motion to pass Ordinance 10-36 on the third and final reading, 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.

Ordinance 10-36 was duly adopted.

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Ordinance 11-05

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-05, for the third and final reading; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYOFF OF SEWER PUMP LOAN.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to pass Ordinance 11-05 on the third and final reading, 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 11-05 was duly adopted.

Ordinance 11-08

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-08; AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PAY INCREASES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Matheney 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 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.

Ordinance 11-08 was duly adopted.

Mayor John Wells

Mayor Wells stated the Village Administrator had given each council member a copy of a quote he received for paving. Mayor Wells would like council to look over the quote and get back with the VA.

Mayor Wells reported he recently drove on the street that goes past the old Feed Mill and found that street is in need of repair. Mayor Wells stated since it was such a small street, maybe we could add it to the paving when we repair Jefferson Avenue.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Matheney stated if Council had no objections; he would like to rehire Tricia Nesselroad to be manager of the pool again this year. Councilman Matheney stated he felt we should leave the fees the same as last year. Councilman Matheney reported he had already been contacted by the schools to rent the pool at \$2.00 per student for the end of the year parties again. Councilman Matheney stated he would like to start working on getting the pool ready in April.

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Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Morrow stated he felt we should repair Poplar Drive when redoing Jefferson Avenue.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she had been contacted by the Master Gardeners regarding putting trees at the Park and within the town.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned what the village was planning on doing with the old reservoir site. VA Brown stated he was up for any ideas and as soon as the funds were available he would have the old reservoir demolished.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Inman stated he wanted to thank the Apperson family for cleaning up their property. Councilman Inman stated the property on Jefferson Avenue is still in state of disrepair and feels it needs to be taken further. Mayor Wells stated they are due back in court and the matter will then be addressed.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated the duplex on Fifth Street needs addressed also.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg questioned if we are going to advertise the sidewalk program.

Councilman Morrow stated we are going to apply \$5,000 towards residential sidewalks and \$5,000 towards repairing the sidewalks on Kennebec where the water project has damaged.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated it is on the Village Website also.

Councilman Bragg stated he felt we should do something to enforce people parking on sidewalks. Chief Woodburn stated a driveway takes precedence over a sidewalk. Mayor Wells stated within the sidewalk program regulations, it has to be six inches thick if you are using it for a driveway. Mayor Wells stated regarding the enforcement; it could be added to the property maintenance ordinance.

Councilman Bragg stated at the last meeting he brought up about Malta and the fence around the water plant. Councilman Bragg stated we need to make a decision on that. The price to have it installed was around \$14,000; this would be a 50/50 split. Discussion was made on exactly where the fence would be installed. Councilman Bragg stated he would get with Malta.

Finance Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Income Tax Committee had their first quarter meeting today. Collections are about even from last year.

Councilwoman Gessel reported the Finance Committee met and discussed the payroll ordinance we just passed and the employee's uniforms. VA Brown stated he would get with the employee's to see if they preferred uniforms or an allowance.

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Councilwoman Gessel reported we do have a website up and running. Councilwoman Gessel stated she likes it a lot; she feels it is to the point and has everything we want in it. Once the council section is complete, each member can have their own e-mail address to be contacted directly.

Councilman Matheney stated he had been in contact with Scott Smith who developed the website and if council wishes, we could promote advertising on the bottom of the main page and charge for it. This way we could make enough money to pay for our annual fees.

Mayor Wells stated to get to our website, you go to www.mcconnelsville.net. Mayor Wells requested council to filter all their comments through Councilwoman Gessel.

Council questioned about getting online bill pay. Mayor Wells felt it was a good idea and requested they get a price quote from our software company.

Mayor Wells reported our Police Department took up a collection and is sponsoring a T-ball league this year.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Matheney made a Motion to adjourn, 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 meeting was adjourned till April 5, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

John A. Wells
Mayor

Ellen M. Henry
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.