

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 15, 2014

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:04 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Office. Mayor John W. Finley called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Councilman Tom Bragg	Present
Councilman Darrell Newton	Present
Councilman Terry Robison	Present
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Troy Copeland, Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson, and Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Matt Morris, Julie Wells, Cinda White

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of April 1, 2014

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

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, 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 Robison.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Public Participation

Julie Wells addressed Council regarding Relay for Life. Ms. Wells is Chairing the Relay for Life this year. Ms. Wells stated she met with the Village Administrator and the Commissioners last week.

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Relay for Life will be held on June 13th and 14th at the Athletic Field. They would like the kick off to begin at 4:00 P.M. on the Courthouse Lawn; they will be releasing balloons at that time with approximately a thirty minute presentation. Then they would like to do a walk from the Courthouse down Main Street to Eighth and on to the Athletic Field.

They are requesting an Officer to possibly lead the parade and/or watch traffic while the walk is done.

Mayor Finley asked Chief Copeland to get with Ms. Wells to arrange this. They would also like to place purple ribbons on the parking meters; in which, they will remove after the program is completed.

It was noted the Commissioners have already gave permission to use the Courthouse lawn.

Councilman Robison stated if the information could be given to him; he would place it on the Village's website.

Painting the Town purple begins on May 1, 2014; and, will last through June 14, 2014.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported there was various information in Council's packets for their review.

Mayor Finley stated he has some information regarding State Issue I; Mayor Finley strongly supports this Issue.

Councilman Robison stated if he could get the information regarding Issue I, he will put it on the Village Website.

Ordinance 14-12

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 14-12, AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATION TO PROCEED WITH THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF NEW STORM SEWERS ON EIGHTH, NINTH, AND TENTH STREETS.

Councilman Newton questioned why we needed to borrow the full amount of Engineering for this project when \$150,000 had been appropriated to pay out of the Village funds.

Village Administrator Thompson stated if we borrow this money; there is a possibility that we can roll it over into a zero percent interest loan along with the construction loan. It was noted this loan is just for Engineering Fees.

Councilman Bragg 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 Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-12 on emergency measure, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Ordinance 14-12 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported he received a call from Service Pump and Supply. They are requesting half payment for the pumps prior to ordering.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to approve Fiscal Officer Henry to cut a check for \$5,000 in advance for ordering of the pumps; seconded by Councilman Bragg.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The Motion Carried.

6:32 PM – Councilman Robison left the Council Meeting due to work duties.

Village Administrator Thompson reported on the following items:

- 1) He met with Burgess & Niple last Thursday regarding the Seventh Street Storm Sewer Project.
- 2) He is going to price used street sweepers; the one we currently have needs a lot of repair work.
- 3) He has been passing out surveys for the Distress Grant; Councilman Robison also has survey on the Village Website.
- 4) Hydrant blew off last week on N Eighth Street.
- 5) Received a schedule for the pool slide installation.
- 6) We are still in need of lifeguards for the pool. Village Administrator Thompson apologized for not getting the lifeguard ad in the Herald this week; he will have it in next week's issue.
- 7) The UV Project is coming up against the deadline at the end of April. The last part was shipped to the wrong address.
- 8) The sludge hauling has been switched from Synagro to Agri-Sludge. He is anticipating this will save the Village on the cost as they inject the sludge underground when it is frozen rather than hauling it away and the Village then having to pay disposal fees.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he met with Shannon Wells from the Development Office today in regards to the HVAC system for the Opera House. She is going to present to the Commissioners for additional funding.

Village Administrator Thompson stated we are running into time constraints and since we have had a backlog on getting this system together; we may hold off the HVAC until next year and use a different grant to purchase it. We can then use the \$45,000 grant monies we have now to paint and fix the windows of the Opera House. They will be putting in a request to see if we will be allowed to change the project scope of this current grant.

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Village Administrator Thompson stated he is asking for Council's approval to expend \$15,000 on the HVAC Project; with \$8,500 of that being for a Structural Architect.

Councilman Dille made a Motion to approve the Village Administrator to expend \$15,000 out of the Village's General Fund for the HVAC System; seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Village Administrator Thompson asked Council for a Motion to switch the Electric Aggregation Contract and extend it.

Councilman Newton made a Motion permitting Village Administrator Thompson to do so; seconded by Councilman Bragg.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Chief of Police Troy Copeland

Chief Copeland reported he will be bringing an Ordinance to Council for passage at the next meeting, for the sale of excess guns. Chief Copeland has cleaned out the evidence room; and, is in possession of 32 firearms. Claude Maxwell from Maxwell's Hunting and Fishing has reviewed them and will be getting an appraisal to the Chief. Chief Copeland stated he would like to trade these items for ammunition and the purchase of other guns for the Police Department.

Chief Copeland reported the Meter Project is going slow; he has installed thirteen refurbished meters to date.

Chief Copeland reported he plans to have the Part-time Officer scheduled to work two or three nights a week on his own.

Mayor Finley requested the Chief to get with the Village Administrator and start reviewing properties with regards to the Village Property Maintenance Ordinance. Mayor Finley stated some properties are severely in need of being addressed.

Chief Copeland reported he has been cleaning up abandoned cars and junk vehicles.

Councilwoman Gessel reported to Chief Copeland the information she received from previous Village Administrator Scott Brown with regards to the International Property Maintenance Code that he uses in Baltimore.

Chief Copeland is not familiar with this Code; and, will check into it.

Fiscal Officer Ellen Hemry

Fiscal Officer Hemry passed out the March Financial Report to Council.

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Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported Pool Manager Teresa Brannon has been contacted by Mr. Hopkins, the Principal at the Junior High. They would like to rent the pool May 27th and 29th for the Seventh and Eighth Grade Classes. They will need concessions for approximately 600 kids. Village Administrator Thompson had stated he did not foresee a problem as the pool would have already opened Memorial Weekend.

Councilwoman Gessel stated we currently only have 4 lifeguards for this year; and, has requested Village Administrator Thompson to place another ad in the Herald.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Newton reported he will be getting with the Village Administrator.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she attended the April 3rd Community Meeting. There were a total of six people in attendance. Different ideas were passed around; it did not seem that anyone really wants to take on the project.

Councilman Blackburn reported she submitted an Essay to the USA Weekend paper to win Fourth of July Fireworks for the Village. She has prepared the letters from the Chamber of Commerce for the fireworks; to submit for donations. Councilwoman Blackburn stated it currently looks as if we will have a fireworks display; however, the festival is still up in the air.

Councilwoman Gessel stated someone approached her stating they felt it would be better to have a Band instead of Fireworks; so families could get together and there would be better participation; instead of spending money on fireworks.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated they should have attended the meeting and brought their ideas there.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Dille.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till May 6, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Office.

John W. Finley
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.