

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 5, 2011

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:30 P.M. to 7:35 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, Village Administrator Scott Brown, Solicitor David Tarbert

VISITORS: Sara Hurst, Tim Bragg, Damon Drake, Craig VanNess, Art Deininger

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John Wells.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John Wells.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of March 15, 2011

Councilman Inman made a Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 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, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Inman made a Motion to approve the bills, 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, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

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Public Participation

Mr. Art Deininger with Buckeye Energy addressed Council regarding getting the best prices for energy and gas for the Village or city buildings. If Council puts it on the ballot; Buckeye Energy will take care of all things; including cost to put on ballot and getting the word out to the voters.

Mayor John Wells

Mayor Wells stated he asked the Utility Aggregation-Buckeye Energy here as his guest. Mayor Wells reported the percentage to be saved by a resident could be between five and six percent; and as high as fifteen percent on a commercial site. Mayor Wells stated if council chooses to have them as a consultant; we put it on the ballot, and they bid the services out to the people and let them make a choice whether to participate or opt out.

Village Administrator Scott Brown

Village Administrator Brown addressed council about purchasing a Kubota tractor from Terry Spears; in which, the employees were in favor of. VA Brown stated the cost for this piece of equipment would be approximately \$30,000.

Street Foreman, Tim Bragg explained the advantages for mowing, loading dump trucks, and not having to drive the big tractor back and forth from project site.

It was stated we could pay for this with the money originally approved to pay off the sewer loan; or, finance the tractor at a two percent loan.

It was decided to let the employees decide what type of finish mower they needed and/or box blade.

VA Brown handed out his water report.

Resolution 11-09

Mayor Wells introduced Resolution 11-09, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER VILLAGE OFFICIAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRACTOR AND RELATED ATTACHMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion was made that the majority of council does not want to bid out the mowing. Questions arose as whether or not council wanted to purchase a tractor and permission to explore for a new employee.

Councilman Matheney stated the village has went several years without two employees and he feels we need to hire an employee.

It was reported by Mayor Wells that estate tax revenue had not been budgeted and that we will be receiving \$33,000.

Council authorized to purchase a tractor for \$30,000 and an additional \$5,000 for extra items.

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

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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 Bragg made a Motion to adopt Ordinance 11-09 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.

Resolution 11-09 was duly adopted.

Village Administrator Brown will contact Spears to hold the tractor and give the Village 30 days to purchase.

Hiring of Employee

Council authorized the Mayor to hire a new employee or possibly two part-time employees.

Ordinance 11-10

Mayor Wells introduced Ordinance 11-10, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS THROUGH THE WATER SERVICE CONNECTION INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.

Councilman Inman made a Motion to pass Ordinance 11-10 on the first reading, 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.

Ordinance 11-10 was passed on the first reading.

Recreation and Buildings Committee

Councilman Matheney reported Tricia Nesselroad is putting an ad in the Herald for lifeguards.

Councilman Matheney stated he would like to buy two new pumps and a computer to run the pumps for the baby pool. Councilman Matheney stated it would be a savings in the purchase of chlorine.

The total current budget for the swimming pool is \$60,201.00.

Streets and Alley Committee

Councilman Matheney stated he would like the end of Sixteenth Street to be turned into a street.

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Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reported there will be a ribbon cutting at Shrivvers Pharmacy on April 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM for the opening of the JC Penney Catalog Center.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported she had been contacted by Big O regarding free compost bins for the village.

Councilwoman Blackburn reported there will be an MS walk.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned why the banners at the new bridge were being taken down. It was reported they could only be put up for non-profit organizations or community activities.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Inman stated he would like to add sidewalk violations to Ordinance 07-06.

Councilman Inman stated the property on Jefferson Avenue still needs cleaned up.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg stated the gas usage at the Sewer Plant needs to be looked at. VA Brown stated he would check into it; it has been used for other uses also.

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilman Inman made a Motion to adjourn, 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, Aye; Councilwoman Mary Gessel, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till April 29, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the McConnellsville Village Office.

John A. Wells
Mayor

Michele Blackburn
Councilwoman

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.