

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 3, 2015

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:37 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	Absent
Councilman Mark Dille	Present
Councilwoman Michele Blackburn	Present
Councilwoman Mary Gessel	Present

EMPLOYEES: Chief of Police Troy Copeland and Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry

VISITORS: Carol Morris, Fred Morris, Kevin Morrow, and Shawn Shannon

Invocation

Invocation given by Mayor John W. Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

Excuse Absent Council Member

Councilwoman Gessel made a Motion to excuse Councilman Robison from the meeting, seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of February 17, 2015

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Newton made a Motion to approve the bills, 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.

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Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley stated he received a letter requesting to close the Square from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on July 11, 2015 for the Civil War Re-Enactment skirmish (each Council Member received a copy of the letter). Mayor Finley asked for a Motion to approve the closing of the Square.

Councilman Dille made a Motion to allow the closing of the Square on July 11, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., seconded by Councilman Newton.

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

Mayor Finley reported February Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$650.65; Meters - \$1,791.72 for a total of \$2,442.37. Mayor Finley reported February Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$6,902.00; Morgan County Treasurer - \$73.65; Treasurer of State - \$1,195.35 for a total of \$8,171.00. Mayor Finley reported February Income Tax receipts as \$32,067.80.

Mayor Finley reported the April 21, 2015 Council Meeting has been rescheduled for April 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Ordinance 15-05

Mayor Finley introduced Ordinance 15-05, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; AND, INCREMENT PAY FOR WATER AND SEWER LICENSES.

Mayor Finley noted the first line in the second paragraph of Section H on page ten needs removed. This requires an employee to take a week of vacation when they have maxed out their two year accumulation; however, this is not needed as it states in the previous paragraph they stop accruing vacation once they reach their maximum accumulation.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to pass Ordinance 15-05 with the noted change, on the third and final reading; seconded by Councilwoman Gessel.

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

Ordinance 15-05 was duly adopted.

Mayor Finley reported the Village Administrator was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Finley stated the Village Administrator is recommending Burgess & Niple Engineering for the Hawk Waterline Interconnect and needs approval from Council to contract with them for this project.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to contract with Burgess & Niple for the Hawk Waterline Interconnect; seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

The Motion carried.

Mayor Finley stated the Village Administrator is recommending MS Consultants for the Sewer Separation Project and needs approval from Council to contract with them for this project.

Councilman Newton made a Motion to contract with MS Consultants for the Sewer Separation Project; 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 Motion carried.

Mayor Finley stated he will be attending a meeting in Marietta tomorrow at Buckeye Hills.

Mayor Finley reported the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer had a meeting with the Village's Insurance Company. They are requesting the Village to be named as an additional insured on the liability policies of anyone who is having any type of activity at the Park.

Kevin Morrow, President of the Park Board was in attendance and stated he was unsure if anyone had a liability insurance policy. He will bring this to the Board's attention and talk with the teams about this.

Fiscal Officer Henry stated we need a copy of their liability policy showing where the Village is listed as an additional insured for our records.

Mayor Finley reported the funds raised to date verses the expenditures of the K9 Fund are right in line with each other. Mayor Finley stated the public is supporting this project well; and, we greatly appreciate all their support.

Councilwoman Gessel stated the students at East School are having a "Hat Day"; and, the money they raise is going to be donated to the K9 Fund.

Recreation & Buildings Committee

Councilman Newton stated he was in receipt of a letter from Mary Ellen VanHorn regarding usage of the pool for the Re-Enactment. Councilman Newton stated he will schedule a Committee Meeting to discuss this.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Dille stated he appreciates the meter report from Parking Enforcement Officer Mike Chern.

Councilman Dille reported the Village Administrator has completed the application for the Safe Routes to School Project.

Councilman Bragg stated the dumpster is still sitting on Main Street.

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Councilwoman Gessel stated she has been in contact with them and she requested the dumpster to be marked with reflective tape. They are aware of Council's concerns; it is a temporary thing. Councilwoman Gessel requested the dumpster to be moved quickly.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Gessel reported on the February 23rd Joint Utility Committee Meeting. Councilwoman Gessel stated she took the minutes of the meeting and they are on file in the Village Office.

The next Joint Utility Meeting is scheduled for May 18th at 7:00 P.M. in McConnelsville Council Chambers.

Public Safety Committee

Councilwoman Blackburn reminded residents in the village to try and keep their sidewalks cleaned off for safety purposes.

Councilwoman Gessel stated she wanted the Village Crew to know how much they were appreciated and they have done a great job keeping the Village streets cleaned.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

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 March 17, 2015 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.