

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 5, 2016

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The Village of McConnelsville convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 7:15 P.M. in the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers. 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 Diane Offenberger	Present

EMPLOYEES: Fiscal Officer Ellen M Henry, Village Administrator John Thompson

VISITORS: Jay Cordray, Amy Flowers, Brooke Cartus, Neal Offenberger, Missy Scott, Tim Bragg, Shawn Shannon

Invocation

Invocation given by Galen Finley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor John W. Finley.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of December 15, 2015

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Bills of the Village

Councilman Bragg made a Motion to approve the bills, seconded by Councilman Dille.

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

Monthly Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation

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

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Public Participation

Mayor Finley noted Mr. Jay Cordray spoke with him prior to the meeting. Mr. Cordray is asking on behalf of the MCCA to put a sign up at their new office. Mayor Finley stated he has instructed Mr. Cordray to get a drawing and photo of the sign, take it to the Village Administrator and he will bring to Council if needed.

State of the Village Address

See attached.

Appointment of Committees

See attached listing.

Elect President Pro-Tem

Councilman Newton nominated Councilman Robison as President Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilwoman Blackburn.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Aye; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Abstain; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

Mayor John W. Finley

Mayor Finley reported the number and types of Court Tickets for 2015. They included: 76 Criminal Tickets; 84 Income Tax Tickets; 9 Juvenile Tickets; 94 Parking Tickets; 275 Traffic Tickets; and, there were no tickets written in regards to the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Mayor Finley reported December Mayor's Court receipts as follows: Village - \$4,808.48; Morgan County Treasurer - \$157.00; Treasurer of State - \$686.00 for a total of \$5,651.48. Mayor Finley reported December Parking Meter receipts as follows: Fines - \$395.00; Meters - \$2,058.52 for a total of \$2,453.52. Mayor Finley reported December Income Tax receipts as \$13,956.54.

Mayor Finley stated at the last meeting Council requested to wait until the new year before deciding on a Grant Writer. Mayor Finley stated in the meantime, Shannon Wells, Grant Writer through the County Offices has requested to address Council prior to their making a decision. Mayor Finley stated if Council so pleases, he will add her to the Agenda of the next meeting if she is available.

Councilman Robison questioned Village Administrator Thompson what a Grant Writer could do for us that he isn't doing for us now.

Village Administrator Thompson stated in his opinion, we are getting about as much as we can get with grants now. Village Administrator Thompson does not feel we will get anything additional out of hiring one versus doing as we are now with Mrs. Wells. Village Administrator Thompson stated he feels Buckeye Hills and Shannon Wells would be able to get more for our needs than what a Grant Writer can.

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Councilman Newton questioned if it costs more with them rather than what we would be paying a Grant Writer.

Village Administrator Thompson stated the Grant Writer is charging for a retainer and Shannon Wells does not charge anything. The 20% Administration Fee would come out of the Grant regardless of who writes it.

Councilman Newton stated years ago we had Kim Shields and he got a lot of grant money for us then.

Councilman Dille noted he received an e-mail from Allen Craig on different grants from the State. Councilman Dille has forwarded this information on to Council.

Village Administrator John Thompson

Village Administrator Thompson reported there were a total of six bids for the Hawk Kennebec Interconnect. McVoyt Construction was the lowest and best bidder for a total of \$74,000. Village Administrator Thompson noted they are a local company; and, they are the company that done the last two phases of sewer separation in Malta. Village Administrator Thompson stated the Engineers have done their review and are recommending him.

Village Administrator Thompson stated the County Commissioners will be the lead on this project due to the grant being in their name. Village Administrator Thompson asked Council for a Motion to recommend McVoyt Construction to the County Commissioners for their approval.

Councilman Robison made a Motion to recommend McVoyt Construction as the lowest and best bidder for the Hawk Kennebec Interconnect, 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 Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The Motion carried.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he was in contact with Jess Howard Electric today; and, they are to get the quote on the Tenth Street traffic light to him tomorrow. Mr. Howard has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks creating the delay in the quote.

Village Administrator Thompson reported he will be delivering the application for the Small Government Grant before Friday for painting the Stand Pipe. Village Administrator Thompson is concerned the Village is not going to score high enough on the points to be funded.

Village Administrator Thompson reported the financing with OWDA should be completed at the end of this month for the Sewer Separation Project.

Village Administrator Thompson stated Council needs to look at projects for the next round of Issue I. Village Administrator Thompson is recommending paving Oakwood, Poplar; and, the end of Eighth Street out to State Route 78. Village Administrator Thompson stated we will be going in with the County for this project. Village Administrator Thompson stated we will apply for the Grant in 2016 and receive the money in 2017. Village Administrator Thompson stated you do not score as high when paving subdivisions verses paving main thoroughfares within the Village.

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Village Administrator Thompson stated we also need to apply for a water project. Village Administrator Thompson recommends replacing a section of water line on the Hawk line on State Route 78; or, a section on Kennebec Avenue. Both of these have broken several times. Village Administrator Thompson stated we have had more issues on State Route 78 than Kennebec; however, Kennebec seems to tear up worse than State Route 78. Village Administrator Thompson noted we have spent more time and money on State Route 78.

Village Administrator Thompson asked Council if they have a preference on which line he applies for the grant; the engineering should cost about the same.

Councilman Robison questioned if we could do both lines.

Village Administrator Thompson stated yes, for a cost. Village Administrator Thompson estimates the construction for both lines would be between \$350,000 to \$400,000; not including the engineering costs.

Council requested Village Administrator Thompson and Foreman Bragg to discuss this and bring their recommendation to the next meeting.

Village Administrator Thompson stated this grant application will be due the first of September; however, he will need engineering and have a PTI done prior to applying for the Grant, so he needs to begin working on it now.

Mayor Finley questioned the Poplar Drive water line.

Village Administrator Thompson stated these other two sections appear to be worse than Poplar Drive.

Village Administrator Thompson noted he e-mailed the graphs for the Malta water billings out to all of Council.

Mayor Finley asked Village Administrator Thompson to study these graphs and bring a report to Council regarding them.

Foreman Tim Bragg questioned if the extra money stemming from the low bid on the Hawk Interconnect Project could be directed towards purchasing a second pump.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he would check; however, he did not think it could with the scope of the current project.

Mayor Finley thanked the crew for all the work they have done in the Council Chambers. Mayor Finley stated he has asked Ginny Bond to help him decorate the Council Chambers and he would pay for it out of his personal funds. Mrs. Bond has taken the task on, has directed the colors; and, will be doing some pictures, plants, etc. to make it look nicer and more presentable.

Mayor Finley stated we need to get a Contract and Ordinance written up to retain David Tarbert as our Solicitor for 2016.

Mayor Finley noted he tries to sponsor a luncheon for the employees each year on Christmas Eve to thank them for all their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Mayor Finley stated this year he held it at Jake's Restaurant; whereas last year it was held at Deanos. Mayor Finley stated he wanted it noted that this does not come out of any Village funds.

Mayor Finley stated Chief Copeland is absent due to the fact he turned ill today and went home.

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Recreation & Buildings Committee

Village Administrator Thompson stated he needs to talk to the Recreation Committee.

Mayor Finley stated we need to begin working on the pool projects this year, prior to opening day.

Mayor Finley reported he and the Village Administrator have been discussing the roof at the Fourteenth Street Building. Mayor Finley stated he has contacted Allied Roof out of Columbus and they came down to look at it and have prepared an estimate that he has sent out to all of Council for review. Mayor Finley stated he would like the Village Administrator to review the estimate and bring back a recommendation on repair to the next meeting.

Streets & Alley Committee

Councilman Newton stated he would like to see the Kroger Parking Lot entrance and exits stay that way permanently, he feels it is working great.

Mayor Finley stated if that is Council's wishes, then it can.

Councilwoman Blackburn questioned who would be responsible in cleaning it in the winter.

Councilman Bragg stated the Village does not do alleys.

Councilman Dille stated he seen the lines have been put up at the school, changing the parking. Councilman Dille stated he thinks it has worked out good.

Village Administrator Thompson stated he needs to talk with the Street and Alley Committee.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Bragg stated he will get with Malta Councilman Bryan Griffin to get the quarterly Joint Utility Committee Meeting scheduled.

Finance Committee

Councilman Bragg reported the Finance Committee met and they are recommending a 25 cent raise per hour for each employee.

Councilwoman Offenberger questioned if there are hourly caps on their pay. It was noted yes there are caps within the current Ordinance.

Councilwoman Blackburn made a Motion to pass Ordinance 16-01, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS; EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; AND, INCREMENT PAY FOR WATER AND SEWER LICENSES by Title only on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Newton.

Votes were: Councilman Tom Bragg, Abstain; Councilman Darrell Newton, Aye; Councilman Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Abstain.

Councilman Bragg recommends the Finance Committee to start on the Health Insurance right away as it renews on September 1st.

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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 Terry Robison, Aye; Councilman Mark Dille, Aye; Councilwoman Michele Blackburn, Aye; Councilwoman Diane Offenberger, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned till January 19, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the McConnelsville Village Council Chambers.

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.