

# 05-08-2017 Council Workshop Minutes

Council Workshop Minutes Monday, May 8, 2017

Mayor Redfern called the meeting to order. Present were Chris Rice, Scott Locke, Billie Smith, Jan Driggs, and Chris Mohler. Tom Collins was present. Bill Hampton and Brittany Ross were absent.

1. First item on the agenda was that Council has been given a fund summary report that was updated at the end of the day Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. Next item on the agenda was Ralph Hill for Fire/EMS. He stated that he had two applicants present to join both Fire and EMS. Dusty Hall stated that he currently works for Portsmouth Ambulance and hopes to join. Austin Glanemann stated that he currently moved back to the Village and would like to get back on the departments. Ralph stated that both applicants need both Fire and EMS training. Ralph stated that for April there were 14 Fire runs and 88 EMS runs. This month they will be having their testing done on their hose and ladder testing as well as the air pak testing.
3. Peggy Higgins was present to discuss the problem she is having with the Pool. She explained that she is having an issue with the assistant manager position. She explained that she did not know at first if she wanted the manager position. She is going to continue with this but that Mia declined the assistant manager position. It was left up to Peggy to figure out who she wanted to work with. It was discussed on Peggy approaching Kaylea Brannon about the assistant manager position. This was discussed in further detail.
4. Last item on the agenda was a discussion on a fence permit that was brought forward. This fence would be to block the vacant lot on Main Street. Mayor Redfern stated that he had a Winnebago towed into this vacant lot and it does not run. Mayor Redfern explained that he told Mr. Bauer that he cannot move someone into this. This was discussed in further detail. He stated that Mr. Bauer stated that he would get the vehicle out of that lot by Wednesday or Thursday of this week and Mr. Bauer needs to provide more information for this fence permit seeing as it is incomplete in filing.
5. The first item on Tom's agenda was to let Council know that the application has been submitted for the new Restroom Facilities at the Village Park. We are applying for both CDBG and Nature Works grant monies.
6. He let them know to date that we have sold, in surplus and equipment, approximately \$36,864.44.
7. The last item on his agenda was to let Council know that he has included an estimate to replace both garage doors on the Service Department Garage (Former CIC Building). This was from Tri-County Overhead Door, Ltd. For approximately \$2,155.00. Tom asked if Council wanted to wait until this building is in our name or if they would like to go ahead and get this done. It was explained in further detail what needs to be done in the future to that building. Scott asked if there would be a sign placed on the building to let everyone know what it was. Tom stated that we will put Village of Crooksville Service Garage on it.
8. Tom stated that it is not on the agenda, but he received three phone calls from Jobes Henderson about West Muskingum project that will be bid within an hour of ours and the contractors were questioning this because they cannot be at both. Alan Brown explained that he feels this will hurt us and feels that we should move this back to make the tentative award date on June 5<sup>th</sup>. To date we have 12-13 contractors that bought bid packets. Council is good with this as long as Alan Brown feels that this will work.
9. Mayor Redfern stated that he has over the past week, had three complaints in town on rats in different locations. He called the Health Department and they told him that he would need to fill out a form and sign them before they will do anything. These includes properties that have had multiple complaints over past few years including a list of 24 properties that he gave the police department to look at regarding junk, grass, or abandoned vehicles. Mayor Redfern stated that he went fishing over the weekend with a professional man that told him that two people they wanted to hire would not move into the Village of Crooksville because of the way it looked. He asked if you would want to move into this town after looking around. He stated that Council needed to think about property maintenance to get things back to where they should be. Mayor Redfern asked Council to look around town. He stated that our enforcement is not what it should be and that the end result is going to have to be to set back money to take care of this. He would like for Council to come up with some innovative solutions for some of the problems that the Village is having. Mayor Redfern stated that it is only going to get worse. Mayor Redfern stated that they may be able to get people for failure to appear in court and arrest them

if they do not show up to Mayor's Court regarding their properties. He stated that they need to come up with some way to try and help find a solution. It was discussed with Council about tearing down properties and that the County has a grant available for this but the houses we have do not qualify. Mayor Redfern stated that there were 14 vehicles on Vaughn Street that were considered junk vehicles where 11 got taken care of. This was just for one street. He stated that there are over 100 junk vehicles in town. Chris Rice stated that this is a police department issue. Mayor Redfern explained that the Police Chief states that this is a civil issue, not a police issue. He stated that he received a legal opinion but the police department will not abide by that opinion. Scott Locke stated that the Mayor is in charge of the department and if they do not want to do their job get rid of them and get a new force. Council stated that they can be written up for not doing their job.

Jim Slack was present and stated that if we have ordinances in place then that is the law and the Police Department should take care of it and abide by it. Unless a complaint is made, the Mayor said that the Police Department won't take care of it. He feels that if he can drive around and see the problems, so can they.

Mayor Redfern adjourned the meeting.

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Brittany Ross  
Fiscal Officer

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Fred Redfern  
Mayor