

Council Workshop Minutes Monday, July 8, 2019

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

1. Council was given a Fund Summary Report that was updated at the end of the day with most transfers done and all bills paid.
2. First on the agenda originally was a discussion on having a Full Time Fire Chief but Mayor Redfern stated that he did not get all of his information together for this and would like for it to be discussed at the next workshop.
3. Discussion on parking vehicles in the yard was next and Mayor Redfern asked Council if they would like to change the ordinance to make it so vehicles have to be parked on either concrete, asphalt or gravel. He asked Council their thoughts and if they would want to vote on this. Mayor Redfern let Council know that he put Chief Walters in charge of Property maintenance as well as abandoned and junk vehicles. Jerry Marks will focus just on Community Service workers. Council feels that people should be able to park in their own yards. Mayor explained what all terms have to be met in order to take people to court. Council discussed what issues there are with junk vehicles and what can be done regarding this according to the Village's ordinances. This was discussed in further detail. Mayor Redfern let Council know that Councilman Bill Hampton told him last week that he would not be in favor of changing the ordinance. Council stated that as long as they take care of their yard, and their vehicles are tagged and have insurance they do not believe they should be able to tell people what to do with their property. Chris Mohler asked out of all these places who have junk or abandoned vehicles, how many unoccupied/vacant homes or foreclosures were there.
4. Mayor Redfern stated that a discussion on vacant properties was further down the list on the agenda. They discussed the fact that the State owns four of these properties that aren't being taken care of. Council discussed the need for vacant property registration. Tom stated that the Utility Billing girls are not investigators and they do the best they can and figuring out owners of properties around town. Council discussed MuniReg and the gentleman that introduced himself and his services to Council at a prior meeting. They would like for him to come back in so they can ask questions and see what his process is to compile research and figure out current owners. Council would like to see a registration for rentals, businesses, and vacant properties and would like to see if he did those as well. Mayor Redfern is going to call Cambridge, Zanesville, and Nelsonville to see how this registration process is working for them and will relay this information back to Council. They discussed how the fee would be placed on and that when it would be collected the company would receive half the cost collected. They are wanting to know how he would ever collect. Tom suggested having him come back when the Village Solicitor was here. This was an item on the hit list in 2018.
5. Mayor Redfern and Tom let Council know that they are implementing a drug testing policy and will have more information at the next workshop. Tom explained that this is all coming from the insurance agency. If the Village does not comply with this, insurance will be going up about 17%. John Loomis suggested making an appointment ahead of time with Genesis because if not they have to wait. Mayor Redfern and Tom stated that they do not want to work with a company like that and may switch to Fairfield Medical if that is the case.

6. Mayor Redfern stated that there is a grant opportunity for Electric Vehicle Charging Station that he thought Council might be interested in participating in. If the Village wants to do this, a location has to be chosen and there are requirements that have to be met including \$2 million in liability insurance. Council discussed putting it close to the highway and the grant covers the entire cost of the charging station if it is placed on government owned property. Council discussed this in further detail and wanted to see if a representative could come to a Council meeting and present some more in depth information about these electric vehicle charging stations.
7. Mayor Redfern asked if Council would like for the gentleman from SOPEC to come back and explain in further detail to Council regarding electric aggregation. Council stated that they did not need him to.
8. The last item Mayor Redfern has is to let Council know that they had met with the Health Department regarding Complete Streets. He has given Council a copy of this information to look over and have to discuss at the next workshop to finalize and vote on in four weeks. Council needs to adopt a Complete Streets policy. This would be with Buckeye Hills as the planning commission instead of Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. This could help get \$5,000- \$10,000 a year for five years and help the County. This can be applied for at any time.
9. First item on Tom's agenda is for Council to review the Burr Oak water bill invoice to show the savings from the new waterlines. This will save up to \$20,000 a month on water costs. There was a break on the new line and Tom is unsure of what happened at this time.
10. The next item was to let Council know that the contract with Jobes Henderson for Inspection Services will be up this week. He is asking Council if they would want to do an addendum for inspection services through August 9th for the water line project not to exceed \$10,000. This will be put on the agenda for approval next week with the actual cost being approved. There was a meeting on substantial completion and on the last pay app Freedom is going to have included lost days and added work. The Village will have to counter that with inspection costs, etc.
11. The last item Tom had on his agenda was a building permit for 157 McKeever Street. There was a fence being put up without a permit. The contractor was supposed to take care of this. Tom and the Mayor explained that they have received everything they need for this and told them they could move forward. His wife is going to bring in the deed tomorrow. This will be approved at the following meeting.

Mayor Redfern stated that there was a couple item he needed to bring before Council. Shriver's Pharmacy would like to have their anniversary at the pool and would like to pay for the first 40 people who don't have passes on July 19th to celebrate this. Council doesn't feel that this is something that the Village needs to check and keep track of.

There was another complaint from Larry's Tire Shop about the alley after this last rain. Baker's Alley is falling away and wants to know if this can be taken care of. Billie Smith stated that she had a complaint about the alley off of Elizabeth Street. Mayor Redfern stated that Council needs to discuss at the following workshop what alleys and streets need paved. Tom explained that he had JHA send over the videos of how the alleys looked before the waterline project and what they look like now and asked Council who would like to see them. They agreed to meet on Wednesday morning at 9:00am in Council Chambers to review these videos of the alleys.

Council went into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) (1) for Personnel.

Council is out of executive session with no decisions made.

Mayor Redfern adjourned the meeting.

Brittany Ross
Fiscal Officer

Fred Redfern
Mayor