

Crooksville Council Meeting Minutes Monday, January 6th, 2020

ROLL CALL: Mayor Mohler called the meeting to order with the following members present: Mr. Rice, Mr. Locke, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Loomis. Mr. Hampton was absent. Jan Baughman, Amy Utsch, and Tom Collins were also present.

First order of business was for Jan Baughman to swear in Chris Mohler as the new Mayor, and Ms. Smith as a member of Council.

Mayor Mohler asks if there are any recommendation for a new Council member to fill his former position on Council for his unexpired term. Mr. Rice nominates Jon Allen, this is seconded by Mr. Locke. Motion Carried.

Jan Baughman swears in Jon Allen as the newest member of Council.

A recommendation is needed to appoint President Pro Tempore of Council. Mr. Locke recommends Mr. Rice. This is seconded by Mr. Loomis. Motion Carried.

A motion is needed to re-appoint Jan Allen Baughman as Village Solicitor. Motion is made by Mr. Rice and Seconded by Mr. Locke. Motion Carried.

Ms. Donna White comes before Council to ask that herself and several other ladies have the opportunity to use the Rec Center to walk in daily. They would like to be able to do so at no charge. Council discusses that there would have to be a change made to the ordinance, as well as making extra keys. A key would have to be given to a designated key holder. Council decides that anyone over the age of 65 would be able to use the Rec Center at no charge. A motion is made by Mr. Rice and seconded by Mr. Loomis to amend the Ordinance. Motion Carried. Next a motion to amend the Ordinance to allow people over the age of 65 to utilize the Rec Center is made by Mr. Rice and Seconded by Mr. Loomis. Motion carried. Next to be able to allow the Senior Citizens to being to use the Rec Center immediately, a motion is made to declare this an Emergency, Motion is made by Mr. Locke and Seconded by Mr. Loomis. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Motion to approve Clerk's Minutes was made by Mr. Rice and seconded by Ms. Smith. Motion carried.

PAID BILLS: A motion to approve Resolution 2020-1 paid bills and payroll was made by Mr. Loomis and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

TO BE PAID BILLS: A motion to approve Resolution 2020-2 to be paid bills was made by Mr. Rice and seconded by Ms. Smith. Motion carried.

TRANSFER: A motion to approve Resolution 2020-3 transferring funds was made by Mr. Rice and seconded by Mr. Loomis. Motion carried.

BLANKET PO: A motion to approve Resolution 2020-4 the 2020 Blanket Purchase Orders was made by Mr. Rice, and seconded by Mr. Loomis. Motion carried.

SERVICE: A motion is needed to approve Ordinance 8669. An Ordinance establishing the Police K-9 Unit, training, supplies, and equipment purchase/replacement fund and authorizing the Mayor's approval of expenditures therefrom not exceeding \$500.00 and declaring it an emergency. Motion is tabled.

Motion to approve 5 Trash Hauling Services for Crooksville. The fees have been paid by the following Trash Services: Leckrone Sanitations, Republic Services, Evans Hauling & Refuse, Waste Away Systems, B A Disposal. Motion is made Mr. Loomis, and seconded by Mr. Locke. Motion Carried.

A motion is needed to approve CSA's contract for EMS Squad Billing for 2020. Motion is made by Mr. Rice and seconded by Mr. Locke. Motion carried.

SAFETY: A motion is needed to appoint a Council Member to the Fire/EMS board. Mr. Rice nominates Mr. Loomis, Mr. Allen seconds the motion. Motion carried.

A member of Council is needed to be nominated for the Cemetery board, Mr. Rice nominates Mr. Locke, this is seconded by Mr. Loomis. Motion carried.

A Resolution 2020-7 a Resolution authorizing a mutual aid agreement with the Village of Roseville, for the Police protection for the year 2020 and declaring an emergency. Motion tabled.

Two members of Council are needed to be appointed to the Volunteer Pension Fund. Mr. Rice and Mr. Hampton are nominated. Mr. Locke makes the motion and Mr. Loomis seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Ralph Hill lets Council know that during the year of 2019 there were 1426 EMS runs, and 233 Fire runs. He is still working on getting information ready to send out via email.

LEGISLATIVE: Resolution 2020-5 A resolution authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to request an advance of taxes collected by the Perry County Auditor. Motion is made by Mr. Rice, and seconded by Mr. Locke. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2020-6 A Resolution authorizing agreement with GovDeals for the internet auction of Government surplus items. Motion is made by Mr. Loomis, and seconded by Mr. Locke. Motion Carried.

RULES OF COUNCIL: Motion to approve Rules of Council is made by Mr. Rice and Mr. Locke. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: Officer Devyn Holm is asked to give any updates on the K-9. So far there has been over \$8,000 donated to the fund. Steve Heater is the gentleman that Officer Holm has been in contact regarding purchasing the dog, and the training of both the dog and the officer. There is a batch of dogs coming in next week, ranging in ages from 8 months old to two years old. The dog would have to be paid in full prior to getting the dog. If the dog is not bought next week, the next batch of dogs will not be available until mid-February. Devyn has been working very hard on reaching out to get donations from people and business from Crooksville, and reaching out as far as Columbus. John Loomis asks Officer Holm what type of guarantee that he would give that he will not just get the K-9 Dog, and move on to a better opportunity, if one arises? Officer Holm assures that he is happy where he is at, and they would have to trust in him that it was his intention to stay in Crooksville with the dog. Officer Bryan Alexander lets Council know that the dog would belong to the Village, and not to Officer Holm. That the dog would already be trained, and in the situation of Officer Holm leaving for another opportunity that the K-9 dog would remain in the Village. At that point another officer could be trained to work with the dog. Tom Collins asks what Officer would take the K-9 if officer Holm was no longer here, because someone would have to take over the huge responsibility of the dog; the continued training, upkeep, and home life of the dog. There will have to be contracts drawn up with any company that states they will donate a particular service for the dog. Examples are that Rural King stated they would provide all necessary food for the dog, and a Vet would provide all necessary care for the dog at no charge. Contracts would need to be signed stating what term, and what service the companies would be willing to provide for the K-9 dog. The Legion donated enough money to be able to purchase the dog. Tom asks for Officer Holm to explain why a K-9 is needed for the Village of Crooksville. Officer Holm explains that the drug problem in our area is a great concern, and an extreme problem. The K-9 Officer would be able to see and smell many things that a human officer could not. This would be very beneficial to help get some of the drugs off of the streets. The K-9 dog is extremely needed to help combat the ever-rising drug epidemic.

Rocky Chevalier had requested to be on the agenda for the Council meeting. He has a put together multiple slides to bring awareness to the fact that many of the street names in Crooksville are very confusing and misleading. He points out the fact when there was a fire on Keystone that emergency vehicles first went to the wrong area of Keystone, and caused approximately at 30 second delay in the responders getting to the actual location. He feels like on many of the roads the adjustment of adding north, south, east, or west to the already existing name would be of great help to those who are unfamiliar with the area. Some of the examples Mr. Chevalier provided were Ridge, High, North, Ceramic, Keystone, Cemetery, Washington, Elizabeth, Twp. Rd 1009 NE, S. Buckeye, and Brown circle drive. Council discusses the that certain areas that could be confusing. Mr. Rice goes on to say that adding simple directions to the already existing name of the street should not be that big of an undertaking, but to change the road from one name to another

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completely different name would be a very lengthy, and in-depth process. All of this will need to be looked into and discussed at a further time.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rice and seconded by Mr. Locke. Motion carried.

CHRIS MOHLER
Mayor