

Council Workshop Minutes Monday, July 22, 2019

Mayor Redfern called the meeting to order. Present were Chris Rice, Scott Locke, Bill Hampton, Billie Smith, Chris Mohler, and John Loomis. Brittany Ross 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. Next on the agenda was a pool discussion. Tom explained that he met with Melissa the pool manager and found out that school starts August 15th. The Pool hours from August 12th through the 16th from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. On Sunday, August 18th, they will be holding dog days from 12:00pm to 2:00 pm. Scott Locke explained that there is an issue with guards being on duty sitting in their chairs with quite a few people in the pool. The one time he went by, there was a bunch of kids in the shallow end and the only lifeguard on duty was sitting at the deep end. There are four seats but he feels that there should be three guards sitting at all times. This was discussed in further detail. They believe that this should be three and needs to have it changed so he stated that he will get back with her on this. Chris Rice stated that he was down there a few days ago and the water was great. Tom stated that he will get with her tomorrow.
3. Next, a discussion on complete streets project as presented by Jenny LaRue from the Health Department. She would like to review the Village's sidewalk ordinance. She is working with Mayor Redfern and the Health Department chose Crooksville to work with and will be trying to get grants and one part is this complete streets project. She explained that the Village needs a complete streets policy and what this entails. There are a lot more people walking and using bicycles in the community. There are reasons for this policy and includes all community members being considered when designing a street or revitalizing an area. This also moves the Village up the line and would get more points for ODOT grants for projects. She can get Council resources on the examples and has brought a copy of Somerset's to share. Jenny explained what can be done and asked Council to read the policy and come back to revisit this and get Council's opinions. This helps secure funding for streets and alleys.
4. Mayor Redfern asked Council to have a discussion on what alleys or streets that need paved. Tom explained that they need to go through town and get this list put together. The engineer wanted to talk with the Mayor to go together to try and get funding. Council asked the Mayor to gather more information about this and they will discuss again at a later date. Tom asked when they were meeting with the engineer and the Mayor told Tom he will let him know when he will be here.
5. Mayor Redfern let Council know that it was decided to hold the Pottery Festival in Crooksville again in 2020 from July 16th through the 18th.
6. A question was brought to the Mayor's attention and he wanted to get Council's opinion on there being a dunk tank down at the Rec Center for a benefit on August 31st. They stated that they would bring in their own water. Council was okay with this being done. Mayor Redfern stated that they would have to have insurance.
7. The first item on Tom's agenda was that he received an Engineer's estimate of \$225,000 to breach the Morgan County Reservoirs from Tim Linn. He explained that he spoke with EPA and they do not have funding for this. He has a call in to ODNR but does not know yet what avenue to take.

8. The second item on his agenda was to let Council know that they are meeting with Pat Kelly on Thursday the 25th at 10:00 am to discuss plan design and any unforeseen site conditions prior to advertising for bid for the new Fire Station. There was a discussion on the savings for the generator at the water plant that will be compatible and can be used as a backup generator.
9. The Mayor and Tom met with the Railroad today and the humps are planed on Industrial Drive and the inspector was present. They are wanting to put in a gate at this crossing but could be 12- 18 months out of being completed.
10. Tom asked Council if they would be interested in selling the S. Buckeye and W. Main Street lot. There is a gentleman that is interested in purchasing that and Tom stated that he would discuss with Council. This was discussed in further detail and Tom let them know that this can be discussed more at a later date.
Tom stated that he has a copy of the Fire/EMS Facility Design if anyone wants to hang out after the meeting for him to go over thoroughly. He feels there are several things that need changed and is not ready to go.
11. Tom gave Council a copy of all the projects, improvements, and upgrades that have been accomplished over the past few years. He feels quite a bit has been accomplished over the past few years.

Mayor Redfern asked if there were any citizens' comments/ complaints. Joanne Boring stated that she has a problem with her front yard and when the waterline went through they took away her thorough way. She would like to put gravel along the street to some landscape timber along the front of her yard and feels that the Contractor put in lousy grass. She would like 5 inches of gravel to put along the street and put the landscape board at ground level and secure it to the freeze line so it won't jump up. When it is time for snow removal, this should not bother anything but will now be to control the grass and kill it on the street level. She explained the problems with all of this and Mayor Redfern brought up pictures so Council could see where she is talking about. Tom let her know that he is worried that the snow plows will do to this. She told them that this will be buried and the pin will be buried in the wood so if the plow hits it, the pin won't be pulled out.

Sharon Akers asked when their road is going to be fixed from the water break that happened. There is only a steel plate where they dug and fixed the water line on Heskett Hill. Tom let her know that they are working towards her area and they have a lot of work that still needs done. He was going to make them aware of this at the next meeting. Tom let Council know that they did get the concrete work in down at the Park Restrooms but still has not started on the roof as they stated they would.

Dave Eveland at 514 China Street is requesting that the alley running parallel to China Street behind the gas station be abandoned and purchase the portion behind his garage. This alley comes through between his house and the gas station but this is now grown over and looks nonexistent. Council looked at the map so they could reference what he is meaning. They discussed who owned the gas station now and Mr. Eveland stated that he is going to try and get a hold of them.

Mayor Redfern stated that he would like to have an ordinance to control what trees should be allowed to be planted to keep the sidewalks from cracking and the roots going under them. The tree will cost more to take out than the cost of putting the sidewalk in. Tom believes there is an ordinance already in place regulating this. There are two big sycamores that Mr. Eveland would

like to see removed along China. Tom stated that he will get ahold of C&R to get a price for removing these trees. There is also one on Cahalen that needs taken care of as well.

Tom wanted to know if Council would like to make a motion the first meeting in August to put that on the agenda and vote on whether to vacate that alley. Tom asked Dave to call him regarding this before August. Tom explained that he could meet with him on Thursday morning at 8am.

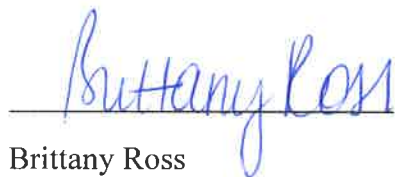
Ralph Hill explained that on July 20th, it was the 10 year anniversary of when their paid EMS started. This Sunday, the 28th at 5:00 pm at the little shelter house they are going to have a cook out to celebrate this and told Council that they are more than welcome to come. Today the pump testing was done on the Fire Engines and they all passed. They discussed the counts on the hydrants to have for the testing of those.

Tom explained that the Village is going to take the Walnut property down seven feet.

Bill Hampton asked if the problem was taken care of above Joanne's property. This was supposed to be taken care of but has not been yet. The grass situation was discussed in further detail.

John Loomis asked if Freedom was done in town and Tom stated that they are almost completely done. John asked who is maintaining the pot holes in the streets until they get to paving. He is referencing Keystone Street, Pine Street, etc. and since the rain, there are major pot holes that need taken care of. Tom stated that all he can do is report it to Freedom Construction.

Mayor Redfern adjourned the meeting.



Brittany Ross
Fiscal Officer



Fred Redfern
Mayor

