

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Village of St. Paris

December 5, 2022

Council Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Brenda Cook. Terry Ervin II, Lynn Miller, Susan Prince, Sam Ronicker and Randy Smith were present. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell, Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire and Chief of Police Eric Smith were also present. Councilor Curran arrived at the council meeting at 7:52 PM.

Motion was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Council agenda, as amended. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

Motion was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Council meeting minutes dated November 21 2022, as amended. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- Mayor Cook announced that a public meeting, in regards to Village's U1 zoning classification, will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the council room. The Planning Commission has proposed an amendment to the zoning ordinance, specifically the U1 classification, and it will be presented at the public hearing. Council noted that the regularly scheduled council meeting on December 19th will follow after the conclusion of the public hearing.
- Wreaths Across America is December 17, 2022. There are approximately 330 soldiers buried at Evergreen Cemetery and an estimated 296 wreaths are being delivered to be placed on Veterans' graves.
- Administrator Mitchell updated Council on the progress of the West Lynn Street project. The water main has been installed and the pressure test passed. Water services have been tied into the houses on the 300 block of West Lynn Street with the other service tie ins beginning soon. This portion of the project should be completed by the Christmas holiday. Administrator Mitchell also updated Council on the municipal building remodeling. New windows have been installed, where needed, and ceiling tiles will be replaced. Painting will be done in the bathrooms, hallway and offices. New flooring will be installed as well. The old Mayor's Court room is being updated so that the Mayor can have an office with a conference table. These expenditures are included in the approved 2022 permanent appropriations.

Old Business:

- Ordinance 2023-1 - Policy for Burnable Refuse Collection. Mayor Cook conducted the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-1. Councilor Smith asked if there should be a liability clause in the ordinance stating that if resident's travel back the lane to the dump (to discard burnable refuse), they are entering at their own risk. It was suggested that a sign be posted stating that you are entering at your own risk. A second reading of Ordinance 2023-1 will be conducted at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on December 19, 2022.
- Resolution 1313-4 - Establish Salaries and Wage Ranges. Motion was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Ervin to untable Resolution 1313-4. Motion passes. Mayor Cook read Resolution 1313-4 with the 5% pay increase. Councilor Smith stated that he thinks the employees should get a 5% pay increase to help cover their cost of rising health insurance premiums, rising inflation and he stated that the Village could afford it. Councilor Smith also noted that pay rates are very good for village employees and he stated that the Chief of Police's job is to "hire, hire, hire and train, train, train" when officers resign due to lack of pay. Motion was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve Resolution 1313-4 with the 5% pay increase. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 5-1 with Councilor Prince voting against. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 911 - On Street Parking Restrictions. Mayor Cook noted that the first reading of Ordinance 911 was held on June 20, 2022. Administrator Mitchell informed Council that, after speaking with the Village Solicitor, the Ordinance is inadequate and more time is needed to draft an on-street parking restriction ordinance that meets certain guidelines, such as snow emergency route and a bond schedule. The new Ordinance could be passed as an emergency when it is presented to council. Motion was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Ervin to untable Ordinance 911. Motion passed. Motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Prince to have Ordinance 911 read as an emergency. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 5-1 with Councilor Curran voting against. Motion passed. Mayor Cook conducted an emergency reading of Ordinance 911 and asked for a vote. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted against the passage of Ordinance 911 by a 6-0 vote. Ordinance 911 failed.

New Business:

- Resolution 1363 - 2023 Temporary Appropriations. Mayor Cook read Resolution 1363. Motion was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve Resolution 1363. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.
- Councilor Smith expressed concern about the rate of speed that emergency vehicles travel through St. Paris and thought that "chases" should be called off, if excess speed is being traveled by these emergency vehicles, to protect innocent people and kids from potential accidents. Chief Smith noted that it depends on the circumstance for a chase to be called off and that all safety departments (Sheriff, JSP Fire and Police) follow the policy and guidelines set forth by the Ohio Collaborative.

Public Comments:

- Joyce Bowlin, 374 W. Poplar Street, asked for clarification in Ordinance 2023-1 regarding the dates of the Spring and Fall Clean Up weeks held within the Village.

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Motion passed.

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Brenda Cook, Mayor

12/20/22 Date