

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of St. Paris

Meeting

January 8, 2018

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Council Meeting

Held

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

Mayor Reneer swore in the newly elected Council members: Ben Hackley, Terry Ervin, Susan Prince and Brenda Cook.

Mayor Reneer read three (3) names interested in the vacant Council seat. **Motion** was made by Councilman Jester and seconded by Councilman Ervin, to approve the appointment of Stephen Lett to the vacant Council seat. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Reneer asked for a president to be elected for Council. **Motion** was made by Councilman Jester and seconded by Councilman Ervin to elect Brenda Cook as Council President. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting 5-1 in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Reneer announced the Council members' committee appointments: Safety - Ben Hackley; Parks - Steve Lett; Streets - Niven Jester; Trees - Brenda Cook; Economic Development - Susan Prince; and Planning - Terry Ervin.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Reneer with Brenda Cook, Terry Ervin II, Ben Hackley, Niven Jester, Steve Lett, and Susan Prince present. Administrator/Fiscal Officer Dee Meadows and Fiscal Clerk Gina Verlaney were also present.

Motion was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to approve the Council meeting minutes from December 18, 2017. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilman Ervin and seconded by Councilman Jester, to approve the Account Adjustments as presented. Motion passed.

The presentation of bills dated December 20, 2017 through January 5, 2018 totaling \$48,765.06 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilwoman Cook and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to approve the payment listing as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

The Mayor announced that the Village will be enforcing zoning violations, such as: looking for disabled vehicles and expired license plates.

Mayor Reneer read a resignation letter from part time police officer, Larry Hart. **Motion** was made by Councilwoman Cook and seconded by Councilman Jester, to accept the resignation. Motion passed.

Mayor Renner announced the quote on tasers for the Police Department as \$4,688.08. There was a discussion on whether the Police Department should be taking donations from a citizen and then allowing the citizen to dictate how the money is spent. It was decided that a vote had already been taken on this matter and the donations should be used to purchase the tasers.

Committee Reports:

Safety: Councilman Hackley reported that Officer Barga applied for traffic report software, increased business checks, and reported a police cruiser in an accident.

Streets: Councilman Jester reported the following Street Department activities:

1. Dug two graves
2. Salt and plow
3. Christmas tree pick up

Parks, Buildings and Trees: No Report

Planning Commission: Councilman Ervin announced the next meeting will be held on February 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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Administrator: No Report

Motion was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilwoman Cook, to approve the Committee reports. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Mayor Reneer announced that he has posted the Chief of Police job on ohiojobs.com. He has two (2) applicants currently.

Councilwoman Prince suggested that a part time Police Chief be considered to save money. It was decided that the idea would need more research.

After a concerned citizen complained about side streets not being patrolled by the Police, the Mayor announced he is going to ask the Police Department to patrol the side streets more often.

New Business:

Councilwoman Cook asked to have a tour of the Village owned buildings in St. Paris. The Mayor agreed to give any Council member a tour.

Public Comments:

Charlene Hess asked if we plan on fixing the broken tiles in the Village. Mayor Reneer explained the lack of funds and the failure of passing levies is why they have not been fixed.

Amy Lett asked if the Village has a five (5) year plan. Mayor Reneer explained that there was a plan and items on the plan have been accomplished. Mayor Reneer said his current plan is to keep St. Paris afloat with its minimal funds.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilman Lett and seconded by Councilman Hackley, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Motion passed.



Dee Meadows, Fiscal Officer



Date