

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of St. Paris

Meeting

May 21, 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.

Roll call was taken by Council President Brenda Cook. Kathy DeWeese, Terry Ervin II, Ben Hackley, Niven Jester, Steve Lett, and Susan Prince were present. Fiscal Officer Dee Meadows was also present.

Motion was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilman Ervin, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilman Lett and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to approve the Council meeting minutes from May 7, 2018 as amended. Motion passed.

The bank reconciliation, presentation of bills dated May 5, 2018 through May 18, 2018 totaling \$75,885.38, and April financial reports were reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilwoman DeWeese and seconded by Councilman Hackley, to approve all financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

Mayor Cook announced the next Our Town Meeting is May 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Cook reminded Council of the Graham High School Baccalaureate to be held on May 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at the Graham Middle School.

Mayor Cook informed Council of the Mayor's Association Conference to be held in Akron, Ohio on June 13th to 15th. She requested permission from Council that her expenses be paid by the Village. **Motion** was made by Councilman Ervin and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to approve payment of travel, hotel, and registration by the Village in order for Mayor Cook to attend the conference. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Cook announced concerts will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the St. Paris Public Library. The concerts are scheduled for June 9th and 23rd and July 14th and 28th.

Committee Reports:

Safety:

Councilman Hackley had nothing to report.

Streets:

Councilman Jester had nothing to report. Councilman Lett requested the damaged stop sign in the alley on Dugan Street be removed.

Parks/Buildings/Trees:

Councilman Lett had nothing to report. Mayor Cook stated that a request had been made for a bike rack in Lafayette Park. She added that a small one may be purchased for the Park.

Planning Commission:

Councilman Ervin reported the next meeting will be June 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Cook added the Zoning Appeals Board will be attending the Planning Commission meeting to give a zoning report. Councilman Ervin stated the wind turbine discussions would be held at the next meeting if necessary.

Economic Development:

Councilwoman Prince stated she had nothing new to report and added the CEP partnership is in process and the CIC still needs to be dissolved. Mayor Cook added that attorneys are being consulted.

Administrator:

Mayor Cook informed Council that auditors would be in the Municipal offices on May 24th and 25th. The auditors, from Perry & Associates CPA's A.C., will be auditing the financial records for 2016 and 2017.

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

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Public Comment on Agenda Items:

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Motion was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilman Lett, to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to return to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Cook stated that, during Executive Session, no votes were taken and no decisions were made. Motion passed.

Old Business:**Transfer of Funds in Police Budget:**

Chief Barga submitted a request to Council to transfer funds in the Police budget in order to hire a full time Police Officer. The transfer would affect the full time and part time wage line items and the OPERS and OP&F line items. The total amount of the transfer requested is \$27,586.58. **Motion** was made by Councilwoman Prince and seconded by Councilman Hackley, to approve transferring the requested funds in the Police budget. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

Ordinance #423 (amended) – Curfew:

Discussion was held on Ordinance #423 regarding Village curfew. After discussion, **motion** was made by Councilman Jester and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to table the ordinance for further review and revisions. A roll call vote was taken with Councilman Lett, Councilwoman Prince, Councilman Ervin, and Councilman Jester voting YES to table the ordinance. Councilwoman DeWeese and Councilman Hackley voted NO to table the ordinance. Motion passed.

Ordinance #863 (amended) – Water Bills:

Discussion was held on Ordinance #863 regarding water bills. After discussion, **motion** was made by Councilman Jester and seconded by Councilman Hackley, to table the ordinance for further review. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed. Councilwoman DeWeese requested they be provided with the previous Ordinance #863.

Piano Relocation:

Paul Wheeland had previously requested the piano from 370 E Main Street be moved to Harmon Park. Due to the weight of the piano, lack of manpower, and no need for a piano at Harmon Park, Mayor Cook stated the pianos will remain as is and possibly be auctioned in the future.

New Business:**Resolution #1289:**

Mayor Cook read Resolution #1289 which grants a 6% pay increase to James Copes. Mayor Cook stated that Mr. Copes has been given additional responsibilities and supervisory duties due to the resignation of the Street Superintendent. She added this raise will increase his weekly salary from \$630.00 to \$668.00. **Motion** was made by Councilwoman Prince and seconded by Councilman Hackley, to approve Resolution #1289 granting a 6% pay increase to James Copes. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution #1290 – Full Time Police Officer:

Mayor Cook read Resolution #1290 which appoints Edward M. Hammond to the position of full time Police Officer. Mr. Hammond will earn a weekly salary of \$540.00 plus Village approved benefits. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Melanie Blankenship, 517 S Church Street, complained about the additional fees on her bill due to a \$3.71 unpaid balance.

Gary Doeden, 341 W Main Street, asked if the water bill fees were necessary, how the community was going to be notified about curfew changes, and stated that Council needs to be on probation.

Stephanie Owen, 210 S Springfield Street, complained about the additional fees on her bill due to a \$1.43 unpaid balance.

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Charlene Hess, 240 W Troy Street, stated that water bill changes were made when Joe Sampson was the Administrator. She also stated that no action was taken on her previous request for a monthly flea market on S Springfield Street. **Motion** was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilwoman DeWeese, to approve the closing of S Springfield Street on the second Saturday of July, August, October, and November 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a monthly flea market. Motion passed.

Rudy Bachman, 320 E Main Street, stated his high water bill is due to a toilet leak. He also mentioned the hole is still in the alley behind his house.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion passed.

Dee Meadows

Dee Meadows, Fiscal Officer

6-5-18

Date