

Village of St. Paris
May 20, 2019
Council Meeting

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 Mayor Brenda Cook. Kathy DeWeese, Terry Ervin II, Steve Lett and Susan Prince were present. Ben Hackley and Niven Jester were absent. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell and Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire were also present.

Motion was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor DeWeese to approve the Council agenda. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Lett to approve the Council meeting minutes dated May 6, 2019 as amended. Motion passed.

The presentation of financials dated April 30, 2019 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor DeWeese to approve the financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Bank Reconciliation dated April 30, 2019 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor DeWeese and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Bank Reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of Water/Sewer Account Adjustments dated April 30, 2019 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor DeWeese to approve the Water/Sewer Account Adjustments. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Appropriation Supplemental dated April 30, 2019 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Lett to approve the Appropriation Supplemental. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- On May 18, 2019, Our Town sponsored a Silent Auction and Dinner held at Lakeland Golf Course. The Silent Auction will be held open until June 15, 2019 for gift baskets that were not auctioned off and those baskets are on display at the Municipal Building. Approximately \$150 was raised for Our Town from the May 18th auction and dinner. Proceeds from the event will go towards updating playground equipment for Harmon Park.
- The next meeting for Pony Wagon Days is June 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Harmon Park. Joyce Bowlin also noted that the Mobile Food Pantry serviced 77 families on May 20, 2019. Ms. Bowlin also stated that baccalaureate invitations were given to council members. The service is on May 28, 2019 at Graham High School beginning at 5:30 PM.
- Memorial Day is May 27, 2019. Mayor Cook stated that beginning at 9:00 AM on May 27th at Harmon Park, an opening ceremony will begin to celebrate Memorial Day. After the ceremony, everyone will proceed to the cemetery with the Honor Guard and Color Guard from the VFW (Veterans of Foreign War) to commemorate all those who have died while serving the United States. Guest speaker is Lt. Colonel Slover from Wright State University.
- The Food Cooperative Group will be meeting on June 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM in the Municipal Building to continue discussing the future of a Food Cooperative (much like an indoor farmer's market) located at the old IGA grocery store on West Main Street.
- The open house for the new Water Plant located at 370 South High Street was May 11, 2019 and was successful.
- Mayor Cook announced that the Irish Creamery is opening at the dairy bar located at the old IGA grocery. The owner is having a quick opening on Memorial Day with a grand opening date to be determined.
- Relay for Life is June 1, 2019 at Urbana University and begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 11:00 PM.

Police Department:

- Request for approval to purchase a new police cruiser was discussed. Council asked that Chief of Police Barga obtain quotes on the cost of a new cruiser.

Administrator:

- Village Administrator Mitchell noted that the repairs to the Northeast corner of the Municipal Building is in progress. The sidewalk along that corner of the building is also being repaired.
- Administrator Mitchell mentioned the need of an ordinance regarding the blowing of grass onto the village streets while residents are mowing their yards. The grass clippings are clogging the catch basins and are also a safety hazard to those traveling on the streets. Administrator Mitchell noted that he had a copy of an ordinance from a neighboring village regarding this issue. The topic of how to enforce this type of ordinance was discussed. Council requested that the ordinance language be brought to them for possible enactment.
- Administrator Mitchell informed the council that a pre-determination asbestos requirement is needed at the old Junior High Building located at 370 E. Main Street. The cost of this requirement is \$3,000. Councilor DeWeese asked Administrator Mitchell to submit this information to the Buildings and Facilities committee.
- Councilor DeWeese asked about the roof repairs for the Municipal Building, Street Department Building and Police Building. Administrator Mitchell stated that the contractor is backlogged with work due to the rainy weather. Council asked Administrator Mitchell to get a firm start date for the repairs.

Committee Discussion:

- **Employee Needs:** Councilor Ervin noted that he received some suggestions for employee handbook language and will share with council at the next council work session on June 3, 2019.
- **Buildings and Facilities:** No update.
- **JSP Fire Board:** Councilor Ervin noted that the Fire Board received 2 bids on a new EMT unit. No action was taken until the Fire Chief reviewed the specifications.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Councilor Lett asked Joyce Bowlin to inform the Pony Wagons Days committee of the Village Council's request to have the Harmon Park canon rededication during the Pony Wagon Days festival in September. The Harmon Park cannon is being restored by Jared Shank. Mr. Shank's research also revealed that September 17th is World War 1 (WWI) day in St. Paris.
- **Planning Commission:** Councilor Ervin stated that the Planning Commission is continuing discussion of the use of solar panels, wind turbines and outdoor furnaces before presenting any findings to the Village Council.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none

Old Business:

- A third and final reading was held for Ordinance 420 Amended regarding the rezoning of Linda Rivera's property located at 139-141 W. Walnut St. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Prince to allow a vote to accept Ordinance 420 Amended. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted 0 for and 4 against Ordinance 420 Amended. Motion failed and the zoning request is denied.
- Administrator Mitchell noted that the agreement between the Village and Graham Local Schools regarding the water/sewer services provided by the Village to the school is finalized.

New Business:

- Mayor Cook noted that next Council meeting is June 3, 2019 and will be a work session. Topics to include are the employee handbook and the 5-year plan presented by the Buildings and Facilities committee.

Public Comments: none

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Prince to adjourn at 8:31 P.M. Motion passed.

Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

Date