

Regular Session of Village Council

March 9, 2021

Call to Order

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by Mayor York Bryant. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll Call was completed by the Clerk of Council. The following members were present via Zoom or in person.

Jim Frederick – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

Mike McKeehan – P

Jessica Smothers – P

Ben Steiner – P

Paul Zorn – P

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Session; second by Councilwoman Smothers. All yea by roll call. Motion carried.

Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Consultants

Campbell advised he was monitoring Blackhawk Road; it has deteriorated in the middle section. He stated no work had been done near the curve. There was daily *pushing off* in the 10' to 11' lane. Asphalt is popping out. He is requesting a cost for the repairs from Mount Pleasant and J K Meuer. Campbell advised we will probably only do 4 to 5 sections. He stated he would look for funding for the project. Mayor Bryant stated there is a new section in the curve near the park where the water comes up in the curve on Morrow Blackhawk Road and asked if it could be drained. Campbell stated we could possibly add a culvert. Campbell advised he would check on the debris in front of 4960 Mary Louise Court that evening to resolve the matter.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials

Monthly Village Fiscal Revenue Status by Fund Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Disbursements, Mayor's Court Report and Bank Reconciliation were provided.

Mayor Bryant advised he spoke with the owner of the new Mexican Restaurant who plans to open on March 12th. He advised he will try to serve breakfast.

Village Administrator Caroline Whitacre advised she received a verbal approval for \$170,000 CDBG grant application for Rehab of Historic Morrow Railroad Depot. Shawn Campbell wrote a letter of support for the grant. We are awaiting written approval. Clary Signs are waiting for steel for the post. We are using carved cement rather than stone for the base of the sign at the west end of town. Whitacre also discussed installing a street light at the intersection of Blackhawk and Front Street. She stated Fiscal Officer Powell spoke with Duke Energy and the cost would be \$3.30 a month going forward. Mayor Bryant stated he felt a bright light was needed.

The Administrator advised the resume provided was for the position of Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals member. She discussed his accomplishments, stating he was enthusiastic and lived near Veterans Park and McKeehan. Mayor Bryant was in agreement.

Motion by Councilman Frederick to approve Wyatt R.D. Durham for the position of Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals Member; second by Smothers. All yea by roll call.

Councilman Zorn discussed Pear trees being removed by ODNR, and replaced with Redbuds and Dogwoods along the Bike Trail. He also stated he spoke with Penny Hahn who sold her office property on Pike Street 3 months ago to a construction company. Zorn also provided an illustration of a broken pole discussed in a prior meeting.

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Frederick noted the Public Works Crew should remove grasses before the new signs are installed. He also stated he was advised parking signs were going up at the Plaza. Councilman McKeehan inquired about the broken telephone pole.

Public Forum

Andrea Joffey stated everyone in the Woodlands is happy about the snow removal. She stated the Fire Chief advised they must wait until Shawn Campbell verifies acceptance of streets in the Woodlands by the Village of Morrow. She asked about the easement. Joffey discussed sidewalk damage that occurred almost a year ago that left a crack. She provided pictures of the area near a driveway on Megan Danielle Drive. The Mayor advised the Village would make sure it is taken care of.

Carmack inquired about one way signs. He stated he was expecting trainers the following week. Carmack suggested a post placed on the right side, the creek side. McKeehan stated we have one way signs. Carmack stated he has guys that can do that from his business if materials are available.

Motion by Smothers to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:45pm; second by McKeehan. All yea. Zoom Session Ended.

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to return to Regular Session at 7:12pm; second by Councilman Steiner. All yea.

Adjournment

Motion by Frederick to adjourn; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea by roll call.

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor