

Regular Session of Village Council

July 13, 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 Solicitor, John Kaspar. The following members were present.

Jim Frederick – A

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – A

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 Councilman Steiner to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular Session; second by Councilman McKeehan. All yea by roll call.

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 for Council.

The Administrator introduced the Stormwater Regulations from Warren County to council. A packet was given to council to take home to review for the next meeting. Ordinances specifically for Morrow will be drafted and need approval at the August meeting.

A Zoning Change was requested from I-1 to R-1 for 5490 Route 22 & 3 by Matthew Belcik and Lydia Campbell. They provided a slide presentation to Council about the specifics of their proposal. The zoning change was approved by the Village Planning Commission. The change is required in order to make this property a single residential home with the possibility of one additional home. The new property owners desire to keep the land as natural as possible. The owners stated that they plan to hook into Morrow water and sewer. Discussion and questions followed the presentation. Motion was made by Smothers to suspend the rules for Ordinance #3-21; second by Zorn. All yea. Motion by Smothers to adopt Ordinance #3-21 proposed zoning change from I-1 to R-1 for 5490 Route 22 & 3 by Smothers; second by Zorn. All yea.

Whitacre reported that Ron Kilburn has resigned as zoning inspector, if anyone knows of a qualified replacement please advise. Also, a new Water Operator has been hired, Phil Kaufman comes from The Village of South Lebanon and will be replacing Mike Hanna when the time comes for him to step down. Kaufman will be a great addition to the Village of Morrow. A tour of the new Little Miami Early Elementary School has been offered to council and police officers on Saturday, July 17th by Little Miami Superintendent, Greg Power. The digital sign at the point was mentioned, Whitacre stated that we are waiting on the power to be ran to this sign for it to be up and running.

Kaspar presented Resolution #7-21 Appropriation Adjustments requested by the Fiscal Officer to move funds in order to make proper payment of bills. Motion by Steiner to suspend the rules; second by Smothers. All yea. Motion by Steiner to adopt Resolution #7-21 Appropriation Adjustments; second by Smothers. All yea.

Public Forum

A concerned citizen spoke of a neighbor's home that has numerous animals and the home is falling down; possibly condemned. Kaspar stated that he will look into what the Village can do regarding this. Discussion followed.

Discussion regarding a possible business of the year award was proposed but statements were made that the Little Miami Chamber of Commerce already does this. Discussion followed.

Tracy Shump informed council that the Poe properties are in contract and new owners will be making some new and exciting changes and hope to reopen the ice cream shop next year.

Mayor Bryant complimented the Beautification Committee on their efforts in making Morrow look good by keeping the flowers on the bridge watered and weeded.

Councilman Zorn reported on what he learned at the Warren County Regional Planning Commission. Zorn also asked about the crosswalk by the plaza and had a few minor items for the maintenance workers. Zorn stated that October will be the next Warren County Regional Planning Commission. He also asked about possibly sending out a welcome package to new residents. It was stated this is a great idea but might be something the Chamber of Commerce does or could do.

Comment by a resident of the Woodlands of Morrow (Section 1) that 405 houses are sold and closed, there are 57 lots remaining and 45 of those are sold. It is really close to being a 100% build out.

Adjournment

Motion by Smothers to adjourn; second by Steiner. All yea by roll call. Five minute break before Special Session of Council will proceed.

Tina Powell, Fiscal Officer

York Bryant, Mayor