

EP COUNCIL 8/14/23 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, Dr. Rocco, Mr. Runnion and Mr. Simpson. Mr. Walker was not present; his absence was excused on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. Also present was Mgr./Fin. Director Traci Spratt, Law Director David Powers, Police Chief Jim Brown, Fire Chief Keith Drabick, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Clerk Misti Martin, and BZ Inspector CH McCutcheon. The minutes of the Dev/Fin & Reg Meeting of 7/24 as well as the Special Meetings of 7/20 and 7/27 were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. The July 2023 reports were also approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. There were no agenda items, Clerks, Mayors, Law Director, or Utility reports.

MANAGER: Manager Spratt stated the Park Drive Bridge project has begun and it will be approximately a 3-month project; she noted the temporary entrance is off of Carbon Hill Rd and asked that everyone please pay close attention to the detour signs. Construction has begun at the water plant for the new filtration system, this project has an approximate 5-month time frame. W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe stated they have closed a portion of the walking trail for safety reasons due to the project. The notice to proceed in reference to the waterline project has been sent to residents who will be affected, she also noted we need the consent forms returned to the office for the lead service line replacement tentatively scheduled for September.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco stated at the recent Park Board meeting discussion was held in reference to assistance the Fire Department with their Halloween event that would be held in the park on October 28.

DEV/FINANCE: Ms. May stated the event at Lamppost Farms was well received and that there continue to be meetings on economic development/revitalization with information to follow. At this time BZ Inspector CH McCutcheon addressed scuttlebutt that had been on Facebook in reference to the Zoning Department/Village denying a building permit for a local business. McCutcheon stated there were no permits applied for in this instance and noted that he and Mgr./Fin Director Spratt both spoke with the business in question stating that they are proceeding with their project which will require state approved drawings prior to applying for a village permit.

SAFETY: Chief Drabick noted they would be holding the fall festival again this year on October 28 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm; the costume contest will be at 5:00 and hay rides will be 6:00 to 9:30 pm. There will be free hot dogs, smore and a movie playing. Drabick added the ladder truck was in and they will be receiving final training the end of the month. Chief Brown stated they are working on getting the applicant for the academy grant through adding that phase one is complete; they will move forward from there.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: John Davis, Darla McElroy, Jerry Coblenz, Kent & Darlene Chapman, Rick & Karen Gorby, Dan McKinstry, David Peters, Melissa Smith, Carol Cope, Lisa & David Mahoney, Bruce Grope, Neko Figley, Stephani8e Elverd, Lenny Glavan, Timothea Deeter, Ashley McKim, Misti Allison, Aaron Allison.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Runnion introduced Res.11-2023 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **A resolution authorizing use of employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy in lieu of individual bonds for officers' employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties.** Mr. Runnion called for a vote on Res. 11-2023. 5 yes to pass. At this time Mr. Simpson made a motion to go into executive per ORC 121.22 to discuss compensation/review of collective bargaining for employees, consideration of employment of licensee or potential hires, and confidential matters pertaining to acquisition of proper/local income tax, inviting in Fin Dir/Mgr. Spratt, Fire Chief Keith Drabick, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe and Law Director Powers. Mr. Runnion seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. There would be no further business conducted.

ADOURN: At approximately 8:45 Dr. Rocco made a motion to return to regular session seconded by Mr. Runnion. Mr. Simpson then made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Runnion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY