

EP COUNCIL MEETING 7/24/23 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, Mr. Runnion, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Walker. Dr. Rocco was not present, her absence was excused on a motion by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Runnion. Also present was Fin Dir/Interim Manager Traci Spratt, Chief Jim Brown, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Clerk Misti Martin, Law Director David Powers, BZ Inspector CH McCutcheon. The minutes of the 7/10 regular meeting and the 7/11 special meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Runnion. There were no agenda items, Clerk's report, Law Director's report, Street, Park/Rec/Cem or Safety Committee reports.

MANAGER: Interim Manager Spratt stated she had given council information on a paper alley that was going to be opened up and maintained by the school. In reference to the train depot remodel NS will be bidding the project in late August with a projected completion date of November 1. Spratt stated USEPA will be rolling out home/structure indoor cleaning program, information will mail out at a later date. Finally, she stated street paving will begin the middle of August. Mr. Runnion asked how the program would prioritize locations. Mayor Conaway stated it is still up in the air at this moment.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway noted the Park exit is not the new temporary entrance during the Park Drive bridge project, the temporary entrance is off of Carbon Hill Rd. He stated there is a major issue with cars coming in the wrong way and it is dangerous. He feels the signage needs to be clarified. Spratt stated the detour signs close to the sidewalk with the person symbol are for pedestrians, the other signs are for traffic. Additionally, Mgr. Spratt added that Dominion needs to extend/replace the gas line down Park Dr. so the bridge closures will be adjusted and should begin August 2.

DEV/FIN: Ms. May thanked Trailblaze Creative for their presentation at the committee meeting held prior. She noted that August 5 is the event at Lamppost Farms. She stated RCAP had another meeting in reference to beginning the revitalization project. She stated she and Councilman Povenski are continuing to visit local businesses and some are beginning to recover while some are still struggling so they will continue efforts with the Port Authority and RCAP to assist those who need it. Mgr. Spratt stated the Port Authority will be holding an informational meeting about the Emergency Support Program.

UTILITY: W/WW Superintendent stated the lead/copper sample results are in with no problems. He noted this testing is done tri-annually and that 3 years ago the limit for lead was 5 micrograms, that has now changed to 2 micrograms so there were some detections (the highest we had was 4 micrograms) but the threshold for action to be taken is 15 micrograms. Mgr. Spratt noted the letters to residents who will be affected by the waterline replacement project have been mailed (45-day notice). Mr. Wolfe noted there is an upcoming preconstruction meeting for the new carbon filter system and everything is good to go.

VISITORS: Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Kent & Darlene Chapman, Dan McKinstry, Amanda Smith, Stephanie Elverd, Dave Biggins, Dave Peters.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Runnion noted he would like to revisit the "alcohol in the park" issue. Several council members noted they would also like to revisit the issue but that right now is just not the time with Mayor Conaway adding that he was previously against having blackout dates but after the massive crowd, all of the issues that were had during the festivities on July 4th he has changed his mind and is now in favor of the black out days. Mgr. Spratt stated she is also not against allowing alcohol events at the park but feels we do need the blackout dates. Park Board President Amanda Smith stated they are basically split 50/50 on the issue of alcohol in the park. Mr. Runnion introduced Ord. 17-2023 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance repealing and replacing section 832.03 of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio related to licensing of solicitors, peddlers and door to door sales persons.** Mr. Runnion called for a vote on Ord. 17-2023. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-n. Passed 4 to 1. Mr. Runnion introduced Res. 10-2023 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal tax (in excess of the ten mill limitation) for one and one half (1.5)**

mills, for the purposes of providing and maintain fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materis therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm, telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrativwe, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the revised code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company; pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 5705.19(l). Mr. Runnion called for a vote on Res. 10-2023. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-n. Passed 4 to 1. At this time Mr. Simpson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a village manager candidate, the motion was seconded by Mr. Walker and passed unanimously. There would be no further business conducted after.

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to return to regular session and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Povenski. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY