

EP COUNCIL 6/26/2023 85 N. MARKET ST. 6:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, Dr. Rocco, Mr. Runnion and Mr. Walker. Mr. Simpson was not present due to being out of town for work, his absence was excused on a motion by Mr. Povenski, seconded by Mr. Runnion. Also present was Finance Director/Interim Manager Traci Spratt, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Chief Jim Brown, Chief Keith Drabick, Law Director David Powers, Clerk Misti Martin, BZ Inspector CH McCutcheon. The minutes of the 6/12, 6/19 & 6/23 meetings were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco, seconded by Mr. Runnion. There were no agenda items, clerk's, street, utility, or safety committee reports.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway stated that on July 4th this year the Fire Department in conjunction with the Park Board will be holding events from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. including fireworks.

MANAGER: Manager Spratt stated Lindy Paving will start in August and it will be a four-day project and will be completed before school starts. She also stated she would have a rep from NS at the next meeting to update on progress of clean up as well as what the next steps are. She stated she attended a meeting last week with Rep. Monica Blasdel and the Ohio Department of Development where the East Palestine Emergency Support Program for businesses, applications can be found at development.ohio.gov/eastpalestine, this is for 0% loans with possible principal forgiveness. W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe stated council had before them tonight legislation to enter into a contract with Murphy Contracting of Youngstown to be the general contractor for the water filter project. Mr. Wolfe noted there would be a lot of construction at the water plant for these filters; the building to house the filters will 101x42 ft with construction to begin July 10. Mgr. Spratt noted NS will be paying for the Murphy Contracting contract. Mr. Walker asked how many filters would be online, Mr. Stated two. Ms. May asked if there was an anticipated disruption of water service due to this project, Mr. Wolfe said no. Spratt noted July is going to be a busy month, we are waiting on a start date for the waterline replacement project as well as the bridge project.

LAW DIRECTOR: In regards to the golf cart ordinance Atty. Powers stated the original ordinance had a date restriction of May 1 to October 31 of each year and if council chooses to do so this ordinance can also be amended with that restriction.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco stated the last Park Board meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday June 28; they will be meeting with a group regarding the Dog Park. She noted on July 4th there will be a bike and pet parade.

DEV/FIN: Ms. May stated the EP Think Tank (RCAP) met last week and discussed a number of projects. She stated she received a call from Lampost Farms (an organic farm on Rt. 7), they will be holding a community event on August 5 from 4 to 9 pm with food trucks as well some material that people can take home to use in their gardens and pet areas that are organic and will help with cleaning the soil. She stated she also met with staff from Congressman Johnson's and Senators Brown's office together and discussed a number of ways both offices can communicate better with the community and how the residents feel about issues.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: Jenn Drabick, Darlene Chapman, Rick & Karen Gorby, Terry Keresty, John Davis, Dave Biggins, Dave Peters, Jennie Wolfe, and Steph Elverd.

LEGISLATION: At this point Chief Brown noted in regards to golf cart legislation he would like to see hours of operation (dawn to dusk) included, as well as an inclement weather clause, he would like to see the \$7.50 fee for the temporary permit changed to \$10.00 to save work for his dispatchers. In reference to the vehicle inspection portion, he would like to see that on a per calendar year basis for ease of tracking, the sentence states the chief of police shall keep a copy of each certificate issued inside the golf cart, he said that should be the vehicle owner, he said there is no definition for side by side, and finally he would like to see section 6D removed as he does not anticipate issuing any variances as that would only cause problems. Mr. Runnion made a motion to include the requested changes seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Walker then stated this ordinance is specifically for golf carts only, atv's and auv's according to ORC are strictly forbidden on the roads.

Atty. Powers stated that any vehicles permitted under this legislation have to be under speed vehicles, an atv that goes 60mph is not permitted. Mr. Runnion introduced amended Ord. 16-2023 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance creating and enacting chapter 447 of the codified ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio related to the use of under speed vehicles, golf carts, or utility vehicles on the public street of the village.** Mr. Runnion introduced Ord.17-2023 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance repealing and replacing §832.03 of the codified ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio related to licensing of solicitors, peddlers, and door to door sales persons.** Mr. Runnion introduced Ord.18-2023 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriations for the City of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Runnion made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Runnion called for a vote on Ord. 18-2023. 5 yes to pass. Mr. Runnion introduced Ord. 19-2023 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with Murphy Contracting Co. for the installation of the Model 10 Absorption System, as part of the emergency water system improvement project, required as a result of the train derailment and potential contamination of water supplies of the Village and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Runnion made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Runnion called for a vote on Ord.19-2023. 5 yes to pass. Mr. Runnion introduced Ord. 2023 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to transfer title to damaged or destroyed vehicles and equipment to Norfolk Southern Railway or its designee(s) as consideration for delivery of replacement motor vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances and other equipment and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Runnion made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. Mr. Runnion called for a vote on Ord. 20-2023 seconded by Mr. Walker. 5 yes to pass. At this time Manager Spratt noted the budgets for 2024 need to be passed by July 15, council will have them for the next meeting and it will need to be passed as an emergency.

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dr. Rocco. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY