

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held December 2, 2019

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steve Johnston

Council Members Present: Steve Johnston, Howard Wade, Jennifer Warner, Jim King, Linda Hall, Doug Eakins and Mike Conway. Also attending were Mayor, Ray Martin, Public Service Director, John Mitchell, Building, Planning and Zoning Director, Tom Hale, Clerk of Council, Debbie Dileo, and Chief of Police, Chris Floyd.

Council Members absent: None

Prayer: Mr. Wade

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. King

Motion to adopt the agenda by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. King

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Council Meeting by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Conway

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Recognition of Guests:

Lisa Wooten asked when the construction would be completed on the east side of town. At the last meeting she was told that it would be done in a couple of weeks and it is not done yet. The barrels make driving difficult and dangerous especially in bad weather or at night. Is there a time frame for completion? Mr. Mitchell said the construction should be completed by the end of the week. They will still be working at the corners, but it should not impede traffic.

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m. to discuss a petition to vacate an alley located at the front of 76 East Town Street going north 132 feet to Water Street

Discussion: Mr. Johnston explained that in 1974 Village Council intended to vacate this alley, but the appropriate documents were never filed. The Law Director advised the Village to pass new legislation to vacate the alley now. There were no objections to closing the alley. Ms. Anita Williams, a property owner adjacent to the alley, asked how the alley would be divided. The alley is 12 feet wide and each property owner will receive 6 feet by the length of their property. Ms. Dileo reminded property owners that once it is recorded, the property owner needs to request the additional property be added to their existing property. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ordinance 19-127, approving a petition to vacate an unnamed alley in the Village of West Jefferson, located at the front of 76 East Town Street going north 132 feet to Water Street, and declaring an emergency

Discussion: None

Motion to adopt Ordinance 19-127, by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Johnston

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Ordinance 19-128, an ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of West Jefferson during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020

Discussion: Mr. Johnston stated this budget was reviewed by full Council. There were no questions or comments.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 19-128, by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Eakins

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

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Ordinance 19-129, setting the pay rates for village employees, and repealing any ordinance or section of an ordinance that may be in conflict with this ordinance, and declaring an emergency

Discussion: This pay scale reflects a 3% increase for 2020.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 19-129, by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Ms. Hall

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Committee Reports:

Finance: None

Police: None

Employee Benefits: None

Public Service: None

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: None

Special Events: The Christmas Parade will be held on December 14th at 5:30 p.m. Council will meet at the Street Garage at 4:30 p.m.

Director of Finance Report: Ms. Amott thanked Council for passing the budget tonight. This will allow her to file the budget with the County and be able to have things up and running for next year.

Director of Public Service Report: Mr. Mitchell reported that they are wrapping up the Darby Creek Water and Sewer Line Extension and this is the last week for leaf collection. They are also preparing the equipment for snow removal and putting up Christmas Decorations.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: Ms. Darlington was not in attendance due to the monthly Open House at the Community Center. The Mayor reported that she will start holding the Community luncheons on the first Fridays of the month.

Mayor's Report and Recognition: The Mayor congratulated the High School Football Team.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Mr. Johnston also recognized the football team. This is only the fourth time in 37 years of the program's history that West Jefferson has a won a regional title. He congratulated Coach Jeff Patterson. Gabe Jones was named the Outstanding Player for West Jefferson, and the Central District, Player of the Year. Today he was named the Offensive Player of the Year for the entire State.

Additional Business: None

Motion to pay the bills by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Wade

Passed by Acclamation of Council

Motion to approve "Then and Now" Certificates over \$3,000.00: None

Motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and to discuss the purchase or sale of property; and to discuss development issues at 7:19 p.m. by Ms. Hall and seconded by Ms. Warner

Motion to return to regular session at 7:55 p.m. by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Ms. Hall

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Ms. Hall

Passed by Acclamation of Council

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