

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of *Council*
BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Meeting
Form 6101

Held *September 8, 2020*

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President Jen Warner

Roll Call: Howard Wade, Jennifer Warner, Richard King, Linda Hall, Jeff Patterson, Samantha Cahill, and Mike Conway. Also attending were Mayor, Ray Martin, Clerk of Council, Debbie DiLeo, Clerk of Council in Training, Jimmy John Hall, Chief of Police, Chris Floyd, and Building, Planning and Zoning Director, Tom Hale.

Council Members absent: None

Prayer: Ms. Hall

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Conway

Motion to excuse Becky Arnett from the meeting by Mr. Conway and seconded by Ms. Hall.
Passed by acclamation of Council

Motion to adopt the agenda by Ms. Cahill and seconded by Mr. Patterson.
Roll Call: All yeas
Motion Carries 7-0

Motion to adopt the minutes of the August 17, 2020 Council Meeting and the August 24, 2020 Council Work Session Meeting by Mr. Wade and seconded by Ms. Hall.
Roll Call: All yeas
Motion Carries 7-0

Recognition of Guests: Guests Ron Garver and James Graham
Discussion: Ms. Warner invited Mr. Garver to address Council. Mr. Garver said he is concerned about a report to change or tear down the Veterans Park and wanted to provide some history before such action. Mr. Martin said he talked to the leadership of the American Legion and the VFW and they are not interested in moving to another location. The gazebo is not going to be torn down. But there is 30-year-old veteran and an Eagle Scout who wants to replace and/or repair the gazebo. The park is going to stay the way it is. Mr. Garver said he is glad to hear this from the Mayor. Mr. Garver said the Gazebo was built in 1991 and dedicated on July 4. A lot of donations from business, organizations, and individuals made it possible. They raised about \$3,200. Mr. Martin asked if there was any agreement between the Village and the veterans stating that the Village had to maintain or replace the gazebo. Mr. Garver said he was not aware of any but explained the problem with its sinking foundation, needing a new coat of paint, and some boards replaced. Mr. Martin said the intent was not to build something at that location but to give Veterans Park more space. Mr. Martin asked if Mr. Hale could look into the gazebo maintenance. Mr. Hale said he and Mr. Mitchell looked at the structure six weeks ago. There were some structural issues needing some attention. Mr. Garver presented some older pictures dating back to 1991. Mr. Garver said the transportation of the gazebo had to be coordinated between various police organizations and through back roads. Ms. Hall said in 2021 it will be 30 years old and asked if there was an event planned. Mr. Garver said there is no event planned. Ms. DiLeo offered to scan the pictures for later use by the Village.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 20-067, authorizing ODOT's contractor to perform work to replace/upgrade various guardrail end assemblies on US 40 and SR 142 within the Village of West Jefferson
Discussion: Ms. Warner said the Village is not paying for this but we are authorizing the construction.

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-067, by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. King.
Roll Call: All yeas
Motion Carries 7-0

Committee Reports:

Finance: None. But budgets are coming up soon.

Police: None

Employee Benefits: None

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Public Service: None

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: None

Special Events: None

Director of Finance Report: None (Mr. Martin will give a brief report under Mayor's Report and Recognition)

Director of Public Service Report: None

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: None

Mayor's Report and Recognition: Mr. Martin said the Village Facebook page has had a lot of activity concerning various water bills and possible rate increases, water leaks, or double billing. Two of the concerns had the same rate as last year, four concerns were less than last year, one was a misunderstanding within the household, and one was an increase due to more people living in the house. Mr. Conway asked if people have a high-water bill because they didn't pay their previous bill, giving the appearance of a being double billed. Mr. Martin said with one bill that was the situation. Mr. Martin encouraged the public to call if there are any problems. Most of the time there is a misunderstanding. Also, Mr. Martin reported for the Finance Director, Ms. Amott, and said income tax is up 72% for August. This brings the Village up 32% for the year like we were in February.

Discussion: Ms. Warner asked about Trick or Treat. Mr. Martin said there are some communities having it and some are not. Ms. Warner said people will already be wearing masks. Mr. Martin said the Health Department needs to be checked with before the Village permits Trick or Treating. Also, the Community Association will not be having a costume contest at the moment. Mr. Garver asked about a meter that reduces sewer charges. Mr. Martin said he can put a deduct meter on his home's outside wall. The Village does not pay for this. A deduct meter is used for water not entering the sewer system. For example, water used for landscaping or swimming pools.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Mr. Wade asked a question about making an exception for parking a motor vehicle beyond the ball field gate for a man in a battery powered wheelchair. Mr. Martin said there is no exception for motor vehicle use beyond the designated area and especially for the safety of people on the baseball field. Chief said if there is an exception, then everybody will want an exception for personal parking and unloading.

Additional Business: Ms. Warner proposed a question and answer session at the Community Center for West Jefferson LLC on September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. and another Q&A session on September 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for the Greenhaven Development. These Q&A sessions will give people the ability to ask questions, have them answered, and give extra time before the Public Hearings. Also, on September 21, 2020 there is a Public Meeting. The proposals were accepted.

Motion to pay the bills by Ms. Cahill and seconded by Mr. Patterson.
Passed by acclamation of Council

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

Chief asked the Chair for the opportunity to explain a gift from Amazon. Amazon gave to various police departments surgical grade masks for public safety.

Ms. Warner asked if the Police Department could use the Sheriff's Department "Going Too Fast" sign on US 40. Chief said it will not make a difference. People race their cars along US 40.

Ms. DiLeo asked Chief if we need to send a thankyou note to Amazon. Chief said the Police Department already posted a thank you to its Facebook page.

Motion to adjourn: 7:36 P.M. by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Conway.
Passed by acclamation of Council

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