

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Council

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Meeting

Form 6101

Held November 20, 2017

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

By Jack R. Herrel, Clerk of Council

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

Council Members Present: Steve Johnston, Doug Eakins, Randy Otis, Jennifer Warner, Jim King, and Mike Conway. Also attending were, Mayor Ray Martin, Finance Director Debbie Dileo, Clerk of Council Jack Herrel, Public Service Director John Mitchell, Parks and Recreation Director Marci Darlington, Assistant Finance Director Rochelle, Income Tax Director Rebecca, and Police Chief Terry Ward.

Council Members absent: Lorie Cafagno

Motion to excuse Ms. Cafagno by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Warner

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 6-0

Prayer: Pastor Ruth Pribe (United Methodist Church)

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mike Conway

Motion to adopt the agenda by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Conway.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 6-0

Motion to adopt the minutes of the November 6, 2017 Council meeting by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 6-0

Recognition of guests: *Ron Garver, former Village Councilman President, addressed Council and thanked retiring Finance Director Debbie Dileo and Councilman Randy Otis for their service to the village. Mr. Garver said he was concerned about the Mayor's proposed the 2018 appropriation budget. He said that for many years Mayors have made it a priority to present a balanced budget to Council. This budget is not close to being balanced and tax payers should be upset about it. He especially criticized the General Fund and in particular the Police Department budget. Mayor Martin replied that even though the proposed budget is not balanced it contains items that the residents deserve and there are excess reserves in the General Fund to pay for it.*

Susie Eiselstein stated that she is new to the West Jefferson area and that she is interested in urban forestry and would like to see hanging baskets in the downtown West Jeff area similar to those in Grove City. She said she would contact the company to get an estimate on what it would cost the village including maintenance. The Mayor and Mr. Johnston advised her that it may not fit in the budget but that it would be ok to go ahead and obtain a quote.

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Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 17-075, authorizing a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 to West Jefferson in the Park, Inc.

Discussion: This is the annual contribution by the Village for the Christmas in the Park light show.

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-075 by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 6-0

Ordinance 17-076, amending section III of ordinance 14-004 passed February 3, 2014 and amended by ordinance 15-033 on June 1, 2015; by adding Members of Council to the list of personnel receiving a cell phone allowance; and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: Mr. Johnston advised that the level of calls and communications has risen significantly and that Council should be a part of the reimbursement process. Mr. Otis disagreed saying that the job should be done for love of the community. Mr. King agreed saying he doesn't see a need for it, although he could see it for the President of Council.

Motion to limit the Council cell phone reimbursement to the President of Council by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Johnston.

Roll Call: Yeas; Mr. Johnston, Mr. King, Ms. Warner

Nays; Mr. Otis, Mr. Eakins, Mr. Conway

Motion Fails: 3 Yeas and 3 Nays

Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-076 by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Ms. Warner.

Roll Call: Yeas; Mr. Eakins, Ms. Warner, Mr. Johnston, Mr. King,

Nays; Mr. Conway, Mr. Otis

Motion Fails: 4 yeas and 2 Nays

Resolution 17-077, accepting the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to designate the properties at 49 and 50 Burnham Street as M-2 (Manufacturing).

Discussion: discussion held in a public hearing on the matter at the previous Council meeting.

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-077 by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. King.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 6-0

Ordinance 17- 078, 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: Pay increases for 2018 were set at the 2017 rate of inflation, 2.1% based on the Consumer Price Index.

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Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-078 by Mr. Otis and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

*Roll Call: All Yeas
Motion carries 6-0*

Ordinance 17-079, setting the percentage of income tax receipts collected and allocated to various funds pursuant to sections 181.18 or 182.013 of the Village Municipal Income Tax Code, and repealing ordinance 16-082 passed November 21, 2016; and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The allocation is being adjusted to 75% General Fund, 5% Street Fund, and 20% Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-079 by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Conway.

*Roll Call: All Yeas
Motion carries 6-0*

First reading of Ordinance 17-080, an ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of West Jefferson during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

Discussion: Second reading will be held at the December 4, 2017 Meeting

Discussion: Mr. Johnson requested and scheduled a Council work session for Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at which time Council will discuss, review, and contemplate any final adjustments to the 2018 proposed budget.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss current or imminent legal action by Mr. Otis and seconded by Mrs. Warner.

*Roll Call: All Yeas
Motion carries 6-0*

Motion to return to regular session at 7:57 p.m. by Mr. Conway and seconded by Mr. King

*Roll Call: All Yeas
Motion carries 6-0*

Resolution 17-081, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Medical Mutual of Ohio (MMO) for a fully insured plan for 2018 health insurance benefits.

Discussion: The village will contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio to provide health insurance benefits to village employees and their dependents beginning January 1, 2018 and running through December 31, 2018. The village will not be renewing its current arrangement with Jefferson Health Plan, but will contract with Jefferson Health Plan to administer the run-off claims from 2017.

Motion to adopt Resolution 17-081 by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. King.

*Roll Call: All Yeas
Motion carries 6-0*

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Committee Reports:

Finance: The Police Committee submitted a recommendation that the village accept the Lexipol Policy and Procedure Manual and sent it on to the Finance Committee.

Police: None

Employee Benefits: None

Public Service: None

Development:

Parks and Recreation: None

Special Events: None

Director of Finance Report: None

Director of Public Service: John Mitchell; leaf collection going well.... Will be putting up Christmas decorations next week.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: Marci Darlington; Softball tournament wrapped up,.. working on other events... Zumba class on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. (free) at the community center.

Mayor's Report and Recognition:

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Everyone congratulated Debbie Dileo on her retirement and thanked her for her excellent service to the Village as Finance Director.

Additional Business: None

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

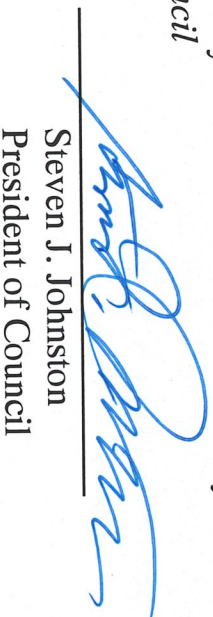
Passed by Acclamation of Council

Motion to approve "Then and Now" Certificates over \$3,000.00 by Mr. Eakins and Seconded by Mr. King.

Passed by Acclamation of Council

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Johnston.
Passed by Acclamation of Council


Jack R. Herrel
Clerk of Council


Steven J. Johnston
President of Council