

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held September 4, 2018

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Council President Steve Johnston.

Council Members Present: Steve Johnston, Doug Eakins, Howard Wade, Jennifer Warner, Jim King, Mike Conway, and Linda Hall. Also attending were Mayor Ray Martin, Clerk of Council Jack Herrel, Director of Finance Rebecca Arnott, Director of Public Service John Mitchell, and Police Chief Rick Hardy.

Council Members absent: None

Prayer: Mayor Ray Martin

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Steve Johnston

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

Roll Call: All Years

Motion carries 7-0

Motion to adopt the amended minutes of the August 20, 2018 Council Meeting and the August 27, 2018 Special Council Meeting by Mr. King and seconded by Ms. Warner.

Roll Call: All Years

Motion carries 7-0

Recognition of guests: Officer Gary McNeal

Resolution 18-074, a resolution commending Officer Gary McNeal for over twenty eight years of faithful and dedicated service with the Village of West Jefferson Police Department

Discussion: Mr. Johnson noted that Officer McNeal started service to the Village as an Auxiliary Police Officer and subsequently was appointed as a full-time officer in March 1990. He has served as a Sergeant in 2002, a Lieutenant in 2012 and Acting Chief in 2018. Mr. Johnson thanked him for putting his life on the line and protecting the residents of West Jefferson. Mayor Martin added that Gary always acted with integrity and treated everyone with respect. Officer McNeal was presented with a Certificate of Recognition by Mayor Martin and Council President Johnston.

Public Hearing opened at 7:22 to discuss a request by Mr. John Harnmyer (Fisher Cast Steel) to narrow Veterans Way from 33' to 26.5' and N. Center Street from 66' to 56.6'

Discussion: Pictures and information were presented to Council. Mr. Johnston addressed the narrowing of N. Center Street. He noted that Center Street is one of the widest, if not the widest street in the village and he had no problems approving this request for Fisher Cast Steel. The company has been located in the village for over 75 years. He then addressed the narrowing of Veterans Way. He pointed out that there are three to four parking spaces that are located in the right-of-way. Veterans Way is not a major artery and the primary use at this time is providing ingress and egress to the VFW. The change will not impact traffic patterns or congestion in the downtown area. Pictures also highlighted safety features for the new proposed addition. Mr. Johnston recommends that Council approve the narrowing of both streets. Mayor Martin stated that he has been assured that the street will still meet the standard minimum width requirements for a street. He also noted that no one was present to oppose the change and no utilities were being covered up. Mr. Mitchell reported that most minimum requirements for a street are 26'. Mr. Wade asked about the VFW and Mr. Harnmyer stated that the Trustees had generally accepted his proposal and thought that they could work with the change. Mr. Wade questioned if we could guarantee the community that Veterans

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Way would not be a one way street. Mr. Mitchell stated that there are no plans to make it a one way street but no guarantees can be made for the future.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 pm.

Old Business:

Second Reading of Ordinance 18-068, approving a request to narrow Veterans Way from 33' to 26.5' and N. Center Street from 66' to 56.6' pursuant to a petition filed by Mr. John Hamner (Fisher Cast Steel)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-068 by Mr. King and seconded by Ms. Warner

Roll Call: Yeas: Johnston, King, Eakins, Warner, Hall

Nays: Conway, Wade

Motion Carries 5-2

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Finance: None

Police: Chief Hardy has requested a committee meeting. Committee members will schedule a meeting and notify the Chief.

Employee Benefits: Ms. Hall will schedule a meeting once she has reviewed the Employee Handbook. Mr. Johnston requested that a meeting be scheduled as soon as possible.

Public Service: None

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: None

Special Events: None

Director of Finance Report: Rebecca Arnott reported that the Workers Comp will need a supplemental appropriation in the next few months in order to pay the premium this year and take advantage of a 2% discount.

Director of Public Service: John Mitchell reported that there is patchwork being done on roads in preparation of bad weather. The pool has been painted. The inside lanes of Route 40 are closed in both directions for the next three weeks. The initial times to close Route 29 are from October 1 through November 22. Mr. Mitchell will confirm the dates.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: Absent

Mayor's Report and Recognition: The Mayor reported that the Town Hall meeting went well and was pleased with the participation. The Ox Roast was great and he had a lot of positive feedback about the direction the Village is taking.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: None

Additional Business: None

Motion to pay the bills by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Passed by Acclamation of Council

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. King.
Passed by Acclamation of Council.


Clerk of Council


Steven J. Johnston
President of Council