

Bethel Village Council August 23, 2010

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James T. Dick presiding.

Ms. Ireton delivered the invocation, followed by Mayor Dick leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Upon roll call, the following members were counted as present: Council Members Priscilla Johnson, Janice Ireton, Donna Gunn, Rus Whitley, Mary Daugherty; Fiscal Officer Angel Burton and Village Administrator Travis Dotson. Councilman Tim Cherry and Solicitor George Leicht arrived after roll call.

Mayor Dick thanked Bethel Building and Loan for sponsoring this year's Council meeting videos.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2010 meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. All yea.

A motion to enter executive session to discuss Ofc. Shane Bininger's vacation accrual was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll: Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Ms. Daugherty "yea". 6:35 p.m.

A motion to adjourn from executive session and enter regular session was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Ms. Gunn "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Daugherty "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". 6:50 p.m.

The Village's employee handbook states vacation accrual cannot exceed twice an employee's current annual allowance. Ofc. Bininger's vacation has reached that maximum. The police department is limited in staff, due to downsizing, and Ofc. Bininger chose to work in order to prevent scheduling issues.

A motion to reinstate Ofc. Bininger's 116 vacation hours, as a one-time exception, with the requirement the hours be used within 3 months of today's date, was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. All yea.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

Mayor Dick read a letter from Bethel Building and Loan (BB&L), thanking the Village for supporting the 2nd annual 10K run. BB&L is encouraged by the community's involvement in making good things happen.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

Nil.

Fiscal Officer, Angel Burton

Todd Brooks, the contractor hired to paint 4 rooms at the Grant Memorial, has completed the work and submitted his invoice for payment. The invoice includes \$155 in additional work, requested by Mr. Manning.

A motion to approve the \$155 in additional work at the Grant Memorial was made by Ms. Daugherty. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. All yea.

Solicitor George Leicht

Nil.

Police Chief Mark Planck

The Village has a clear title on the Jaguar, and the Chief would like to sell the vehicle. Solicitor Leicht will contact the courts, to see if any further court action is needed. The department has numerous bikes to auction, and the Public Works department has 3 trucks to sell. A probate order is necessary to sell the bikes.

Mr. Leicht requested both Chief Planck and Mr. Dotson provide a list of equipment for disposal. The ordinance authorizing the sale will be presented with tonight's legislation.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The Public Works Committee met on Monday, August 16th.

The paving bids are due by August 27, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Burton and Mitch Hatfield will conduct the bid opening.

The Public Works committee will make a recommendation to Council based on the proposals received. Mr. Cherry does not believe a special meeting is necessary, since there is plenty of time before the asphalt plants close for the winter.

The committee discussed various types of park benches for Burke, and recommends concrete be considered, due to the lower expense.

A motion recommending the purchase of 1 modular bench/table combination for the Burke Park at a cost not to exceed \$1500 plus shipping and handling, was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. All yeas.

The purchase of additional units will be considered for 2011.

Funding for the purchase was discussed, due to current appropriations. Ms. Ireton will make a request to the Burke Trust, and donations for the benches may be made.

The playground equipment has been updated except for the slide, which requires a concrete pad. The Public Works department will install the pad, in addition to some other patch work needed around town.

The town branch has been cleaned out by the property owners, and flooding issues will continue to be monitored.

Two proposals were received for the construction of a secure payment window in the utility billing department. An 8 foot wall will be built, with a double window and shelf for writing. The swing doors will be removed, and replaced with one door containing a window. A \$7K proposal included the use of plexi-glass, however that fogs over time. A \$2700 proposal included the use of ½" to ¾" tempered glass.

A motion to construct a secure payment window in the utility billing department for a price not to exceed \$3000 was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. After the motion was opened for discussion, Ms. Burton asked if Finance was going to review the project due to current appropriations. When the roll was called on the motion, 6 nays were received. Motion failed. Finance will discuss the window expense at the next meeting.

Due to the amount of time spent in the summer months on mowing, the committee discussed the possibility of contracting out the work in 2011. The committee recommends the Village Administrator advertise for bids on Village mowing for 2011, for consideration in appropriation discussions.

The Ohio Horseman's Council off-loads horses at a farm by Macedonia, and the group, together with Mr. Donner from East Fork, has asked for permission to cross the water property to East Fork trails. Mr. Leicht advised Mr. Dotson contact the Hylant Group for a disclaimer/waiver similar to what he obtained for the Boy Scouts. The group will be given a key to unlock the gate that crosses the path.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley

The next Safety Committee meeting is Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The parking meter discussion will be continued.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Mary Daugherty

The next Personnel Committee meeting is Monday, August 30, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Mr. Frank Manning has requested additional work at the Grant Memorial. He has asked that the main room and alcove of the building be painted. Mr. Dotson received a proposal for \$800 from Todd Brooks today. Mr. Brooks completed the other interior painting at the building.

Ms. Ireton will be put together a Burke Trust Fund request for the additional painting as well as a Burke Park bench.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

A meeting date has not been set.

Council Rules Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Ms. Gunn will be forwarding a draft of the rules to the other committee members for review, and the recommended changes will be sent to Council by the next meeting.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: The first varsity football game is Friday.

Donna Gunn: Thanked Judi Adams and her "posse" for organizing the 10K run.

Mayor Dick: Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. Chief Planck recommended the Village's Trick-or-Treat be set the same as other villages. Mayor Dick will find out what others are doing, and set the hours at the September 13th meeting.

Rus Whitley: Reminded everyone to watch for children and to abide by the crosswalks since school is back in session.

Tim Cherry: Ditto.

Mary Daugherty: Nil.

PUBLIC INPUT

Nil.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 1640 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2923.41 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the 3 readings of ORD 1640 Sale of Property was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Daugherty “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1640 Sale of Property was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Daugherty “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 21374-21399, including the Zoning Administrator’s August, 2010 salary, OPERS and Medicare contributions) was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. All yea.

A motion to enter executive session to discuss financial matters related to the Village that are required to be kept confidential by the State of Ohio was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Daugherty “yea”. 7:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn executive session and enter regular session was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Ms. Daugherty. By roll: Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Daugherty “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. 8:15 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. All yea. 8:15 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

Angelina Burton, Fiscal Officer

NOT APPROVED