

Bethel Village Council October 25, 2010

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, October 25, 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, Rus Whitley, Tim Cherry, Mary Daugherty; Village Administrator Travis Dotson and Solicitor George Leicht. Council member Donna Gunn and Fiscal Officer Angel Burton were absent.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2010 meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Daugherty. 4 yeas – Ms. Ireton abstain.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mike Pride, director of Clermont County's Department of Job and Family Services, addressed Council regarding the upcoming Child Protective Services levy. The levy is a 5 year .8 mill levy renewal, and if approved, residents would see no increase in taxes. The funds from the levy are used to cover the care of children, including foster care and clothing. No administrative costs or salaries are paid by the levy funds. The levy has been around since 1986, and by limiting the levy to 5 years, voters are allowed to have a say in the funding. Mr. Pride is confident that if the voters could see what his office sees on a daily basis, the levy would pass with 100% of the votes.

The number of children served fluctuates between 300 and 320, though as many as 350 have been helped before. The goal of CPS is to ensure the safety of children, and reunite them with their family when it's feasible.

REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

The Village's Trick-or-Treat hours will be October 30, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to be careful and patient.

September Mayor's Court collections totaled \$4383, with \$3561 going to the Village and \$822 going to the State.

Mayor Dick announced the winners of the 2nd grade coloring contest: Patrick Salvatore (Ms. Snider), Marissa Jenike (Ms. Kreimer), Julia Black (Ms. Warren), Lili Cooper (Ms. Dennis), Jaden Craig (Ms. Sayre), Isabelle Elliott (Ms. Jenike). Mayor Dick will be out of town, so Ms. Ireton will present the winners with their prizes on Friday.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

A leak was discovered during the refilling of the repainted water tower. A valve was replaced, but the leak remains. The base of the tower may have to be replaced.

Fiscal Officer, Angel Burton

Absent.

Solicitor George Leicht

Nil.

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nil.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Ms. Ireton spoke on behalf of Ms. Gunn.

The committee is considering 2011 appropriations.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The committee met Monday, October 18th.

The situation with IGA is still ongoing, and Mr. Cherry hopes to have a report at the next Council meeting.

The committee discussed capital planning and mowing contracts for 2011. An additional quote is being sought on the installation of a utility billing security window.

Rack Seven is mobilized, and though the Grant Memorial lot is prepared, the company decided it would be more economical to pave the lot with the full-depth repairs. Despite the delay, the project should be done before the Down Home Christmas event. Mr. Cherry would like local emergency services informed of paving and potential delays.

The resurfacing of the Walk Path is made possible by a NatureWorks grant that expires at the end of this year. The proposal used in the application process was from Nickell's Blacktop, but costs have increased. The company said they would honor the original bid price, but they have been unresponsive to Village communication. Rack Seven is being considered as a back-up.

The installation of the truck utility bed was inspected by Scott's Auto, and it was deemed to be a satisfactory modification for the intended purposes.

The next meeting is Monday, November 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley

The committee met on October 12, and discussed auxiliary appointments and a leaning electric pole at IGA.

Mr. Whitley encouraged everyone to be careful on Beggar's Night.

The next meeting is Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Mary Daugherty

The next Personnel Committee meeting is Monday, November 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Ms. Ireton has reviewed prices on park benches, and recommends the purchase of 2 benches from Upbeat, in the amount of \$1781.08, which includes shipping. The benches will match the recently ordered park table. One bench will be placed in front of the Grant Memorial Building, and the other bench will go in the Burke Park.

A motion requesting \$2682 from the Burke Trust Commission to cover the purchase of 2 benches and additional interior painting at the Grant Memorial was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. All yea.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Ms. Johnson has spoken with a few people that may be interested in filling the Planning Commission openings.

Mayor Dick mentioned the Community Survey. The survey was put on hold, for review by the current commission, though neither Ms. Johnson or Mayor Dick seem to see the need to

delay the survey any further. Mr. Dotson said it will take a few more weeks before the billing clerks have all the data input that's necessary for the mailing.

Rules of Council, Donna Gunn

Ms. Ireton spoke on Ms. Gunn's behalf. The committee is working on suggested revisions. Council was asked to email any further questions or concerns to Ms. Gunn.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Encouraged everyone to be careful on Halloween. It's a big time in Bethel, and she hopes everyone has fun.

Janice Ireton: Echoed Ms. Johnson's sentiments, and mentioned her desire to honor service personnel with a Military and Law Enforcement Memorial downstairs. She asked that people please send her pictures for display in the memorial.

Rus Whitley: Considers Ms. Ireton's memorial plan a good suggestion, and reminded everyone to be mindful of the Village crosswalks.

Tim Cherry: Nil.

Mary Daugherty: Nil.

Mr. Leicht likened Bethel to the New York City of Halloween.

PUBLIC INPUT

Nil.

LEGISLATION

Nil.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 21635-21662) was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. All yea.

Mayor Dick adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

Angelina Burton, Fiscal Officer