

Bethel Village Council March 25, 2011

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in special session in Council Chambers on Friday, March 25, 2011 at 5:20 p.m., with Vice Mayor Donna Gunn presiding.

Mr. Ausman delivered the invocation, followed by Vice Mayor Gunn 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 (arrived at 5:35 pm), Rus Whitley, Tim Cherry, Alan Ausman, Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin and Village Administrator Travis Dotson.

Also present were Chief Planck, Ruth Gelter of the Independent Press & Mary Dannemiller of the Bethel Journal.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Mr. Ausman. All ye.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

No report as Mayor Dick was absent.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

The chairs for the Grant Memorial Building have arrived and are ready for use.
New utility software was demonstrated today.
The street department is ready for possible weekend snowfall.

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

Finished first full-time week today and made a lot progress this week.
Corrected list of bills for approval distributed.

Solicitor George Leicht

Absent

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nil

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

New figures have been received for the health insurance premium at renewal.
The monthly premium was raised after review of village employees' history.
There was discussion on delaying decision in order to study additional options.

Next meeting will be April 6 at 5:00 pm.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

Meeting was held on March 21.
Legislation (Resolution 908 and Ordinance 1963) later in the meeting are a result of committee recommendations.

Discussed culvert evaluation and prioritization of replacement
In the future safety and public works committees will meet on the same day.

Next meeting is April 11 at 5:00 pm.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley

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Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman

Next meeting will be April 12 at 6:00 pm.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Nil.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Nil. Looking forward to first meeting

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Students are on spring break, please be careful.

Janice Ireton: Nil.

Rus Whitley: Asked everyone to continue supporting the local churches with donations.

Tim Cherry: Nil.

Alan Ausman: The Bethel Journal ran an article about internet use by village employees and that utility department employees felt singled out, which was not the case. Mr. Ausman apologized to village employees for the way the situation was perceived.

PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 1650 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (ORDINANCE 1635) ACCEPTING CHANGES MADE TO THE TRANSMISSION RIDERS, AS STATED, 3rd Reading

A motion to adopt ORD 1650 AEP CONTRACT AMENDMENT was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 905 DESIGNATING THE APPA CURRENT EDITION SAFETY MANUAL AS THE OFFICIAL SAFETY MANUAL OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL’S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT , 3rd Reading

A motion to adopt RES 905 DESIGNATING APPA SAFETY MANUAL was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 906 FINAL RESOLUTION FOR THE ODOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE PROJECT, 3rd Reading

A motion to adopt RES 906 ODOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 907 REPLACING SECTIONS 718, 719 AND 720 OF PERSONNEL POLICIES REGARDING THE INFORMATION SERVICES GENERAL POLICY PERTAINING TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, 2nd Reading

RESOLUTION 908 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A CDBG GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 908 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt RES 908 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1653 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GREEN IMAGES LAWN AND LANDSCAPING, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1653 MOWING CONTRACT was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

There was discussion on how many bids were received. Mr. Dotson indicated there were approximately 40 bids with Green Images being the lowest and best bid.

A motion to adopt ORD 1653 MOWING CONTRACT was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “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 totaling \$59,959.37 was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Mr. Whitley. All yea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Mr. Ausman. All yea. 5:47 p.m.

Donna Gunn, Vice Mayor

Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer