

Bethel Village Council

April 25, 2011

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James Dick presiding.

Pastor Hembree 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, Tim Cherry, Alan Ausman, Village Administrator Travis Dotson, Solicitor George Leicht and Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin.

Also present were Chief Planck, Ruth Gelter of the Independent Press, Gary Hutchinson, Denver Eversoll and Jeremiah S. Hembree.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2011 meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Ausman. Second by Mr. Whitley. All ye.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pastor Hembree invited Mayor and Council to the National Day of Prayer on May 5 at 7:00pm at the Nazarene Church.

REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

BAMFest is May 7.
Village wide yard sale is May 20-22.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

On May 3 village employees will attend an AEP lineman training tour in Columbus. Preparations are underway for BAMFest, concrete for dumpster pad will be poured. Kelly Miller circus is coming to town on May 15. 101 people participated in the Clean and Green program.

Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

3 items added to the bills for approval list; Mayor's Assoc. dues, Claimlinx invoices and rifles for police department.
2007-08 audit balance has been paid in full.
Payroll direct deposit has been successfully launched.
Revenues and appropriations are following the projections fairly closely.
1 payment left on early retirement package.

Solicitor George Leicht

Researched possible annexation on soccer field property and it was attempted 3 years ago. Will contact Mr. Marshall about possible annexation of the property. Special events guidelines have been discussed with Travis Dotson, and suggesting enacting the guidelines along with criminal penalties.

Police Chief Mark Planck

Would like to purchase 4 rifles through US Treasury at a total cost of \$178.67.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Next meeting will be Monday May 2 at 5:00 pm.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

Ordinance 1655 has been reviewed by the public works committee and recommended for approval.

Next meeting is May 9 at 5:00 pm.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley

Next meeting is May 9 at 6:00 pm.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman

Next meeting will be May 2 following finance committee meeting.

Need to have a quick meeting this evening following the council meeting.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Encourage all students to pick up applications at the guidance office prior to May 13 deadline.

Interviews will be conducted on May 20.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Next meeting will be May 12 at 5:30pm.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Please come out for BAMFest.

Janice Ireton: Please remember it is prom season, support National Day of Prayer and BAMFest.

Donna Gunn: Thanks to all who participated in the Clean and Green program at the park.

Rus Whitley: Need picnic tables for BAMFest. Support the local churches.

Tim Cherry: Please support the Bethel Ministerial Association.

Alan Ausman: Thanks to all individuals, businesses and churches who helped sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to the Bethel Ministerial Association for Holy Week services.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ruth Gelter asked if there was any movement on her drainage issue.

Mr. Cherry asked if Mitch had taken a look at the situation.

Travis Dotson replied not yet.

Mr. Cherry indicated he felt the village could take care of the problem in house.

Ms. Gunn thanked Ruth Gelter for her patience.

Ruth Gelter asked for any effort that would help fix the problem.

Gary Hutchinson asked if having a personnel committee meeting this evening would violate any laws.

George Leicht replied that it was ok due to the fact that the press had representation here now, and they are the ones who ask for notice of such meetings.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 903 WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT WILLIAM GILPIN,
VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER BE A RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL,
3rd Reading

A motion to adopt RES 903 WAIVING RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT 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", Mr. Ausman "yea". Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1655 ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNING GUIDELINES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1655 SPECIAL EVENTS GUIDELINES was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the grandfathering of any events already scheduled.

A motion to adopt ADOPT ORD 1655 SPECIAL EVENTS GUIDELINES was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. By roll: Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1656 ESTABLISHING A VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE TO BE PAID BY ANY VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OFFERING VIDEO SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Travis Dotson stated that the law changed in 2007 and now that this type of service is now available, the franchise fees will be lost if action is not taken quickly.

Ms. Gunn asked if this would affect the residents.

Travis Dotson replied that he did not think it would affect the residents.

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1656 VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1656 VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Ausman “yea”. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses totaling \$114,006.96 was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Ms. Gunn. All yea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Ms. Ireton. All yea. 7:03 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer