Final Council November 13, 2023

Present for the regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Zerkle, Mrs. Hoffman, Ms. Kauffman, Mr. Spriggs, Solicitor Moell, and Clerk Boyd. Media: Kris Langstaff and Peak of Ohio Sharyn Kopf, Bellefontaine Examiner. Other guests residents: James and Nikki Burkhamer, Alli Harlan, Brenda Coy, robin Kauffman, Alex Dye, Melanie Park, Al Hyland, Jeremy Levan, Judy Legge, Rebecca Hager and Keith Amlin.

Meeting was opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Lord’s Prayer.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve the minutes of October 23, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the special meeting on October 31, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

Everyone can speak for 2 minutes and must sign in with the President of Council.

Mrs. Griffith read letters from Judy Legge and Ashley Hager of Sweetie Pies about reinstating the curbside recycling.

James Burkhamer wants curbside recycling back and said some people can not use the recycling center. He also said 50%-60% ends up in the landfill anyway.

Brenda Coy said the elderly and handicapped residents can not use the recycling center or it would be more difficult. She would like to send out a survey or why can’t our street department pick up recycling.

Robin Kauffman said she would like Council to recommend to pick up once or twice a month.

Alex Dye would like to know is this was an official count of people not using the curbside recycling. If they didn’t recycle they would have to buy twice the orange bags. He also talked about buying a $250K truck.

Melanie Park was concerned with lack of communication. She asked if council would reconsider.

Ms. Kauffman said the Mayor, Clerk, Mrs. Griffith, and herself toured the recycling center in Bellefontaine. Logan County Solid Waste does not sell to China it is sold North America and 85% of recycling will be sold. Ms. Kauffman drove around Tuesday and Friday and maybe it was too early for residents to have their recycling out. She also said if people were concerned about curbside recycling why did only 15 people show up here.

Mrs. Zerkle said she would like to personally apologize for making a quick decision. She didn’t want to put that financial burden on the residents.

Mrs. Griffith said she recycles at her mom’s house, her house and the church. It will be a burden to her if she has to take all this out to the recycling center. She is also concerned with Green Hills residents, they are not able to take to recycling center.

Ordinance 2023-15 entitled “West Columbus Street repaving cost and residents cost for curb, gutter, and sidewalks “ was read. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adopt Ordinance 2023-15 on third and final reading. Motion Carried.

 The 9 Point Plan grant for flood mitigation was received. Mayor McKelvey asked Mr. Spriggs to stay on top of this and make sure we get the $7500 for Lions park.

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Holdren Brothers will be making the Civic display sign holder/backboard. A letter for churches and civic organizations will be sent if there are not any corrections. Council will read it and come back with corrections.

Resolution 2023-R12 entitled “THE MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adopt Resolution 2023-R12 on 1st and final reading. Motion Carried.

Mayor McKelvey said Foot traffic is down in many of the retail stores. If we lose stores, we will lose revenue and then will need to find alternatives for revenue. Outside visitors are essential for keeping what we have and we need to increase the foot traffic. We have made some Big purchases this year: West Columbus Street, North Street, Race Street, and Newell Street repaving; two new (fire and street departments pickups); three vehicles in accidents for police department; bought out township for Town Hall; health insurance cost keep escalating;

Sweetie Pies is repairing/improving the front of their building/business so they will have lifts and will block the sidewalk this upcoming week.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve the following bills in the amount of $ 124409.92. Motion Carried.

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| Lowes | hose reel | 108.30 |
| Lowes | additional ck. 43550 | 5.99 |
| Anthem | life ins. | 43.75 |
| Postmaster | certified letters | 196.88 |
| Ohio Police  | retirement  | 4101.51 |
| Ohio Police and Fire | retirement  | 4227.81 |
| Ohio Child  | for Puckett | 198.80 |
| Mark Nelson | 64 reg. 16 vac .5 OT | 1193.43 |
| AES | electric dodge | 34.12 |
| AES | electric L/B | 279.83 |
| AES | electric PH  | 28.61 |
| Jill McKelvey | salary | 357.62 |
| Steve Rabenstein | salary | 830.16 |
| Rick Miller | salary | 311.84 |
| Darin Leach | salary | 1324.13 |
| Cindee M. Boyd | salary | 1243.91 |
| Chris Moell | solicitor  | 550.45 |
| Scott woodruff | salary | 569.43 |
| Statewide ford | wrap for cruiser #1 | 650.00 |
| Ohio Def Comp | for Boyd | 85.00 |
| Ohio Dept taxation | state tax | 724.07 |
| Darren Dunham | 9 hrs | 126.67 |
| Ohio Data | phones  | 99.96 |
| Brian Snider | 47 reg 36 SL | 1247.91 |
| John Puckett | 50 reg 30 SL | 1067.48 |
| Shane Oelker | salary 4 pers | 1711.30 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1425.82 |
| Ohio Dept. School | school tax | 325.31 |
| OPERS | retirement  | 3480.47 |
| RITA | municipal tax | 312.37 |
| IRSA | WH MC EMP MC | 1552.69 |
| Hodge Hager | 15.5 hrs. | 220.08 |
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| Jason Fishbaugh | 14.5 hrs | 204.30 |
| Lee Deloye | 40 reg 40 vac 1 OT | 1402.26 |
| AES | electric L/B | 255.91 |
| Boldman Printing | newsletter | 175.00 |
| Ryan Wirick | services | 100.00 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| Dollar General  | vets event | 12.90 |
| O'Reillys | parts | 124.17 |
| Bill Detrick | shirts | 79.36 |
| FastTrack | signs | 190.50 |
| AES | electric L/B | 26.14 |
| Lo Cty Health | drug and alcohol testing | 95.00 |
| Missy Hughes | cake vets event | 60.99 |
| Spectrum | internet | 149.97 |
| Missy Hughes | vets event | 23.57 |
| TDH | payroll services | 1637.50 |
| ATT | cell phones | 265.50 |
| Integrity Ford | mirror for Skolow | 1220.00 |
| Thomans IGA | water | 8.97 |
| Heater Excavating | W Newell and North St. | 11650.00 |
| Ryan Wirick | services | 100.00 |
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| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| Uattend | time clocks | 89.00 |
| Logan County Chamber | 1/2 page ad | 550.00 |
| WL Ball Assoc | reimbursed | 4408.90 |
| Kelly Septic |  porta john | 130.00 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas | 347.23 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas | 104.09 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 39.76 TN | 2407.08 |
| OML | membership | 530.00 |
| TSC | coat for Thurman | 72.99 |
| Angles Nursery | transplants | 120.00 |
| waste zero | trash bags  | 3329.55 |
| Holdren Brothers | civic sign | 350.00 |
| Quill | phones | 84.99 |
| Quality Paving | W Newell and North St. | 16425 |
| Dollar General  | event | 39.55 |
| Ryan Wirick | services | 100.00 |
| J & J schlaegel | W Columbus St.  | 46655.80 |
| Shane Long Concrete | concrete 1st responders | 1948.00 |
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A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:46 PM. Motion Carried. 6-0

Out of executive session at 8:00 PM.

Mayor/Clerk said everyone can read this. We have spent quite a bit of money: bought out Liberty Township for Town Hall $50,000; pickup truck for Fire Department $40,000; Street department pick up $30,000; exhausted our road tax monies down to $2000 to cover cost of West Columbus Street; exhausted the contingency funds $100,000 with above expenditures; 3 police car accidents; one resident vehicle hit in alley by dump truck;

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Mrs. Zerkle will attend Safety Meeting 8 am on November 16th.

Chief Leach asked to approve Jared Cox to be on the fire department. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve Jared Cox to a firefighter. Motion Carried.

The Guard rail at county road 5 is fixed but Stop sign needs to be moved.

Mayor McKelvey and Mr. Detrick met with Scott Coleman/Shelley Company about E Newell St./North St. Mr. Coleman said the Village is responsible for oversight on this project. They took pictures and if E Newell – if it gets worse over the winter they will come back and fix it.

Street Department is picking up leaves every day.

Trash bags will come in this week.

Clerk Boyd/Mayor McKelvey said the recycling center was Overflowing this past Sunday and will talk with Logan County Recycling.

Mr. Spriggs, Parks and Recreation committee member talked with Rick Harr from Lions Club about the Restroom Project. The Natureworks grant received will move forward on the demolition of old restrooms. Porta-johns will be used until enough money is raised for new restrooms. Lions Club asked if Village would pledge $70K like last year but didn’t use it. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mr. Spriggs to pledge $70K towards restroom or less depending the cost of restrooms after bid. Motion Carried.

All Council members have Overtime Salary Exempt Employees document. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor McKelvey received an email from Aaron, LUC about VBRO rentals. Other municipalities have VBRO only in B-1 or B-2 districts. We have some that are grandfathered and will be in R-1 or R-2 districts. This will be discussed at next meeting.

Business of the Month for December is MCC Thrift – receiving the plaque on November 29th at 10:30 AM.

Business of the Year will be open for voting by WLBA/Public starting on December 11

West Liberty Business Asso will be taking over Business of the Month.

Solar Eclipse /Moonshade Festival Committee will be meeting at the first of the year. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to appoint Mayor McKelvey to be the chair for the Moonshade Festival. Motion Carried.

Important Dates

December 6 - Council manning the Recycling Center for the elderly and disabled from 4-6 pm

November 27 - Council meeting at 7 pm

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion Carried.

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