

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on January 2nd, 2024.

INVOCATION

Mark Phillips offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of council answered roll call; Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne. Tim Clapper was excused. Solicitor Tod Brininger, Administrator Derek Allen, Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Fire Chief Mark Carey, and Police Chief Adam Lakey were also present.

MINUTES

Hines moved and Fraizer seconded to approve the December 18th minutes with one grammar correction. Roll Call; Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION

Fraizer moved and Phillips seconded to appoint Kay Hines as Council President Pro Tempore. Roll Call; Fraizer – yes, Phillips – yes, Hines – abstain, Shaffer – yes, Sherbourne – yes.

GUESTS

Alberta Stojkovic with the Morrow Co. Sentinel and Chris O’Conner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lakey reported that K9 Niko was officially sworn in as an officer by Mayor Carver on December 22nd.

The three new speed signs were delivered and awaiting placement.

Officer Robinson and Officer Brady arrested 2 OVI’s on New Years.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Carey is seeking approval for three new employees for the fire dept. Sherbourne moved and Phillips seconded to hire Zach Mansfield as a part-time and volunteer firefighter, Chris O’Conner as a part-time firefighter and Joe Baker as a volunteer firefighter pending background checks. All three will be on a 12-month probationary status. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer – all yes.

Chief Carey reported 585 incidents for 2023.

The rescue truck is still in the shop.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

No report.

MAYOR - DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver had sworn in K9 Niko.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Phillips moved and Hines seconded to approve the bills. Roll Call; Phillips, Hines, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Kay Hines and Chris Sherbourne volunteered to be appointed to the Volunteer Firefighters’ Dependent Fund board, as well as the Peace Officers’ Board.

Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass ordinance 1944 “water rates” to the second reading. Roll Call: Hines, Sherbourne, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Hines seconded to pass ordinance 1945 “storm sewer rates” to the second reading. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Fraizer moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass ordinance 1946 “sewer rates” to the second reading. Roll Call: Fraizer, Sherbourne, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass ordinance 1947 “refuse rates” to the second reading. Roll Call: Hines, Sherbourne, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 1-2-24 “tax assessment for water”. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes. Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to pass resolution 1-2-24. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Phillips commented that it is the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Village of Mt. Gilead. Sherbourne asked if the committees will be the same. Mayor Carver suggested we get rid of Economic Development.

Hines moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor