

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carver called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on October 21st, 2024.

INVOCATION

Kay Hines offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following council members answered roll call: Tim Clapper, Aron Fraizer, Kay Hines, Mark Phillips, Emily Shaffer, and Chris Sherbourne. Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, Administrator Derek Allen, and Solicitor Matt Griffith were also present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved, and Hines seconded to approve the October 7th minutes with one name correction. Roll Call: Shaffer, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne– all yes.

GUESTS

Fire Chief Mark Carey, Police Chief Adam Lakey, Erin Kelty, Gabrielle Kosztelnik and Brandy Swanson with the Friends of the Village, and Andrew Wick.

Gabrielle and the rest of the members of the Friends of the Village would like to improve our green space. This is a Village owned lot located between two buildings downtown. They are proposing putting up an arch and wall, as well as astro turf, table, and chairs. They presented council with a signed petition from neighboring business owners agreeing to this project, other than the owner of the building which houses the Haven Hair Salon.

The Friends of the Village will fund this entire project. They are requesting council approval to move forward.

Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to allow the Friends of the Village to beautify the green space as presented to council. Roll Call: Hines, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Andrew Wick asked council to consider hiring a full-time detective for the Mt. Gilead Police Department. As the newly elected County prosecutor he is in the process of moving through cases fairly quickly thus needing more manpower. There are currently two detectives with the Morrow Co. Sheriff's office that covers the entire county. However, if he needs more information on one of our cases then he will take away manpower from the Mt. Gilead Police Dept. causing overtime.

Sherbourne asked if the county will be adding any investigators to his staff. Wick said that his investigator is getting paid less than the previous one. His office is allocated one investigator only.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHIEF LAKEY

Chief Lakey reported that the 2016 cruiser sold on GovDeals for \$4,600.00.

The quarterly subgrant report was submitted for reimbursement of \$4,608.00 for body camera grant.

SRO Turner and Chief Lakey attended a free scenario-based training and Sergeant Beekman completed training for Public Record Laws.

The new Durango was repaired by Mathews Dodge as it was under warranty and is now back in service.

The department has a new college intern, Tanner Jones. He is attending Marion Technical College for Criminal Justice.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHIEF CAREY

No report

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES – KAY HINES

Hines reported that the committee met and discussed the employee health insurance. We will possibly raise what the employee is paying for next year. Hines moved and Fraizer seconded to

approve Medical Mutual for our health insurance carrier. Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Committee also discussed employee wage increase of 4% and the purchase of a dump truck for 2025. The dump truck would be paid out of 3 funds. Clapper stated that he would like to see the budget first before buying a dump truck. Allen and Hines both commented that our current truck will not last another year and that trucks are 6-8 months out after you order it.

Discussion was made about the payoff of the ladder truck. Chief Carey stated that he feels half should come out of the General fund and half out of the Fire fund. Sherbourne moved and Phillips seconded to pay off the ladder truck with half coming out of the General fund and the other half out of the fire fund. Clapper asked if this was going to be paid for out of the 2024 or 2025 budget. This would be out of 2024. Fiscal Officer will change the supplemental appropriation legislation to reflect this new motion. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer, – all yes.

We will also need a special budget meeting to go over the proposed 2025 appropriations. This meeting will be on 11/4 at 5:00 pm.

Next finance meeting will be on 11/18 at 6:00 pm.

CODES, REGULATIONS AND ZONING – EMILY SHAFFER

The next meeting will be on 10/28 at 6:00 pm.

SAFETY – TIM CLAPPER

Next meeting will be determined.

STREETS -MARK PHILLIPS

The next meeting will be on 11/12 at 6:00 pm.

UTILITIES – CHRIS SHERBOURNE

The next meeting is on 10/28 at 7:00 pm. Clapper would like to discuss the valve exercising program and the clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – ARON FRAIZER

Next meeting to be determined.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that there were holes in the water softener tanks at the water plant that needed welding.

He gave council the delinquent property tax list for the village.

He had submitted the EPA rate study and Kit submitted the lead line survey.

The paving deadline is 11/15.

We are in the process of completing the Federal grant for the basketball and tennis courts.

We had repaired the mowers for the recreation board.

Allen is in the process of preparing the response for the sanitary survey.

MAYOR – DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver had attended Park Ave Elementary and the middle school for Founders' Day awards.

She had a meeting with Army recruiters. She will start sending out thank you letters for those seniors that have committed to the Army.

The Morrow Co. Fair board will discuss paying for 2025 fireworks at their next board meeting.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER – CATHY DAVIS

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

Sherbourne moved and Shaffer seconded to pass ordinance 1971 “ODOT legislation” to the third reading. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips- all yes. Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1972 “wtp design”

Clapper asked how much our portion was. Allen stated around \$70,000.00. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to pass ordinance 1972. Roll Call: Hines, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes.

Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1973 “2025 wages” to the second reading. Clapper asked what the limitations were to change the ordinance. Allen stated you have until the third reading. Roll Call: Phillips – yes, Fraizer – yes, Clapper – yes, Hines – yes, Shaffer – no, Sherbourne – yes.

Hines moved and Phillips seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1974 “supplemental appropriations”. Roll Call: Hines, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass ordinance 1974. Roll Call: Hines, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1975 “2025 permanent appropriations” to the second reading. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Clapper moved and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 10-21-24 “application for federal grant money”. Roll Call: Clapper, Sherbourne, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes. Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to pass resolution 10-21-24. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to pass resolution 10-21-24 A “2025 transfers” to the second reading. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 10-21-24 B “purchase of dump truck”. Roll Call: Hines, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes. Shaffer moved and Phillips seconded to pass resolution 10-21-24 B. Roll Call: Shaffer, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Sherbourne – all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Phillips gave council a proposal for a white vinyl gazebo to be placed at the Southeast corner of the square. The total cost would be approximately \$15,000-\$20,000. The gazebo is \$11,750.00.

Phillips moved and Sherbourne seconded to allocate \$7,500.00 in the 2025 budget from the General fund to purchase the gazebo. The remainder of the cost will be from public fundraising. Roll Call: Phillips, Sherbourne, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer – all yes.

Mayor Carver announced that trick-or-treat in Mt. Gilead will be Oct. 26th from 5-6 and the downtown festivities will be from 3-5.

Hines moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor