

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Aron Fraizer 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

Phillips moved, and Shaffer seconded to approve the September 16th minutes. Roll Call: Phillips, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Sherbourne– all yes.

GUESTS

Fire Chief Mark Carey, Police Chief Adam Lakey, Dr. Howard – Mt. Gilead School Superintendent, Barb Sherbourne, Ava Fisher, and family, Evy Ahli and Lilly Martin. Mayor Carver and Barb Sherbourne gave out awards to the winners of the coloring and essay contests. These contest winners were part of the Founders Day celebration.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHIEF LAKEY

Chief Lakey reported that the new police cruiser is going back to the dealership to be looked at. The old K9 cruiser is being re-listed on GovDeals due to the previous sale not going through. Officer Robinson and Mosher attended 40 hours of Crisis Intervention Team Training from September 30-October 4. The free training better prepares officers for interactions with individuals in crisis or with mental health issues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHIEF CAREY

Chief Carey reported that the fire department was a drop-off point for donations going to the hurricane victims.

He had conducted a joint incident review with the EMS.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES – KAY HINES

Next meeting 10/21 at 6:00 pm.

CODES, REGULATIONS AND ZONING – EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer had received a complaint from a resident on Willow Lane about dirt bikes being driven. Sherbourne stated that they are also riding on Cherry St. Chief Lakey stated that if they are not on the roadway then there is nothing, we can do about it. He did state that if anyone sees them on the roads then they should contact the police department.

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

SAFETY – TIM CLAPPER

Clapper reported that a Lieutenant in the fire Dept. had resigned and would need to replace him. Chief Carey is requesting to apply for an AFG grant. This Safer grant would provide financing for 3 full-time employees. This will cover their salary, pension, and medical costs. A concern was made about how long we would have to retain them after the 3-year grant period was over. Clapper asked if they had to keep them on. Chief Carey stated that this is no longer a requirement. Clapper said that it would cost \$1,000.00 for the grant writer and \$3,500.00 in management fees throughout the grant. He said that we would have to discuss if we would apply for 2 or 3 people depending on how long we have to keep them.

Clapper moved and Sherbourne seconded to apply for the AFG Safer grant and to pay \$1,000.00 for the grant writer. Roll Call: Clapper, Sherbourne, Fraizer, Hines, Phillips, Shaffer – all yes.

Discussion was made about the ladder truck. The payoff amount is approx. \$150,000.00. We cannot dispose of the truck until it is paid off. Clapper would like to know where this money will be coming out of. A decision will not be made until we see the 2025 budget.

Clapper also reported that the Police Chief had asked about the building that we just bought (old shoppers' compass) and what we were doing with it. Clapper stated that we need to figure out a plan which we will need to get an architect firm and discuss with the Chief on a layout if the police department is moving over there. Then plans would have to be drawn up on what we are doing in the municipal building. Fraizer stated that we would need to discuss this in the long-range planning committee.

Police discussion continued with the possible hire of a full-time police detective, which would cost approx. \$115,000.00. The Chief would take the part-time officer and put him full-time and utilize our SRO officer for the summer break. This request will be up for discussion at a later date.

The next meeting is 11/4 at 6:00 pm.

STREETS -MARK PHILLIPS

Phillips reported that he and Kay Hines attended the Gilead Township Trustee meeting and asked for \$50,000.00, which they declined. Hines and Sherbourne would like to make the Village residents aware of what exactly they are paying for when they vote for the road levy. The next meeting will be on 10/22 at 6:00 pm.

UTILITIES – CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Sherbourne would like to move forward with the WTP design. Sherbourne moved and Phillips seconded to approve the administrator to move forward with the drawings for the WTP. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Phillips, Clapper, Fraizer, Hines, Shaffer – all yes.

The next meeting is on 10/15 at 6:00 pm.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – ARON FRAIZER

The next meeting is on 10/28 at 7:00 pm.

ADMINISTRATOR-DEREK K. ALLEN

Allen reported that he is planning to have the 2025 budget for the next council meeting.

Leaf collection has begun.

The Reserve at Mt. Gilead owners were invoiced for their zoning/building permit and both their water and sewer tap fees.

The utility extension project at Home Rd went to Dirt Dawg.

A sanitary survey was conducted by the Ohio EPA on August 28th, 2024. A notice of violation was given due to not having a valve exercise program in place. We have 30 days from the date of the letter, which was dated September 26th, 2024, to address and correct the violation. They have also requested an electronic format of the asset management plan.

We are waiting on a new motor for well #4. Clapper has asked how he plans to develop the valve exercising program. Maybe RCAP may help due to valve locations.

MAYOR – DONNA CARVER

Mayor Carver had attended several events, meetings, and a ribbon cutting. She had presented the Tucker award and was in charge of judging the Founders Day coloring and essay contestants, along with Councilman Phillips and Fraizer. She had also judged the scarecrows at the KOA campground in Mt. Gilead.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FISCAL OFFICER – CATHY DAVIS

Sherbourne moved and Fraizer seconded to approve the bills. Roll Call: Sherbourne – yes, Fraizer – yes, Clapper – yes, Hines-yes, Phillips-yes, Shaffer-abstain.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the reading of resolution 10-7-24 “advertise for water softener salt”. Roll Call: Hines, Shaffer, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Sherbourne – all yes.

Phillips moved and Hines seconded to approve resolution 10-7-24 Roll Call: Phillips, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.

Sherbourne moved and Hines seconded to suspend the reading of ordinance 1970 “supplemental appropriations”. Roll Call: Sherbourne, Hines, Clapper, Fraizer, Phillips, Shaffer

– all yes. Phillips moved and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1970. Roll Call: Phillips, Fraizer, Clapper, Hines, Shaffer, Sherbourne – all yes.
Hines moved and Fraizer seconded to pass ordinance 1971 “ODOT legislation” to the second reading. Roll Call: Hines, Fraizer, Clapper, Phillips, Shaffer, Sherbourne- all yes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Clapper had asked about the recreation grant. Allen stated that legislation will be for the next council meeting.

Hines moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Approved:

Cathy Davis, Fiscal Officer

Donna J. Carver, Mayor