

Minutes of December 14, 2009 Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

The West Alexandria Village Council met in regular session in the Town Hall on Monday, December 14, 2009. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Mitch Suggs, Jim Teufel, and Jim Wick.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the November 16, 2009, minutes, seconded by David Mays. VV: 6 yea.

Bills #31052 – 31111 and 12025 – 12046 totaling \$180,487.02 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to pay the bills, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

GUESTS:

Mark Ulrich, Ken Tubesing, Robin Nisius, Holly Robbins, Nancy Gardner, Meghan Robbins, Morgan Robbins, Roy Kouts, Asst. Chief Gasper, Chief Webb, Chris Day, and Karen Mays.

CLERK:

Gave the November financial report.

MAYOR:

Thanked the service department for hanging the Christmas decorations. She presented plaques to Ron Nisius and Jim Teufel for their service to the village. Mayor Lunsford swore in the new council members. Mayor Lunsford read a letter of resignation from William Bliss as the fire chief, effective December 31, 2009.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to regretfully accept the resignation, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 6 yea. Chief Bliss recommends Jeff Shafer as the new fire chief. Mayor Lunsford appointed Jeff Shafer as the new fire chief.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the mayor's appointment, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea. Council and the Mayor thanked Bill Bliss for his 24 years of service as chief. He will remain as a volunteer firefighter.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of A Resolution to Contract Richard V. Faber, Jr., as Village Solicitor of West Alexandria, Ohio, for Calendar Year 2010 by title.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of A Resolution Amending 2010 Estimated Revenue for the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio, by title.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to waive three readings, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of An Annual Appropriation Ordinance for 2010 by title.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to waive three readings, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of An Ordinance Amending (with Additional Language) Section 1230.05 of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, Dealing with Definitions Involving Flood Damage Prevention by title. Rick Faber stated that he drew up three ordinances to change the flood plain ordinance.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 1233.02 (a) of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, Dealing with Specific Standards for Residential Construction Involving Flood Damage Prevention by title.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to waive three readings, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 1231.02 of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, Dealing with Flood Insurance Rate Maps Involving Flood Damage Prevention by title.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the monthly report. The department has been busy. Domestic calls have increased. The department will be moving to the Drake building in the next two weeks. An officer is under investigation. He has been placed on administrative leave.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays gave her report. Tax revenue is down approximately \$20,000 from last year. She is recommending a change in the ordinance for penalties on late filing or non-filing.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to have the solicitor prepare an ordinance making the changes recommended by the income tax administrator, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mitch Suggs stated that Deb Smith resigned from the planning commission.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea. Sean Maggard will be at the January 19th planning commission meeting at 6:00PM to give a presentation on the flood plain map. The planning commission invites council to attend this meeting.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that Mr. Overton has abated the nuisance by demolishing the wall in question and filling in the void of the basement. He has obtained a building permit. It is now in the hands of the state as to how and when the outside of the existing wall will be finished. The 2010 budget is the same as 2009. No raises will be given due to the tough economic times. The budget will be monitored monthly, due to the decrease in tax revenue and local government funding. The budget may have to be reduced. Twin Township has signed the fire and EMS contracts. They want to pay quarterly instead of monthly.

Motion:

David Mays moved to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contracts, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea. The township and Lewisburg are disagreeing about the upper third of Twin Township. They are still negotiating. This will probably be the last year for the current Christmas decorations. They are falling apart. Mayor Lunsford thanked Mr. Day for looking to the future. He replied that the department heads do a great job on their budgets. Jim Wick and Mitch Suggs looked at the problem at the alley by the Marathon station. The steps to the upstairs apartment are in the alley right of way. The "No Parking" signs on that side of the alley will be left in place. Mr. Campbell is working on getting the emergency siren repaired. The service department will be working on the storm drain at Central Avenue. The ditch that Leon Brock installed in his subdivision is in serious need of maintenance. It is the homeowners' responsibility to maintain the ditch. Ron Nisius asked about purchasing property. Chris Day replied that he would become more aggressive the first of next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk handed out the proposed dates for 2010 council meetings.

Motion:

David Mays moved to approve the dates, seconded by Jim Wick. VV: 6 yea. Council needs to elect two members to the Firefighters' Dependents' Board.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to elect Ian Campbell and Jim Wick. Jim Teufel seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

David Mays gave a report on the annual planning and zoning workshop that he and Chris Day attended. He stated that the workshop gave them a lot of useful information.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to adjourn, seconded by Ron Nisius. Motion carried.

PASSED: _____