

Minutes of October 11, 2011 Council Meeting

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

The West Alexandria Village Council met in regular session at the Water Treatment Plant on Monday, October 17, 2011. Those council persons present were Holly Robbins, Deb Smith, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Wick. Ian Campbell and David Mays were excused.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the September 19, 2011, minutes, seconded by Jim Wicks.

VV: 4 yeas.

Bills #32288 – 32342 and 12612 – 12643 totaling \$113,057.07 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to pay the bills, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Roll call vote: 4 yeas.

GUESTS:

Linda Wick, Roy Kouts, Tim Shepard, Chief Webb, and Chris Day. Tim Shepard stated he had an e-mail from his attorney wanting to know if any action was taken about Sgt. Marion. Richard Faber stated that action was taken a long time ago. The matter is settled. Mr. Shepard then asked about Chris Day. He said Chief Webb should investigate the supposed incident that took place on school property.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

CLERK:

Gave the September financial report.

MAYOR:

Mayor Lunsford thanked everyone that helped at the Oktoberfest. She thanked Ginny Schenck, Karen Mays, and Judy Myers-Corn for talking with the third grade classes that toured the building. Mayor Lunsford thanked Rod Rehmert for talking with them at the Water Treatment Plant.

She performed three marriages.

Beggars' Night will be October 31st from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

The West Alex EMS is having a chili cook-off on November 19th. Mayor Lunsford asked council members to be judges.

She will attend the county mayors' meeting on Tuesday.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of A Resolution Opposing Any Action Taken by the Governor or General Assembly to Take Control of Local Income Tax Collection and/or Administration Away from Municipalities and Centralize Such Control Within a State Agency or Third Party Entity by title.

EMS:

Clerk reported that Chief Martin is requesting that council approve Dustin Zimmer as a driver. He is currently a volunteer fireman for the village. Mayor Lunsford appointed Dustin Zimmer as a driver.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 4 yeas.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the third quarter report. Firearms qualification will be Saturday. Chief Webb recommends that Kevin Adkins be moved to part time. He has finished his training, Mayor appointed Kevin Adkins as a part time officer.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to accept the mayor's appointment and start him at \$8.48 an hour, second by Holly Robbins. Roll call vote: 4 yeas.

Chief Webb reported that he has three officers who are still working at the beginning hourly rate. They did not receive a wage increase because of freezing the annual budget. They have worked for the village for over a year.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to increase Estes, Malcolm, and Nave's rate to \$8.73 an hour, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 4 yeas.

Cecil Bright III was sworn in as an auxiliary officer. Chief Webb thanked the service department, Chris Day and Jeff Shafer for their help with the 3K run. The department has applied for grant money for vests.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

No report.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

No report.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported commercial haulers are using the brush pile at the park to dump their waste. He wants council to make a motion that it is for use by village residents only. Then he will put up signs and send letters to the commercial haulers who have been using it.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to put up signs that the brush pile is for village residents use only, seconded by Holly Robbins. Roll call vote: 4 yeas. Mr. Day thanked everyone who helped with the 3K run.

He received an e-mail about the audit. Council members should have received one also.

NPDES permit is up for renewal. Chris is working on the renewal. The post office is changing their procedure on bulk mailing. All bulk mailing now has to go to Eaton starting the middle of November.

The department is picking up leaves. They will not pick up leaves that are not in a pile. There will be a public meeting at National Trail on electric aggregation. By 2013 the village must have retro-reflective signs. Mr. Day received information from the county about a possible grant for the stop signs. Mr. Day is starting to look at the 2012 budget. The local government funds will be decreasing. Fire and ambulance contracts need to go out to the townships. Mr. Day doesn't think the contracts need to be increased too much. He wants to look at the fuel increase. The cost of the contracts increased 5 % from 2010 to 2011.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to instruct the village administrator to prepare the contracts based on the cost of fuel increase with a maximum amount of 5%, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 4 yeas.

The state will repair the bridge on US 35 next year. No starting date as of yet. US 35 will be closed at least 75 days. The county and the state will determine an alternate route.

Jim Wick asked about property maintenance. Mr. Day has a list and will send out letters.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Wick. Motion carried.

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