

Minutes of October 18, 2010 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, October 18, 2010. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Holly Robbins, Debra Smith, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Wick.

Motion:

David Mays moved to approve the August 16, 2010, minutes, seconded by Mitch Suggs.

VV: 6 yea.

Bills #31618 – 31673 and 12284 – 12307 totaling \$104,877.22 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to pay the bills, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

GUESTS:

Linda Wick, Diana Day, Michael B. Smith, Ken Tubesing, John Pearson, Tracy Pearson, Donna Phelps, Kyle Phelps, Victoria Albaugh, Sewell Day, Joanne Richards, Asst. Chief Gasper, Chief Shafer, Chief Webb, and Karen Mays. Victoria Albaugh presented papers (attached to minutes) to council. She does not want the alley along lots 270 & 271 paved. If necessary, she would like to close this section of the alley. Richard Faber explained that she would need to hire an attorney and a surveyor to survey the area and do a written description of the area, then present it to council. David Mays asked why she is requesting that the alley not be paved at this time. Victoria Albaugh replied that she did not know the alley would be paved until the workers showed up to grade the alley. Tracy Pearson asked what the criteria was for aprons to a driveway. Chris Day explained. She stated that she has an approach to her driveway and she wants it paved.

CLERK:

Gave the September financial report.

MAYOR:

Announced that Beggars' Night is October 30th from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. Mayor Lunsford thanked the departments for their help during the school homecoming and the Oktoberfest. She thanked everyone for their help after her surgery. The cub scouts toured the town hall. There will be a mayors' meeting tomorrow evening.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of a Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor by title.

Motion:

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

Motion:

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

First reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 880.06(h) of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, Dealing with Owner/Lessor "Collection at Source" Reporting Requirements under the Village Earned Income Tax Law by title.

First reading of an Ordinance to Accept the Application for the Annexation of Certain Territory Containing Approximately 4.4783 Acres in Lanier Township, Preble County, Ohio, to the Village of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio by title.

Motion:

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

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 6 yea

FIRE:

Chief Shafer reported that Raymond Hixson is in the process of being reinstated by the state. Joey Thompson is retiring from the fire department. The department will have an open house later. The firemen have almost completed painting the fire station. The department did a fire prevention program at the elementary. Chief Shafer recommends Dustin Zimmer as a volunteer firefighter. Mayor Lunsford appointed Dustin as a volunteer firefighter.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to accept the appointment, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea. Mayor Lunsford read the letter from Joey Thompson retiring as a volunteer firefighter after 29 years of service.

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to accept, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

EMS:

Mayor appointed Jamie Hamby as an EMT for the EMS department.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to accept the appointment, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the monthly report. Juvenile complaints have increased. The officers donated time at the Oktoberfest and will donate their time on Beggars' Night. Officer Michael Smith is doing his training. Michael Gill passed his background check and drug screen. Chief Webb is using the auxiliary officers at the football games.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays reported that she is doing audits and taking cases to court.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mitch Suggs reported that the commission had a work session last month. They met earlier this evening. The commission felt the square footage for residential building was too high. They compared square footage with Lewisburg, New Lebanon, Eaton, and Brookville. He read the recommended changes. Council can accept, modify, or deny. There are thirteen single family residences in the central business district. Current zoning does not allow residences in the central business district. They are requesting council consider allowing single family residences as a conditional use. Bill Bliss asked about political signs. The zoning ordinance is not consistent on political signs. Richard Faber will research the zoning ordinances on political signs.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the American Water Association wrote a history on water systems in Ohio. The Village has two pages in the book. Audrey Gilbert supplied the photos from the archives. He received a letter from the County stating they are raising tipping fees on certain things, since the EPA has raised fees. There is a **fourteen dollar** increase on sludge per ton. Mr. Day met with ODOT on a five year plan for the area. Work on Main Street (St Rt 503) is tentatively scheduled for 2012. David Mays would like to see Main Street improved. There are traffic enhancement grants which take approximately two years to obtain. Mitch Suggs stated a design was laid out for North and South Main Street with the same street lighting as Dayton Street. Chris Day is getting quotes to seal the parking lot and get a sign. The economic development director would like to meet the Mayor and council, so she can get the feel of the Village. The service department has cleaned up several properties and will continue to clean up those that need maintenance. Paving bids came in approximately \$12,000 under the estimate. There were four bidders. The lowest bidder was Wagner Paving at \$55,273.50. The Village needs to sign the documents.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to accept the base bid of \$55,273.50, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea. Joann Richards requested that 132 feet of the alley not be paved at this time. She does not want grading done. She stated that if the alley has to be paved, go onto her property and leave the "hump". Richard Faber explained that the alley is a right of way, not part of Mrs. Richards's property. Chris Day stated that the grading has not been done yet, because the residents objected. He decided to wait until council made a decision. There is a potential problem of a boulder. Ms. Albaugh stated that there is a boulder in the alley which is a part of the foundation of her house. If the service department finds that there is a boulder, they will deal with it. If they run into a problem they will come up with a contingency plan. The drainage to Central or Dewey will not change. Mitch Suggs stated that if the alley is closed, there will be no access to the rear of the property. Deb Smith stated that in the future someone might need access if the area is developed.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to proceed with the paving as planned, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Wick wants to address residents putting their trash for pick up along the street instead of the alleys. Mitch Suggs suggested that the village may need to have the residents go to wastewheelers if the pickup is along the street, so the wind does not blow the trash or trash can. Mayor Lunsford asked the sanitation committee along with Jim Wick to note how many residents set their trash out along the street or an alley. ODOT will be replacing the bridge on US 35, It will be a total replacement. Vehicles would be routed a different way, as ODOT wants to close US 35 completely to replace the bridge.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Wick. Motion carried.

PASSED: _____

*Correction: The Village Council met in regular session at the Water Treatment Plant on Monday, October 18, 2010.