

Minutes of September 20, 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, September 20, 2010. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Debra Smith, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Wick. Holly Robbins was excused.

Motion:

David Mays moved to approve the August 16, 2010, minutes, seconded by Debra Smith. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #31563 - 31617 and 12257 - 12283 totaling \$107,255.87 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to pay the bills, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

GUESTS:

Mark Ulrich, Sean Maggard, Paul Erslan, Chief Shafer, Chief Webb, and Karen Mays.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor read a thank you from Twin Valley Schools for the use of the barricades.

CLERK: Gave the August financial report.

MAYOR:

Announced community garage sales will be October 7 - 10. Oktoberfest is October 9th and 10th. Kiwanis Club is celebrating 70 years. Beggars' Night is October 30th from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Mayor Lunsford performed one marriage. She thanked Brandon Miller for painting the picnic tables at the Smith Street Park.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

None.

FIRE:

Chief Shafer stated the department will paint the station and put a Maltese cross on the door. The fire department will do an extrication with the EMS at the Oktoberfest on Sunday. Two people failed the recertification test. They will test again on October 4th. They may have to retake the course. The department has had 95 calls to date.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the monthly report. They did the Officer Phil program at the school. He mentioned that old medication may be taken to the fairgrounds this weekend. One of the officers dented the cruiser's fender. He has received two resignations. Mayor Lunsford read the resignations from Mark Stover and Freddie Alcorn. Chief Webb has two new auxiliary officers - Fairchild and Smith.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to accept the resignation from Mark Stover, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 5 yea. Ian Campbell moved to accept the resignation from Freddie Alcorn, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Chief Webb recommended that Gerald Estes be moved up to part time. Mayor Lunsford appointed Gerald Estes III as a part time officer.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to approve the appointment of Gerald Estes III at \$8.48 an hour, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays thanked council for allowing her to attend the RCAP seminar. She made a CD for council members who were unable to attend. There are approximately 239 residential rentals in the village. 75 out of 101 landlords live outside the village. She is having problems with landlords reporting, so she is suggesting that council amend the fine for late reporting or failure to report. After surveying other communities, she is suggesting a fine of \$25 per month per apartment unit.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mitch Suggs reported that he attended an economic development session on how to retain existing businesses. An update on the search for a county development coordinator is that the county has a candidate who does reside in the county. The Planning Commission met tonight. No action taken. They will have a work session Tuesday, October 5th to review the square footage for residential buildings.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Mayor Lunsford reported for Chris Day. Paving bids will be in next week. The Smith property has been cleaned up and billed to the owner. Trees have been trimmed and cut down at Peace Park. The parking lot is now owned by the village. It will be resealed and restriped. The Melling annexation is completed. Mitch Suggs will serve as the village representative to the economic development group. Mr. Day will continue with property maintenance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mitch Suggs reported on the sessions on economic development he took at the RCAP seminar. The village needs to do a community assessment. He stressed that the community has to be involved. David Mays stated that generating business takes committed people and communication. Broadband communication is one way of having good communication with the county and the state.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Wick. Motion carried.

PASSED:
