

Minutes of August 31, 2009 Council Meeting

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

The West Alexandria Village Council met in special session in the Town Hall on Monday, August 31, 2009. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Teufel. Councilman Schenck was not available for the meeting due to his death on August 17, 2009.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the July 20, 2009, minutes, seconded by David Mays. VV: 5 yea. No meeting was held on August 17, 2009, due to a lack of quorum.

Bills #30857 – 30901 and 11924 – 11949 totaling \$85,498.53 were approved by the Village Administrator and the Mayor for payment, since there was no meeting on August 17, 2009. Check #11950 was paid to Twin Valley Bank for a returned check and fee for \$191.00.

GUESTS:

Deb Smith, Chief Webb, Karen Mays, Michelle Hickey, James Wick, and Chris Day.

CLERK:

Gave the July financial report.

MAYOR:

Thanked all the departments for attending the Community Picnic. She attended opening day of soccer. Community garage sales will be October 1 – 3. Beggars' Night will be October 31st from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. Mayor Lunsford thanked Bill Kastens for repairing the merry-go-round at the park. There is a vacant council seat due to the death of Councilman Schenck. The Mayor will follow the procedure set by the former mayor. Anyone interested in the vacant council seat should contact the village clerk by noon September 15th. Council will select an individual from this list. Mayor Lunsford recommends Mitch Suggs for the vacant planning commission seat.

Motion:

David Mays moved to appoint Mitch Suggs to the planning commission, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: Campbell – yea, Mays – yea, Nisius – yea, Suggs – abstain, Teufel – yea. 4 yea 1 abstention. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of a Resolution Regarding the Distribution of Local Government Funds by the Preble County Budget Commission Pursuant to an Alternative Distribution Formula (R.C. 5747.53) by title. Chris Day explained about the County park board requesting a share of the local government fund money.

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

First reading of a Resolution Amending 2009 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations for the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio, by title.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Third reading of An Ordinance Authorizing the Appointment of Auxiliary Personnel for the West Alexandria Emergency Services Departments by title.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

EMS:

Clerk received a call earlier today from Chief Martin requesting that Council approve Randy Eby and Jon Kurtz as drivers for the WAEMS. They have passed their drug screens.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve Randy Eby and Jon Kurtz as drivers, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the July report. They have a new reporting format. They can compare one month stats to three month stats and a year stats. The PASS program is going well. They will be doing the Officer Phil program and a bicycle safety course. Officer Swain retired and moved to Arizona. Evan Monroe has successfully completed his probationary period as an auxiliary officer. Chief Webb recommends moving him to part time at \$ 8.48 an hour. Mayor read resignation from Officer Mark Swain.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to accept Officer's Swain's resignation, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Mayor Lunsford Appointed Evan Monroe as a part time officer.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to approve Evan Monroe's appointment to part time at a starting rate of \$8.48 an hour, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Chief Webb reported that Chris Day talked with Steve Chrismer regarding leasing the Drake building.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays gave her report. The Village is still down in collections for the year. She is meeting with Brent Copeland to get the prosecutor program started.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Michelle Hickey would like to make Central Avenue a one way street going south off of Dayton Street. Mayor Lunsford read the letter from her. Michelle Hickey stated she went to the county auditor's office. The first part of Central Avenue is listed as an alley. Chris Day stated that it is an alley. Mrs. Hickey stated that it's unsafe when two cars go down the alley. She wants to make the street one way. Council suggested she talk with her neighbors. Mitch Suggs stated that he does not think a decision has to be made tonight. If the street was made one way, there is still no guarantee that her house would not be hit. There are several options: 1) Leave it as a two way street, 2) widen the street to its full width of 23feet 8 inches which would be from house to house, as both houses are built in the right of way, 3) make the street one way. This is the only through street from Dayton Street to the southeast section of the village. Ron Nisius suggested the street should be one way going north. Ian Campbell thinks the other property owners should be contacted. Mayor Lunsford stated that research will be done. The cemetery behind Salem Lutheran belongs to the village. The village now has to maintenance this property. The service department will probably be looking for a larger mower. Mr. Day spoke with Bill Rigsby from ODOT. The state has awarded a contract for the repair of Dayton and Main. Water stands in the curve of the St. John parking lot. The only possible solution is installing a catch basin and running a tile on the south side of the parsonage property and let the water drain out into the yards and into Peace Park. The fire station roof has been leaking. One area was done incorrectly. Jim Robbins did the repairs and will back his company's work. Chris Day talked with Steve Chrismer on the rental of the building. He discussed the terms. The Village would lease the building for \$300.00 a month for a five year term with a possible buy out clause for early termination (\$3600.00 for early termination). The village would be responsible for the maintenance to the interior of the building. Drake State Air will pay the water, sewer, and sanitation bill. The village would pay all other expenses. The village would need \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance. The village would have to pay a \$500.00 deposit. The back door to Subway opens into the hallway of which would be the police department. This has to remain open, as it is the emergency exit for Subway. The area under the awning would not be rented to the police department. This area opens up to the back two rooms that the police would be using. Ron Nisius stated that if Mr. Chrismer changes the use of the building, he will have to obtain permits through the county. Mitch Suggs asked how a sign could be placed there if the entrances are on the side and the back. Ian Campbell suggested renting the front part of the building also.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to negotiate with Mr.Chrismer, David Mays seconded. Ron Nisius withdrew the motion. David Mays withdrew the second. Mr. Day will talk with Mr. Chrismer.

The Town Hall brick wall has been sealed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mitch Suggs stated that council has thirty days to fill the vacant council seat. The next meeting is past the thirty days that council has to fill the vacancy. He thinks council needs to fill the position tonight. Ron Nisius would rather wait. David Mays stated that the statute should be followed. Mayor stated that she will let council fill the vacancy even though it is past the thirty days.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Back in regular session at 8:38 P.M. No action taken.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adjourn, seconded by Ian Campbell. Motion carried.

PASSED: _____