

Minutes of March 2, 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, March 2, 2009. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck, and Mitch Suggs. Jim Teufel was excused.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the February 2, 2009, minutes, seconded by David Mays. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #30509 - 30536 and 11796 - 11811 totaling \$51,037.03 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

David Mays moved to pay the village bills, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

GUESTS:

Karen Mays, Mark Ulrich, Ryan Pevely, Roy Kouts, Kevin Thorpe, Asst. Chief Gasper, and Chris Day.

CLERK: Gave the January financial report.

MAYOR:

Mayor attended the fourth annual prayer breakfast. She read a letter from Abby Noland about a meeting on March 20th in reference to Preble County Save Our Homes and asked if any council member could attend. There is an invitation from King Hiram Lodge regarding an open house. Departments need to get their news items to Karen Mays.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of an Ordinance Establishing a Video Service Provider Fee by title. Richard Faber explained about the ordinance. The state started licensing video services. Time Warner is now state licensed, so they will not pay a franchise fee, since the village contract with the cable company has expired.

Motion:

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

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Discussion. Russ Schenck suggested keeping the rate at 3% the same as the franchise fee, instead of going to 5%. David Mays thinks it should be 5%. Council will keep 5% as stated in the ordinance. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Third reading of a Resolution Amending 2009 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations by title.

Motion:

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

EMS:

Chief Martin was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Mayor gave report. The department has had 120 runs to date. Chief Martin would like Bart Lainhart approved as an EMT and Clifford Scott approved as a driver. Both have passed drug screens. Mr. Lainhart is certified as an EMT.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to approve Bart Lainhart as an EMT and Clifford Scott as a driver, seconded by Russ Schenck. The department has finished a hazmat technician class and will take the annual protocol test on March 5th.

POLICE:

Asst. Chief Gasper gave the monthly report. The department needs shelving for the evidence room. Asst. Chief Gasper states he can build the shelves if he gets the materials. Chris Day will work with the department to get shelving and find a place to put the evidence room. The new cruiser is ordered and will be here in approximately 90 days.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day has a letter from the county about bidding for asphalt. The county was waiting, hoping the price of asphalt would decrease. Fuel prices have decreased but asphalt prices have not. Mr. Day wants to know if the village wants to participate in the bidding. By the next council meeting, Mr. Day will have a list of streets for paving. He will talk with the street committee. They are working on the traffic signal. Mr. Day does not think it is worth applying for the CDBG grant this year. The county is trying to split the money around the entities in the county this year. Mitch Suggs thinks the village should wait. The village should hold the money toward a bigger project. David Mays doesn't think the village would get much this year - hold out for bigger projects such as the water tower or wastewater treatment plant. The distress grant has to be closed out for the county before another entity in the county can obtain a distress grant. Chris Day does not think the distress grant is available this year. Russ Schenck asked about the purchase of property for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Day stated that the village could move forward with the purchase of property. He will get with Richard Faber. Ian Campbell asked about storm drains. Ron Nisius stated that there is an open drain around Mayor Lunsford's residence. Chris Day stated that this needed to be dug out and replaced. The service department has been checking storm drains and cleaning them out.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays gave council a written report. Some businesses have been moving out or downsizing. Ron Nisius asked if a routine check of businesses could be done. Mr. Day replied that the fire chief could do a fire inspection of businesses.

STREET COMMITTEE:

Russ Schenck suggested looking at W. Third Street.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Russ Schenck stated that there is no emergency lighting in the Town Hall in case the power goes out. There should be lighting at the exits.

OLD BUSINESS:

Russ Schenck asked about meeting once a month. Richard Faber stated that the ordinance would have to be changed. David Mays is in favor of one meeting a month. Ron Nisius thinks two a month. Mr. Day stated that a special meeting could be called if council needed more than one

meeting a month Richard Faber will draw up an ordinance for one meeting a month on the third Monday of the month and an ordinance about pay.

NEW BUSINESS:

The trash contract expires on May 31, 2009.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to put out bids for a two year contract with the bid opening to be Monday, April 6, 2009, at 7:30 P.M., seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to adjourn, seconded by David Mays.

PASSED: _____