

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2007

Council met in Regular session Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7pm.

Council Members Present: Carli Hush, Michael Long, Ted Simon, Todd Brausch and Ginger Brenning

Council Members Absent: Linda Deem, (excused for school)

Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Jon Browning – Solicitor, Sandy Casey - Fiscal Officer, Ed VanVickle Acting Village Administrator, Chief Barton- police.

Mayor Sandine called the meeting to order; led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and asked for a moment of silence for the US Armed Forces.

Minutes

Minutes from Oct 9th were reviewed.

Simon moved to accept minutes of Oct 9th Brausch seconded

Ayes: Hush, Simon, Long, Brenning, Brausch.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Public

Darlene Perry- would like to know if the utility billing issue could be put on hold.

If the billing is sent to the landowner, the tenant would not receive a newsletter.

This problem is more of a collection problem not a billing problem. The village can bill the property owner now if the renter doesn't pay.

Mr. Greeler- ORC says that a lien can be placed on the property so how can it be a collection problem.

If billing goes to the land owner he wants a collection fee as compensation.

How will trash be billed?

If going to landlord billing he want 60 days to be able to bill tenant, collect and pay.

Landlord cannot control shut off and misuse of water.

Mayor started to respond to Mrs. Perry and she interrupted and when mayor tried to respond again she accused him of raising his voice at her and that he is not to speak to her in this way. Mayor responded that had she not interrupted him he would not have to try to speak over her.

Mrs. Alff- Believes that the village would collect less administration fees and would lose money in this venue.

Change is very difficult.

Why aren't CIC loan recorded with the recorder's office?

Reports from officers

Reports were reviewed and filed.

Village Administrator

- Billing and meters were reviewed.
- Mr. Rogers would like to donate a 1995 F350 truck to the village.

A motion to accept the donation and to thank Mr. Rogers for everything he's done for the village was offered by Long seconded by Brausch.

Simon brought up that he wasn't sure it was a good idea for the village to accept donations such as this.

Hush agreed.

Brenning stated that the countless hours on village projects have never given her special treatment. Also the fact that Lithopolis has grown by the gifts of Wagnall's family donations to the public.

Brausch reminded of the many hours and resources that helped at the quarry park that were donated.

Fiscal officer- Assured the council that Mr. Rogers is held to the same standards as any other village resident; as well as any council person.

Administrator- Many well known schools have built buildings because of private donation. If anything we hold Mr. Rogers to a higher standard.

Mayor called for a Vote.

Ayes: Long, Brenning, Brausch, Simon.

Nays: Hush.

Motion passed.

- A map of the current new water taps were viewed.
- Council had an air release valve demo. Regular maintenance has never been done to these valves and they are now in a state that most must be replaced.
- Fridley house update – received our variance from the State Board of Building Appeals.
- Salt contract with the township @ \$60.00 per ton
- Columbus St project in process.
- Grotto's contractors and QCI are working well together
- LUMC requesting a permit to demo North St site.

Mr. Spencer would like us to look at a pro-active way to have village and church be happy.

Mr. Whetstone stated the church has made a huge commitment to stay in Lithopolis. The church is willing to donate the logs to the village for reconstruction somewhere else.

Brausch- would like to hear from residents on both sides of the home.

Simon- How many log homes are in Lithopolis? No exact number. Many have been torn down.

Ms. Alff- Suggested that Wagnall's may have a history.

Brenning- How much cost and manpower to remove logs? That is still to be determined.

Simon- Can we move in one piece? No.

Whetstone- on a small time line looking to have Tax saving for Jan 1, 2008

Brenning moved to declare the structure on Lot 146 sec 3 #1 a Historical structure.

Brausch seconded.

Ayes: Brenning, Brausch, Long, Simon, Hush Motion carried

Simon moved to conditionally approve a zoning permit to demolish the structure -

Conditional upon an agreement is reached to allow the village to remove the logs for future use/restoration.

Hush- when torn down will this then become a parking lot? Yes

Parking is needed for the church and will be available to be used during village events, elections and growth of older members.

Hush reminded Brenning of the opinion she had voiced previously regarding preservation the first place to more parking lots.

Long Seconded.

Ayes: Simon, Long, Brausch.

Nays: Brenning, Hush.

Motion carries

Police Chief

Officers were all working on training.

Cruisers are having repairs

Beggar's night was very quiet

Fiscal Officer

- 2008 Budget review. This will be an emergency legislation for December meeting
- Contractor registration was reviewed. This will be legislation for December

Mayor

Honeyfest sponsorship was reviewed and ordinance 10-07 was reviewed.

Brenning moved to establish a standing committee for the over site of the Honeyfest.

Brausch seconded.

Simon- assured everyone that LAMA would still be volunteering to run the festival.

Brenning – having the ability to have insurance coverage is helpful.

Ayes: Brenning, Brausch, Long, Simon, Hush

Nays: None

Motion carried

Mayor asked for volunteer to Chair the Honey Festival Committee, Brenning volunteered.

The first order of business is to develop rules for committee.

Old Business

Right of Way Ordinance

Member from AT&T to be at the 12/11 meeting

Property Maintenance Ordinance

Third reading

Water and Sewer Ordinance

Hold for changes and clarification at 12/11 meeting

Mayor stated that in light of the public comment, he would recommend to Council that the billing process for rentals stay the same as it is currently and that Council could revisit it after the 1st quarter 2008 and if we still had numerous no-pays we could make changes then.

New Business

Fairfield County snow plowing agreement was presented.

Brenning moved to waive the second and third reading of ordinance 20-07 Long seconded.

Ayes: Brenning, Long, Simon, Brausch, Hush.

Nays: none. Motion carried

Motion to approve ordinance 20-07 offered by Long seconded by Brausch.

Ayes: Brenning, Long, Brausch, Simon, Hush.

Nays: None. Motion carried

Council Round Robin

Brausch-Nothing

Simon- Nothing

Hush- Sewer odor by Police station? What is curfew time? (10PM)

Long - Nothing

Brenning- Nothing

Motion to go into Executive session to discuss pending legal action/ OEPA offered by Brausch

Seconded by Brenning.

Ayes-Brenning, Brausch, Long, Hush, Simon.

Nays none

Ex Session 9:15pm

Council returned to regular session 9:40

There being no further public business -

Motion to adjourn: Brausch

Ayes-Brenning, Brausch, Hush, Simon Long

Nays none

Motion passed, meeting adjourned 9:44