

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2007

Council met in Regular session Tuesday, July 10 2007 at 7pm.

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

Council Members Absent:

Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Chief Barton- Police, Sandy Casey- Fiscal Officer, Mark Anderson - Administrator.

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 June 12th were reviewed. Simon moved to accept minutes of June 12th Hush seconded

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

Nays: None Motion passed.

Public

Mr. Fisher reviewed the village newsletter and had questions and comments. Who and when was the study done on South St? He believes the only people who will benefit from closing will be the residents on South. He doesn't think that closing South Street makes sense and would put more traffic out on Columbus Street. Also Mr. Fisher thinks the No Parking signs on Madeline Drive are unnecessary. He said only one person is the problem and now no one can have parties or yard sales because there is no where else to park.

Bill Taylor- wanted to thank council and the Mayor for guidance and help with water line extension.

Reports from officers

Reports were reviewed and filed.

Administrator- Westerman's is 90 % done with the SCADA project.

6" Sewer Force Main was plugged in the vicinity of the Canal WWTP and needed jetted out.

674 Storm water project is ready to proceed.

Columbus street patch work bids were reviewed and direction was asked for.

Mr. Rogers suggested calling Spires Paving to get bid, Mayor directed Mr. Anderson to contact Spires and move forward with the street repairs.

Long moved to direct the administrator to have repairs done after getting a quote from Spires not to exceed 10,500.00; Brenning Second

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

Nays: None

Mayor-

Revised water and sewer ordinance – information not ready for tonight.

Acting Chief Barton has fulfilled the 6 month trial and I am requesting to appoint Wesley J Barton as Chief of Police for the Village of Lithopolis.

Motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 15-07 and declaring an Emergency

Offered by Long

Seconded by Simon

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

Nays: None

Motion to approve Ordinance 15 -07 Accepting the appointment of Wesley J Barton as Village Chief of Police

Offered by Brenning seconded by Long.

Ayes: Brenning Long Deem Hush Simon Brausch.

Nays: none

Old Business

Right of Way Ordinance second reading

Zoning codes updates Updates will be included as part of the next Zoning Ordinance, probably at the during the next annexation.

New Business

Property Maintenance Ordinance

Discussion brought to attention concerns of businesses setting items outside business for sale and how to address.

Brenning – How does the ordinance address stores having items out on their lawns? Mayor responded that is covered under “clutter” in the ordinance.

Hush – suggested a limited amount of items outside businesses.

Long – To many rules and restrictions on property owners. Property owners should be able to do whatever they want on own property.

Brausch – We should try to find a happy medium.

Deem- How would we determine how many items could sit outside businesses.

Mayor-Reminder this is still in DRAFT form and we’re looking for input from residents. We’ll discuss more at the August meeting.

Closing of part of south St.

The Zande Traffic Study suggested that South Street be closed at the point where the public road (South Street) connects with the private road (Cemetery Road) - This would not be a permanent closure it would allow removal if needed during the resurfacing of Columbus St., the Fish Fry or other events. South Street should not be an alternate to using Columbus Street and blocking South Street would prevent through traffic from using it to bypass the light.

Brenning- Zande did study do we believe it is correct? People walk on South Street since there are no sidewalks.

Deem- Walking on South Street to the Elementary school would be safer with it closed since there are no sidewalks.

Mayor- The intersection at Cedar Hill-Lithopolis Road-Cemetery is not safe, but the county has control of it. Preventing people from cutting down South Street would

Long- Has had nine calls from residents regarding closing South Street. There haven’t been any accidents caused by people turning from Lithopolis Road on to Cemetery.

Hush – how long ago was survey done?

Mayor – December 2002.

Chief Barton- at Five pm you cannot make a left turn from Lithopolis Rd at this intersection.

Budget /Water and sewer rates discussion

OWDA agreed to restructure the water loan payment; providing steps are taken to not be in default.

Mayor provided the following estimates. Firmer numbers will be available next month.

- Increase Tap Fees from \$3500 to \$5000
- Raise and restructure water rents. We could potentially reduce sewer rents to offset some, but not all, of the increase.
- Lower payroll and operations costs. Some cuts have already been made and other are anticipated, including abolishing the Village Administrator position and returning to a Board of Public Affairs.
- At the August meeting will have a draft of the new Water and Sewer Ordinance with the anticipated fee and rate increases.

Council Round Robin

Brausch- regarding Ravine Park-Has the grey water discharges been corrected? Where is Keller Farms with finishing the gravel drive? Mayor - The drainage issues should be corrected before August.

Simon- Very happy with the Village Internet service.

Hush- Nothing

Deem- Nothing

Brenning- Nothing

Long- Nothing

Motion to go into Executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Offered by Brenning seconded by Deem.

Ayes-Brenning, Brausch, Deem, Hush, Simon Long. Nays none

Entered Executive Session 9:09

Council returned to regular session, all still in attendance at 9:32.

No action to be taken

Motion to adjourn: Long second by Simon

No Nays recorded.

Adjourned: 9:37