

Bethel Village Council February 14, 2011

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor James T. Dick presiding.

Mr. Ausman delivered the invocation, followed by Mayor Dick leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Upon roll call, the following members were counted as present: Council Members Donna Gunn, Priscilla Johnson (arrived at 6:35pm), Janice Ireton, Rus Whitley, Tim Cherry. Alan Ausman; Village Administrator Travis Dotson and Solicitor George Leicht. Interim Fiscal Officer Bill Gilpin was absent.

Mayor Dick thanked Bethel Building and Loan for sponsoring this year's Council meeting videos.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2010 meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Cherry. Second by Mr. Whitley. 4 yeas – Mr. Ausman abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS

Becky Taggart discussed the donate life program and asked council to approve a walk/run event to be held on April 16 to support the program and in honor of her father. Mayor Dick asked if the streets involved would need to be closed. The response was yes from 9:00 to approximately 10:30 am. The name of the event is called the Jack Boyd Memorial Donate Life 5k walk/run. Mayor Dick asked Solicitor Leicht how to proceed with closing the streets and communicating with the residents involved. Solicitor Leicht indicated that the procedure is typically handled by Chief Planck, but asked if a formal policy exists.

There was discussion on the need for a formal policy for closing streets for events. Solicitor Leicht stated that there should be an ordinance covering all the details needed. Mayor Dick asked Chief Planck to supply a sample ordinance to the safety and public works committees prior to the February 28 council meeting. Travis Dotson offered to help in finding a sample ordinance suitable for use.

REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

Email was sent out pertaining to a request to allow Monday night zumba classes at the community center with the same arrangements as the other evenings used for classes.

A motion to allow zumba classes at the Community Center was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Ms. Gunn. All yeas.

Request to waive fees for Burke Park Easter Egg Hunt on April 23 by Jennifer Dick. There was discussion on donations and Burke Trust request to offset expenses.

A motion to waive the fees for the use of Burke Park for the Easter egg hunt on April 23 was made by Ms. Gunn. Second by Ms. Johnson. All yeas.

National Day of Prayer will be on May 5 at 7 pm at the Bethel Nazarene Church.

Mayor's Court report for January – \$8,750 for disbursement with \$6,806 going to the village and \$4,421 going to the state.

The interview process for the fiscal officer has been completed and an offer has been made to Bill Gilpin, who has accepted. Now asking council to approve of appointment.

A motion to approve Mayor Dick's appointment of Bill Gilpin as fiscal officer was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Mr. Cherry. All yeas.

Travis Dotson noted the need to waive the residency requirement for Bill Gilpin. Solicitor Leicht indicated that waiving the residency requirement should be done by resolution.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

Nature Works grant application has been filed.

Catch basin on East Plane St. has been completed and functioning.

Lyons Club pancake breakfast is this Saturday at the high school from 7:30 to 10:30 am.

Interim Fiscal Officer, Bill Gilpin

Absent.

Solicitor George Leicht

Nil.

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nil.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The committee met on February 2nd, 2011. Employee benefits were discussed and the plan by Assurant was approved saving the village approximately \$2,500. Some changes to benefits will be made, including increasing charges to go to the emergency room versus the doctor's office or urgent care. The prescription plan copays will change as well. Vision and dental coverage will be combined into one pot of money totaling \$1,500. This is the plan recommended to council by the committee and needs to be approved this evening.

Council has a resolution pertaining to AEP using Duke Energy transmission lines and a restructuring of fees resulting from that.

An depository agreement for Chase Bank needs to be approved to accommodate electronic payroll payments since Community Savings Bank does not provide that service.

Council needs to officially approve the financial recovery plan this evening. There is one change from what was distributed, which is that written assumptions need to be added to the 5 year forecast. Resolution 904 addresses the recovery plan.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2011 at 5 pm.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The next meeting is Monday, February 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Will take care of the street closings in conjunction with the safety committee.

Safety procedures and policies will be reviewed for future adoption.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Rus Whitley

The committee met this evening.

1 auxiliary officer has resigned and the committee discussed the possible hiring of 2 additional auxiliary officers.

Employee identification cards are available at the high school or Grant Career Center.

2 of the cruisers have had front suspension work performed recently.

Will hold a special meeting on February 21 following the public works committee meeting.

The next meeting is Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Alan Ausman

The next Personnel Committee meeting is Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Request for waiving fees for the Easter Egg hunt has already been reviewed.

Burke Trust has a request to purchase 80 new chairs before March 16 for use in the Bethel community business luncheon. Pricing from Sam's Club at \$19.64 per chair is the best price.

The old chairs will need to be auctioned off by the village.

Mr. Cherry stated that the chairs need to be heavy duty in order to hold up.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Happy to report that Lucy Shepherd is interested in joining the planning commission.

Travis Dotson will begin compiling data from the community surveys for use by the planning commission.

Rules of Council, Donna Gunn

Nil.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: Nil.

Donna Gunn: Welcomed Lucy to the planning commission.

Rus Whitley: Please support your local churches and the movie theatre reopening.

Tim Cherry: Nil.

Alan Ausman: Nil.

PUBLIC INPUT

Lucy Shepherd asked how many surveys were sent out?

Travis Dotson replied that approximately 890 were mailed out with over 10% being returned to date.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 897 AMENDING SECTION 717 OF PERSONAL POLICIES REGARDING CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT, 3rd Reading

A motion to adopt RES 897 2011 Amending Section 717 was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Ausman "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Mr. Whitley "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea". Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1649 APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2011 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of ORD 1649 American Legal was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt ORD 1649 American Legal was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 1650 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (ORDINANCE 1635) ACCEPTING CHANGES MADE TO THE TRANSMISSION RIDERS, AS STATED, 1st Reading

RESOLUTION 899 AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY ON CERTAIN BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 899 Signature Authority was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt RES 899 Signature Authority was made by Mr. Ausman. Seconded by Mr. Gunn. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 900 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CHASE BANK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACH PROCESSING FOR PAYROLL

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 900 Chase Bank ACH was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt RES 900 Chase Bank ACH was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 901 DESIGNATING J.P. MORGAN CHASE AS A DEPOSITORY FOR INACTIVE FUNDS

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 901 Inactive Funds was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt RES 901 Inactive Funds was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 902 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO PAY BULK POWER INVOICE FROM CINERGY BULK POWER

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 902 Bulk Power Invoice was made by Mr. Whitley. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt RES 902 Bulk Power Invoice was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 903 WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT WILLIAM GILPIN,
VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER BE A RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL,
1st Reading

RESOLUTION 904 APPROVING THE FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE
VILLAGE OF BETHEL, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three readings of RES 904 Financial Recovery Plan was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt RES 904 Financial Recovery Plan was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Mr. Ausman “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Mr. Whitley “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 22044-22133 plus electronic payments and charges); plus the addition of AEP invoice in the amount of \$157,393.55 was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Ms. Ireton. All yea.

JANUARY EXPENSES

A motion to approve the January, 2011 expenses, as presented (checks 21952-22068, in addition to payroll and direct charges), was made by Ms. Ireton. Second by Ms. Gunn. All yea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Whitley. Second by Ms. Johnson. All yea. 7:31 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

William R. Gilpin, Fiscal Officer