

Bethel Village Council March 8, 2010

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, March 8, 2010, with Mayor James T. Dick presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Ms. Ireton 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 Priscilla Johnson, Janice Ireton, Donna Gunn, Gary Hutchinson, Tim Cherry, Mary Daugherty; Solicitor George Leicht, Village Administrator Travis Dotson and Fiscal Officer Angel Burton.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Hutchinson. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. All yeas.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

The February, 2010 Mayor's Court revenues were \$6098.10, with \$4522.10 going to the Village, \$1281 going to the State, and \$295 in other revenues.

Mayor Dick received a letter from Bethel Building and Loan, thanking the Public Works department for the snow removal at the Grant Memorial, allowing for easy access during the Business Luncheon.

A Community Easter Egg Hunt will be March 27, 2010 at Burke Park.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

Nil.

Fiscal Officer, Angel Burton

The bill payment list for tonight's Council approval was not updated to reflect bills received in today's mail. The vendors and amount due have been handwritten on the list, and if Council approves the payment, an updated check register will be emailed to Council after payment.

Solicitor George Leicht

Requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting, to discuss potential litigation.

Police Chief Mark Planck

Nil.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

Finance met this evening, before Council. Medical insurance quotes were not reviewed, because the information was not received until late today. The plans will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The financial structure of the Public Works department was reviewed. Electric has been carrying the largest burden of the department, because of the Village's fiscal situation, but the appropriations may be reallocated to reflect actual day-to-day operations.

The next Finance Committee meeting is Monday, April 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be Monday, March 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Gary Hutchinson

The Safety Committee did not meet in March, and will only be meeting on an as-needed basis.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Mary Daugherty

Nil.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Ms. Ireton has scheduled a Meet-and-Greet with the Burke Commission members for March 18, 2010.

Mayor Dick received a letter from Judi Adams, requesting the repaving of the roads through Burke Park. This may be a project funded through the Burke Trust.

There are 3 appointments that need to be made to the Burke Trust Commission – one council appointment and two mayor appointments.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Nil.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Nil.

Janice Ireton: Nil.

Donna Gunn: Attended two of the Boys' Varsity Basketball games at Mason High School. The 2nd game was lost in the final few seconds. Ms. Gunn commended the team for showing such class during the games, and asked Mayor Dick to consider a proclamation for the team, due to their undefeated season.

Ms. Gunn also stated it was good to see Gary getting back to his old self.

Gary Hutchinson: Suggested a message regarding the basketball team's season be put on the police department's speed trailer.

Tim Cherry: Likened the basketball games at Mason to the "Tale of Two Cities," and believes Bethel students and athletes conducted themselves very well. The season and finals were a big feat, and he congratulated the coach and the kids.

Mr. Cherry also pointed out Dustin Davidson is the sole wrestler moving on toward State.

Mary Daugherty: Attended the New Member Seminar put on by the Ohio Municipal League. She found it an honor to get to meet and to hear Mr. Gotherman, author of the "bible" for local governments. She found the material very informative.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Rus Whitley reminded everyone of the upcoming BAMFest, on May 8, 2010. Raffle tickets are being sold for various donations the received by the planning committee. Drawings will be held hourly during the event, and he encouraged everyone's support of the event.

Mayor Dick pointed out the police coverage during the event, as well as the use of the municipal parking lot and Burke Park. Flower containers will also be placed around town.

The month of April has been coined "Clean up, Paint up, Fix up" month in Bethel. It will be a time for people to help beautify the Village, in time for the event that is anticipated to bring in several out-of-town visitors.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 1634 AMENDING ARTICLE 13 OF THE VILLAGE'S ZONING CODE, (zoning fees), 3rd Reading

A motion to adopt ORD 1634 Setting the Zoning Fees was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Ms. Gunn "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Ms. Daugherty "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "yea", Ms. Ireton "nay", Ms. Johnson "nay." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 883 SPECIFYING THE SALARY FOR THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Mr. Leicht suggested Council waive the readings of RES 883, because the zoning administrator is already employed, with the \$400/month salary. The legislation specifying his salary is recommended by the state auditor's office.

A motion to waive the 3 readings of RES 883 Specifying the Zoning Administrator's Salary was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll: Ms. Ireton "nay", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "nay", Mr. Cherry "yea", Ms. Daugherty "nay". Motion failed. Tonight stands as the legislation's first reading.

FEBRUARY EXPENSES

A motion to approve the February, 2010 expenses, as presented (checks 20604-20672, in addition to payroll and direct charges), was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. All yea.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 20673-20712) was made by Mr. Hutchinson. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. All yea.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. By roll: Mr. Cherry "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "yea", Ms. Daugherty "yea". Motion carried. 6:55 p.m.

A motion to enter regular session was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Ms. Daugherty "yea." Motion carried. 7:05 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. All yea. 7:05 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

Angelina Burton, Fiscal Officer