

Bethel Village Council May 10, 2010

The Council of the Village of Bethel, Ohio, met in regular session in Council Chambers on Monday, May 10, 2010, with Mayor James T. Dick presiding.

Mr. Cherry 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 Janice Ireton, Donna Gunn, Gary Hutchinson, Tim Cherry, Mary Daugherty; Fiscal Officer Angel Burton and Village Administrator Travis Dotson. Council woman Priscilla Johnson and Solicitor George Leicht arrived after roll call.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2010 meeting, as corrected (concession stand repair clarification), was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Daugherty. All ye.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor James T. Dick

Mayor Dick thanked the Public Works Department for the extra effort in preparing the Village for the BAMFest, as well as Ms. Johnson and Ms. Ireton for planting flower containers around town. All of the flowers were donated by the Grant Vocational School.

The BAMFest was a successful event. Mayor Dick made announcements during the day, and presented car show trophies. He found the music and events very impressive.

Mayor Dick participated in the National Day of Prayer at the Bethel UMC.

Village Administrator, Travis Dotson

Mr. Dotson echoed Mayor Dick's sentiments for the Public Works Department, and appreciates the after-hours work put in to make up for the rainy days. It's nice to see the Village cleaned up, and Mr. Dotson noted his surprise at the number of people on the streets for the BAMFest.

Fiscal Officer, Angel Burton

Nil.

Solicitor George Leicht

Nil.

Police Chief Mark Planck

BAMFest was well attended, despite the cool weather.

Grant Vocational School donated 3 mobile data computers to the police department.

Finance Committee, Chairperson Donna Gunn

The Finance Committee met before Council this evening.

The purchase of the mini-excavator was discussed. The funds for the equipment have been appropriated, and Finance recommends the jackhammer be removed from the purchase, bringing the purchase price to \$30,697. An ordinance for the purchase will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Finance recommends bids be accepted for the backhoe. The trade-in value on the backhoe is \$12500, but a higher price may be offered through bid. The ordinance authorizing the sale will be read during tonight's meeting.

Finance also discussed the need for playground repairs, discovered during an insurance inspection. Various repairs are necessary, and the slide needs to be replaced. Funds for the repairs are available in the Burke Park Fund. Finance considers the repairs a priority, due to the potential public safety issue.

Finance has requested Mr. Dunn present a monthly report at the first Council meeting of the month.

Public Works Committee, Chairperson Tim Cherry

The Public Works committee will meet Monday, May 24, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Safety Committee, Chairperson Gary Hutchinson

There will be no Safety Committee meeting in May.

Personnel Committee, Chairperson Mary Daugherty

The Personnel Committee met Monday, May 3, 2010, and discussed the Employee Handbook. Recommended changes will be forthcoming.

The next Personnel Committee meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Burke Trust Commission, Janice Ireton

Ms. Ireton thanked the Burke Trust Commission for approving the Easter Egg Hunt donation and Community Survey. The funds were received by the Village today.

Planning Commission, Priscilla Johnson

Ms. Johnson will be contacting the planning commission members, and she's pleased the Burke Trust approved the survey funds.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Priscilla Johnson: Made a motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel Matters related to the Village Administrator. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Ms. Johnson "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "yea", Mr. Cherry "yea", Ms. Daugherty "yea". 6:53 p.m.

A motion to enter regular session was made by Mr. Cherry. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. By roll: Mr. Cherry "yea", Ms. Johnson "yea", Ms. Ireton "yea", Ms. Gunn "yea", Mr. Hutchinson "yea", Ms. Daugherty "yea". 7:10 p.m.

Janice Ireton: Thanked Village Residents for passing the Police Levy, and thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work. She commended Mr. Hatfield for helping her with an after-hours request in preparing for BAMFest, and thanked the Grant Vocational School for the flower donations.

Ms. Ireton sees a lot of potential in BAMFest and thanked the organizing committee. She also thanked the 3 varsity wrestlers that helped get the school planters and flower beds prepared.

Donna Gunn: Echoed Ms. Ireton's sentiments.

Ms. Gunn recommends the Rules of Council be reviewed, and a committee be formed to make recommendations. Ms. Ireton and Ms. Johnson volunteered to sit on the committee.

Ms. Gunn discussed changing the dates of committee meetings. A recommendation to consider moving the Finance Committee meeting and the Public Works Committee meeting to "off Council" nights came from the administration team, due to the amount of work done by those committees, potential legislation recommendations and the need to distribute information to the rest of Council.

After discussion, the following meetings were set, to be effective June 1, 2010:

Finance

First Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works

Third Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Safety

Second Monday at 5:30 p.m., as needed

Personnel

Third Monday, following Public Works

Gary Hutchinson: Enjoyed the vendors and car show at BAMFest, and very pleased by the good crowd.

Tim Cherry: Echoed the BAMFest compliments, and hopes the event has taken root and will continue to expand and grow.

The pipes related to the storm drain and the Rose-Ash property were camera-inspected, from the manhole on 125 to the field, and then 80' to 85' North and East. The concrete pipe is in an overall good condition, though there is a slight separation allowing dirt through at about 5' out. Mr. Dotson will be contacting the property owners with the information and a copy of the video, and repairs are recommended at the suspect area.

Mary Daugherty: Enjoyed BAMFest, and would like to see the event scheduled at a later date, for weather reasons.

Mentioned speaking with the Fossyl family, and noted the baseball fields were named after Mr. Fossyl.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chief Planck, speaking on behalf of himself, thanked everyone for the police levy passage.

Mr. Alan Ausman addressed Council regarding the condition of the tennis courts. He believes it's been 30 years since the courts were surfaced. The courts are well-used and one of the few lighted courts around. He would like to see the project considered by the Burke Trust Commission. Ms. Ireton asked Mr. Ausman to submit his request in writing. Ms. Gunn and Mr. Dotson noted the tennis courts were discussed in Finance for a potential ODNR or CDBG grant project.

Mr. Ausman congratulated Chief Planck on the levy's passage, making mention of the community's respect for his department.

Mr. Shane Wilson addressed Council on behalf of the Bethel Boosters. The specifications on the field signs were sent to the Village Administrator, and Mr. Smith from Bethel-Tate Schools emailed approval for sign posting. Donations are already coming in, including the commitment of 60 tons of diamond dirt from the Cincinnati Reds. Ms. Gunn proposed naming the entire field complex "Fossyl" with individual fields named after sponsors.

Mr. Wilson brought up Mr. Leicht's comment that the Village consider acquiring the other 2 baseball fields from the school. There has been a positive response from many parents, and there would be numerous benefits to annexing the fields, such as tournaments and adult softball leagues.

Mr. Rus Whitley asked about the traffic light upgrades, specifically the left turn signals, that were supposed to be done in 2010. Mr. Dotson stated ODOT is debating various requirements with Brandsetter Carroll and the project has been pushed back to April, 2011.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 884 ESTABLISHING A BETHEL WALK PATH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, 3rd reading

A motion to adopt RES 884 Establishing the Walk Path Fund was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Mr. Cherry. By roll: Ms. Ireton “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Daugherty “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”.

ORDINANCE 1636 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A NOTICE OF GRANT AGREEMENT, 2nd reading

ORDINANCE 1637 AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010, 1st reading

RESOLUTION 885 ESTIMATING THE PROBABLE AGGREGATE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ACTIVE FUNDS AND INACTIVE FUNDS TO BE DEPOSITED BY THE COUNCIL AND AUTHORIZING AWARDS, 1st Reading

RESOLUTION 886 AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF THE VILLAGE WALK PATH, 1ST reading

ORDINANCE 1638 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SELL A VILLAGE BACKHOE

A motion to waive the 3 readings of ORD 1638 Authorizing the sale of the Backhoe was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. By roll: Ms. Gunn “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Ms. Daugherty “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”.

A motion to adopt ORD 1638 Authorizing the sale of the Backhoe was made by Ms. Gunn. Seconded by Ms. Ireton. By roll: Ms. Gunn “yea”, Ms. Ireton “yea”, Ms. Johnson “yea”, Mr. Hutchinson “yea”, Mr. Cherry “yea”, Ms. Daugherty “yea”.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of the presented bills and expenses (checks 20811-20860) was made by Mr. Hutchinson. Seconded by Ms. Gunn. All yea.

APRIL EXPENSES

A motion to approve the April, 2010 expenses, as presented (checks 20741-20810, in addition to payroll and direct charges), was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Daugherty. All yea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ireton. Seconded by Ms. Johnson. All yea. 7:50 p.m.

James T. Dick, Mayor

Angelina Burton, Fiscal Officer