

Village of Decatur
Regular Council Meeting, Monday February 4th, 2019

Present: *Elwaer, Jackson, Mead, Pachner, Verran, Gunther, Hayes*

Absent:

Guests: *Police Chief VanDerWoude; and 10 visitors.*

The meeting was called to order in the Decatur Village Hall by President Elwaer at 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Elwaer.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment was given.

Public Comment

3. Mead moved, Verran seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Agenda, Minutes from the January 7^t, 2018, Regular Meeting, and Bills totaling \$240,671.36. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda

4. Letter from Andrew Pentland

Correspondence

5. Discussion

Discussion

a. Sand Procurement – discussion was held regarding a local business needing sand as they plan an expansion at their business. They wanted to know if the village would give them the sand or give them a deal for 20,000 yards. It was decided to discuss at a later date after DPW Forman Ebeling and Manager Newton talk to Wightman and DEQ.

6. Officer Reports

Officer Reports

a. Village Attorney's Report - no report was given

b. Department of Public Work's Report

i. January was busy, removed trees and brush on sewer lines, along with other tree trimming. A water main break was repaired on E. Bronson. Ebeling met with the manhole lining company and Wightman's. Christmas decorations were taken down. Streets lights on William Street were worked on. Snow and ice removal. Frozen water issues were handled. Cold patched roads. Catch basins were cleaned along with some leaf pickup. Equipment was serviced. Water samples were taken, all good. Lagoon maintenance was done and new signs at park and around the village were put up.

c. Chief of Police Report

i. Officer Taylor attended NARCAN train the trainer training.

ii. Office Dahlquist and Sgt. Rigg attended the New Marijuana Law Training.

iii. Hiring process continues for our current full-time vacancy. We have a conditional offer extended to a young man and look to have him on board by the end of February.

iv. VanDerWoude stated Sgt. Rigg received a very nice letter/email in reference to a presentation he did for a local Boy Scout troop.

d. Village Clerk and Treasurer's Report

i. Babcock indicated that the Village's W2s, W3s report and 1099 tax documents were filed and sent out.

ii. Babcock stated that she will be attended the Clerk's Institute in March.

e. Village Manager's Report

- i. Newton talked about the building inspector/code enforcement position. He stated that reached out to SW Michigan Manager's Association to ask what other communities are doing.
- ii. Newton discussed the 2 blight cases that were discussed at the January meeting. First was the Village vs Moran, Newton stated that they did get it cleaned up. Seconded case was the Village vs Villareal, Newton contracted some contractors to get quotes on demolition costs but has not received quotes back as of this meeting., hoping to have something in place for the March meeting.
- iii. Newton stated that he has begun the process of completing the training for the Redevelopment Ready Community Program.
- iv. Newton indicated that the new timer was installed on the siren and now sound everyday at noon.
- v. Newton stated that he is exploring options for streetlights on Williams between Phelps and Sherwood.
- vi. Newton indicated that he is attending the MME conference this week and will provide a summary of the conference at the March meeting.
- vii. Newton stated that Invoice Cloud is working for the on-line payments, since we transitioned on December 20th, we've had 92 online payments, 22 customers sign up for paperless billing and 10 customers use automatic payments.

7. Public Hearing

Public Hearing

Jackson moved, Gunther seconded, CARRIED, to open Public Hearing on FY '20 Budget. All were in favor.

- a. No visitors wished to make comment.

Gunther moved, Pachner seconded, CARRIED, to close Public Hearing on FY '20 Budget. All were in favor.

8. Unfinished Business

Unfinished Business

A. Gunther moved, Jackson seconded, CARRIED, to approve resolution 2019-01: FY 2020 Budget as presented.

2019-01: 2020 Budget

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead, Hayes

No: None

Abs: None

B. Mead motioned, Verran seconded, CARRIED, to approve the bid from JC & Sons to remove the dead tree at 305 E. Sherwood in the amount of \$1,500.00

Tree Removal

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead, Hayes

No: None

Abs: None

9. New Business *New Business*
- a. Jackson moved, Pachner seconded, CARRIED, to approve Resolution 2019-02 as amended: Village of Decatur Council Meeting Schedule as presented. *Resolution 2019-02:
2019-2020 Regular
Meeting Schedule*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead, Hayes
No: None
Abs: None
- b. Jackson moved, Verran seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Mission SCADA system to be installed at both lift stations and the water tower as presented. *Mission SCADA System*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Hayes, Pachner, Mead
No: None
Abs: None
- c. Pachner moved, Mead seconded, CARRIED, to approve the quote from Hydra Dynamics as presented. *Lift Station #1 Pump*
Roll call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Verran, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead, Hayes
No: None
Abs: None
- d. Jackson moved, Mead seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Midwest Festival for 2019 to have a capacity limit of 3,000, pending approval from the MLCC. *Midwest Festival 2019*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Mead, Elwaer, Pachner, Verran, Gunther
No: None
Abs: Hayes
- e. Jackson moved, Mead seconded, CARRIED, to approve to permit Village Manager Newton to formulate a policy to estimate bills through the end of the Run Water Notice. *Run Water Notice-
Credit/Refund Policy*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Mead, Elwaer, Pachner, Verran, Gunther, Hayes
No: None
Abs: None
10. Public Comment was given. *Public Comment*
11. Council Comment was given. *Council Comment*
12. Mead moved, Verran seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. *Adjournment*