

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Mayor Robert Martin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Brad Degenkolb present, Randy Spence present, Dr. Michael Ross present, Gael Damron present, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman present.

Officials: Mayor Robert Martin present, Solicitor Christopher D. Becker present, Fiscal Officer Denise Geanangel present, Administrator Walt Ziembra present.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve minutes from the July 1, 2021 meeting

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Robert Laukert representing The Steel Valley Transit Authority reported limited deficiencies from their recent Audit. The terminal complex has some infrastructure problems which are being addressed. Ridership is up 53% from one year ago.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2021-09: An Ordinance Repealing Section 131.03 of the Codified Ordinance was read for the second time.

Motion suspend rules by Jason Mattern, second Dr. Ross for the third read.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-09: An Ordinance Repealing Section 131.03 of the Codified Ordinance was read for the third time.

Motion Jason Mattern second by Dr. Ross to approve Ordinance 2021-09.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 131.04 (a) of the Codified Ordinances was read for the second time.

Motion by Jason Mattern second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the third read.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 131.04 (a) of the Codified Ordinances was read for the third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve Ordinance 2021-10.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-11: An Ordinance Amending Section 353.04 of the Codified Ordinance entitled "Two-Hour Parking" was read for the second time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to suspend the rules on the third read.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-11: An Ordinance Amending Section 353.04 of the Codified Ordinance entitled "Two-Hour Parking" was read for the third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve Ordinance 2021-11.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-12: Ordinance enacting a new Section 351.15 of the Codified Ordinance entitled "Parking of Boats, Campers, Recreational Vehicles, Storage Containers and trailers on public Streets Prohibited was read for the second time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to suspend the rules for the third read.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

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Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve Ordinance 2021-12.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2021-13: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor was read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Matter, second Dr. Ross to suspend the rules for second and third reads.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2021-13: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve Resolution 2021-13.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2021-14: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs and to execute contracts as required (Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Phase 6) was read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the second and third read.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2021-14: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs and to execute contracts as required (Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Phase 6) was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Gael Damron to approve Resolution 2021-14.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2021-15: An Emergency Resolution to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and Consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement was read for the first time.

Motion by Dr. Ross, second by Randy Spence to suspend the rules on the second and third read.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

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Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve Resolution 2021-15.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs and to execute contracts as required (Warren Lane) was read for the first time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to suspend the rules on the second and third read.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC State Capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs and to execute contracts as required (Warren Lane) was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Dr. Ross to approve Resolution 2021-16.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-17: AN Ordinance Repealing Ordinance number 2021-02 Declaring that a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria used by the Village Police Department is no longer needed for any Municipal purpose was read for the first time.

Ordinance 2021-18: An Ordinance declaring that 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNFK030008R170843 is no longer needed for any Municipal purpose and Authorizing the sale of said vehicle as is to the highest and best bidder in accordance with Section 721.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Reports & Announcements

Mayor Martin read the Magistrate and Police and Code Enforcement officers reports for the months of July.

The Phase 5 Sanitary Collection System is done and preparations are being made to pave the Squirrel Hill access road. The Winters Drive & Grandview Paving are complete and now waiting on the stripping. Asphalt prices have increased 84%.

Motion by Brad Degenkolb second Bob Merriman to approve the ongoing contract with John T. McDevitt, P.E. as the Village of Wintersville Engineer in the amount of \$16,200.00.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

The spring cleanup had 77 ton collected at a cost of \$5,370.07. The OPWC meter project agreement was signed August 3, 2021 not to exceed \$876,000.00. Plans are ongoing for a new Tot Lot Shelter with Concrete Pad which will require state approval. John T. McDevitt will do the necessary paperwork free of charge to the Village.

Motion by Jason Mattern second Bob Merriman to approve to accept playground equipment from ICHS at a cost of \$9,000.00. The Jefferson County Commissioners paid \$2,000 of the cost leaving the Village \$7,000 of the cost

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern second Gael Damron to approve the 600 LF of Guardrail along St Rt. 43 for \$15,000

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern second Bob Merriman to approve Wayne Garage Door to replace the garage door at 285 Canton Rd for \$3,386.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

The ODOT Winter Salt pricing came in at \$63.41/Ton with Morton Salt for the 2021-2022 winter.

The 1st installment of the American Rescue Plan money was received \$192,165.82.

Motion by Jason Mattern second Bob Merriman to approve T.S. Elliott to rehab the electrical panel @ Powells Lane Lift Station at a cost of \$13,642.00.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Randy Spence second Jason Mattern to approve Tri-State Security to install outdoor camera & monitor at the East Side entry/exit door at a cost of \$853.98

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Administrator Walter Ziemba said he disagrees with the opening of Parkview Drive per the special meeting held last month and has instructed the Street Superintendent to install 2 “travel at your own risk” signs be installed.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Dr. Ross to approve the hiring of Keven Vasich on 3/22/21 and Levani Balakos 8/2/21 as full time employees in the Water Dept.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Chief Art Fowler nominated five Wintersville Policeman for awards with the American Police Hall of Fame. Jason Fabian – Criminal Investigation Award; Joe McGlothlin – Life Saving Award; Sgt. Gegick – Live Saving Award; Captain Vandeborne & Lt. Kosegi the Excellent Arrest Awards. Kosegi also received the Extinguished Police Service Award.

Mayor Martin nominated Chief Art Fowler through the Ohio Attorney General Yost’s office for the Life Saving Award & Arrest Award with the Ohio Law Enforcement Conference.

Motion by Jason Mattern second Brad Degenkolb to pay the bills.

Vote: Brad Degenkolb yea, Randy Spence yea, Dr. Michael Ross yea, Gael Damron yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Bob Merriman, second by Brad Degenkolb to adjourn.

Next scheduled Meeting is September 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Robert Martin St.
Mayor