

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 14, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p. by Mayor Charles Neff.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Charles Neff, Council persons Rebecca Burns, Scott McClelland, Heather Rice, Lowell Anderson, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. Joe Johnson, Sheriff Jim Sabin, David Owens, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press, and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the June 9, 2014 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Heather Rice.

Mayor's Comments: July 17th the Madison Plains Varsity Football camp is at the Community Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Public Comments:

Bobi Little: Thanked the Village Administrator for getting the village grants, participating in Moving Ohio Forward, etc. Neighbors thanked the Village Administrator with his help regarding the gate situation.

Erica Newman: Would like to close Friend Street from London Street to New Street and Friend Street from New Street to Rosewood Ave. for a community yard sale on July 25th and 26th with a rain date of August 9th. After discussion on this Scott McClelland made a motion to close Friend Street for a Community yard Sale with a second from Heather Rice. A voice vote was taken: Rebecca Burns-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Heather Rice-yes; Lowell Anderson-no; Diane Spradlin-no; David Timmons-yes. Ms. Newman can close the street for a community yard sale.

Department Reports:

President Pro Tem: Nothing at this time. Glad to be back.

Village Administrator: Nothing.

Sheriff Dept.: Sheriff Sabin: Recap from last year and six months of this year:

	2013	2014
Calls for service	1951	829
Criminal Arrests	70	34
Theft	168	42
Juvenile	67	27
Threats	59	20
Animal calls	86	26
Suspicious Activity	280	123

Last month promoted two deputies to Sergeant. We want to get them involved in the community.

There is no such thing as a crime free community.

Heather Rice advised there were two incidents of break ins, using ladder to gain entry. What happens to these kinds of calls? What can be done about these incidents?

Sheriff Sabin advised all felonies go to the detectives. Contact Deputy Dill so he can advise the other deputies. When asked when are the times the juveniles are out causing problems Sheriff Sabin advised from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Heather Rice advised Sheriff Sabin about the Block Watch meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. at the library.

Law Director: Nothing

Clerk of Council: Nothing.

Committee Reports

Finance: RITA 2013 ytd \$37,000. 2014 ytd \$39,000. Need to watch spending.

Water: Nothing.

Wastewater: Nothing

Streets: Street Committee met June 12, 2014. Went to the alley in question. Alley is grass grown and belongs to the Village. The recommendation is for the Council to stand by the previous council decision-no gate. Heather Rice made a motion to stand by previous council's decision of no gate with a second by David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes. Lowell Anderson said the Beale Street sign needs to be put back up.

TCJFD: Nothing.

SJAD: Nothing.

Pleasant Township: Didn't attend, out of town.

Block Watch: Cancelled 074/21. Next meeting is 07/17.

Park and Rec.: Meeting set for July 21st at 3:30 p.m.

Nuisance and Abatement: Nothing.

Monument: See attached. Rendering is done except for coloring. Will be ready for July 16th meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2014-05: A resolution authorizing Charles Neff or his designee to enter into an agreement with the New Cingular Wireless PCS for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a cell phone tower and a communication facility and declaring an emergency. Second Reading

A motion to suspend the rules was made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken-5 yes and 1 abstained (Heather Rice).

A motion to place on third reading was made by Scott McClelland and a second from Diane Spradlin. A voice vote was taken-5 yes and 1 abstained (Heather Rice).

A motion to adopt was made by David Timmons with a second from Diane Spradlin. A voice vote was taken-5 yes and 1 abstained (Heather Rice).

Ordinance 2014-06: An ordinance authorizing Charles Neff, Mayor, or his designee authority to sign record and/or journalize documentation necessary for accepting a portion of Water Street for public purpose; accepting the dedication of a portion of Water Street and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

A motion to place on first reading was made by Heather Rice with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Round Table: David Timmons: Let Freedom Ring Rock and Roll Trivia show was a success.

Heather Rice congratulated MSEYA on a great first season.

Eagle Scout Yeager was introduced to council. He was observing the council meeting.

Adjourn meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Charles Neff, Mayor.

Minutes written Wednesday July 16, 2014.