Village of Mount Sterling Council

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lowell Anderson.

Attending: Mayor Lowell Anderson, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff, Jim Davis, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. John Martin, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Max of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive Session for personnel matters. David Timmons made a motion to go into executive session with a second from Rebecca Burns. Voice vote: Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes. In executive session at 7:00 p.m. Out of executive session at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff. Voice vote: Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-left the meeting without voting nor called point of order; David Timmons-yes.

Minutes of the October 26, 2016 special council meeting were accepted as written with a motion from Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff and a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote: Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-left the meeting without voting or calling point of order; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes.

Minutes of the October 27, 2016 special council meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote: Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-left the meeting without voting or calling point of order; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff-yes.

Department Reports:

Village Administrator (John Martin):

Waste Water Treatment Plant:

* Had a number of required repairs at the WWTP that include some monitoring meters and liquid level limit switches.
* In the bio solids building, there are some other repairs that are driven both by a recent analysis from a safety perspective, some original design issues and a few breakdowns in the facility since it was received at the conclusion of the upgrade.

New Water Supply Plant:

* The building foundations are moving along and the actual building is scheduled to start assembly in early December.
* Installation of the well-pit castings at Mason Park are half complete.
* The expected delivery of the completed plant remains June 3, 2017.

Current Water Supply and Plant Repairs:

* Continuing the mechanical water meter change program.
* Continuing to monitor the water revenue to determine the accuracy of billing and percentage of finished water being billed.
* Had a water main break on Poplar Street Last week. Notified at 11:30 p.m. and had the repair completed about 5:30 p.m.

Streets Signs/Stop Signs/Speed Bumps/Service Department Issues:

* Cutting trees and brush in several alleys and have several more scheduled.
* Made some repairs to Town Hall
* Doing some pothole repairs again to get ready for snow plowing.
* Getting the snow removal equipment ready for the season.

Storm Drain/Water Supply/Waste Pipes:

* Talked to the Madison County Engineer about the Cliffview water pooling issue. Made some final design decisions and hope to have work started soon. Cost will be significantly lower than the original $60,000 estimate.

Street Closings

* The Craft Crew is requesting our support of Christmas in the Village event from December 2-4.

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant:

* Waiting on the final Clevenger Avenue repair engineering and specifications. This will be started in the spring.
* Work on the items at Mason Park is underway.

(See attached notes)

Committee Reports:

Finance (Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff):

Bills were checked and rechecked. David Timmons made a motion to pay the bills, second from Jim Davis. Voice vote: David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes; David Timmons-yes.

Mayor: RITA report: YTD: $608,000; LYTD: $528,000. 15% increase.

Parks and Recreation (Rebecca Burns):

Meeting is set for Tuesday November 22, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. Rebecca will notify the committee.

Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff: Complimented the people involved with the youth.

Tri County Joint Fire District (Jim Davis):

Meeting was on October 22, 2016. Read and approved the minutes, pad bills, discussed renovations, suspended a firefighter and the levy passed.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District (Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff):

Meeting on November 9, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Called to order.

Okayed minutes of last meeting.

Paid bills.

Executive session to interview 11 people for open full time positions.

Four new personnel hired.

Accepted three resignations.

Updates on MARX radios and body armor.

Meeting adjourned.

(Submitted to Mt. Sterling Village Council 11/14/16 by ML Stiverson Ratliff.)

Pleasant Township):

Met on November 7, 2016. Approved the minutes, pad the bills, no old or new business.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 2016-32: An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses of the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison County, Ohio during fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. Second Reading.

A motion to place on second reading made by Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff with a second from Rebecca Burns. Voice vote: Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes.

Round Table:

David Timmons: Halloween parade was fabulous. Attended the Veterans’ Day ceremony.

Rebecca Burns: Ghoul School grossed $3,600. After expenses $1,285 was received by the Madison Plains Drama Club and $1,285 by the Mount Sterling Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday-Business after hours at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. David Kell speaking.

Friday-Sip and Shop.

Saturday-Community appreciation day dinner from 1-3 p.m. at the American Legion.

Christmas in the Village parade December 3, 2016 at dark.

Mayor: Res. 2016-33: A resolution admonishing Council Member Diane Spradlin for intentionally misstating facts relating to council’s discussion of employee health insurance. Motion to accept res. 2016-33 made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. Voice vote: Jim Davis-yes; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff-yes.

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Public Speaking:

Tammy Vansickle: Said there are more than just three people working for the village.

ML Stiverson Ratliff: They are more than appreciated.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council Lowell G. Anderson, Mayor

Minutes were written Wednesday, November 16, 2016.