

Village of Mount Sterling Council Meeting
Monday April 8, 2013

The council meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Charles Neff.

Present at the meeting were: Mayor Charles Neff, council persons Diane Spradlin, Jim Williams, David Timmons, Lowell Anderson, Jim Davis and Scott McClelland. Joe Johnson, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, representative of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from March 25, 2013 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Williams.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor stated that we have lost five of our citizens, all in their 90's.

Public Comments:

Kevin Wood from ME: Spoke again on the water rates to try to clear up some misconceptions. Beginning the design on the water plant. Rate increase of \$10.00 a month is on every bill, a debt payment fee. This is an EPA funding requirement, to make sure there is sufficient fund to pay back the loan. We have to show we have the funds to pay the loan. EPA report was accepted. The loan is for 20 years through the EPA. We will be applying for grants. We have to show we can pay the loans off without grants. Project completion should be sometime in 2015. Diane Spradlin had questions on the rate increase.

Bobi Little: Water Rates: Spoke on her concerns, over three years the rate increase will be \$18.50. What is the minimum we can raise the rate to get started? Does the entire system need replaced? Is there any way the retired and homestead exemption can pay a different rate, \$7.00 instead of \$10.00? Joe and Kevin answered her concerns.

Mason Park/Youth Ball: Spoke on her concerns over no baseball for the children of the village at the park and nothing for the children of the village to do.

Village Clean Up: Asked if a date could be set up for a village clean up day. This would be a good thing especially with the Volkssport having a Walk in May.

Jay Meyers: Spoke on Building and zoning. We have Fayette do this and it can bring the fees down drastically. Council will have a work session.

President Pro Tem: Nothing at this time

Village Administrator: Had to cancel the park and rec. meeting. Will reschedule for sometime next week.

Sheriff Dept.:

Law Director: Nothing to report.

Clerk of Council: Nothing

Committee Reports:

Finance: Pay bills to date of \$78487.76. Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Scott McClelland. All yes.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: Next meeting will be Wednesday April 10 at 8:00 p.m.

Nuisance and Abatement: Next meeting will be April 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Tri County Fire District: Jim Davis went over the report.

Park and Rec.: Nothing at this time

Planning and Zoning: Nothing at this time.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 2013-03: An ordinance amending ordinance 2008-12 and declaring an emergency: A motion to place on second reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Jim Davis.

Discussion: Diane Spradlin stated that this is an astronomical increase. \$10 a month on debt service tremendous on anybody. This is a heinous jump in amount of money and people paying now will not reap the benefits for three years. A voice vote was taken: Jim Williams-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes, Diane Spradlin-no.

Ordinance No. 2013-04: An ordinance amending ordinance 2008-13 and declaring an emergency: A motion to place on second reading was made by Jim Davis with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken: David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes, Jim Williams-yes.

Ordinance No. 2013-05: An ordinance creating codified ordinance 1449 portable structures and declaring an emergency. A motion to place on second reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Lowell Anderson. A voice vote was taken: Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; Jim Williams-yes; David Timmons-yes.

Round Table: Nothing at this time.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Scott McClelland with a second from Jim Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Charles Neff, Mayor