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17TH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGSEPTEMBER 10TH, 2024

The 17th Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Timothy N. Tarbet after the Pledge of Allegiance & the Lord's Prayer were said.

Guests: Don & Jen Paynter, Tim Hunston, Matt Zahn, Police Chief Dale McDorman, Brian Stoudt, Richard Paxton & Jim Crouse.

Motion to excuse Councilman Kishman from the 17th Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

All Council Members present with the exception of Councilman Kishman.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 16th Regular Council Meeting held August 27th, 2024 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion to approve the financial statement for the month of August was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion to approve bills totaling \$184,035.31 for the month of August was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Administrator: Mr. Gunderson has no report. Mr. Gunderson stated the Police Chief is in attendance and if anyone has questions for the Chief now would be a good time to ask.

Brian Stoudt stated he has a few. I have concerns regarding the speeding on N. Market St. I have talked to Dale months ago, so he is aware of those concerns. Concerns I have been, some things I mention may seem silly. My list is as follows: I am aware that people do speed, I speed, everyone up here speeds. But there is speeding and there is speeding! I know that you cannot have the power of law enforcement to shut it down and get rid of all the speeders. You can only do what you can. This is excessive speeding and for 30 years I have had the best seat in the house. It is just dangerous. I do believe the severity of the speeding problem could be evaluated by looking at data. Two of the things would be how many tickets were given during a specific time period, last six months and the electronic sign data. Mainly excessive speeders are going out towards PCC. The electronic sign has helped for those coming into town. Those are two important pieces of data that maybe we don't have a speeding problem. I think council has to look at that data to see what it means to them. I would have a question of the Chief. I am curious as to what speed is allowed in a 25-mph zone before you issue a citation? Cause 25 is really slow and same question for the 35 mph. I would like to hear an answer on that. I call it a passive speed control by setting a car there in plain sight. They come up to the old dentist office and if they don't see a blue car sitting there shhhmmmm they go! If they see it its all nice! My concern is I have probably seen the police arrest somebody in front of my house once in maybe the last five weeks. When the cars are sitting is the radar on? Are we in the position to arrest or just slow the people down while you are doing other duties in the car. I know the policemen are overwhelmed by other tasks. I think we can do an improvement on signage on N. Market St to help. My opinion is it may help to create a definite speed trap strategy to actively catch violators and restore the perception of a speed trap. I think we seriously need to start nailing people at a little lower speed and become known as N. Market St. Speed Trap. That's fine! Hide the cars! We don't need to have the cars sat out and be the Lolli-Pop Police! Make it difficult!

Chief McDorman responded we had a discussion regarding N. Market. The software we use in the police department isn't user friendly so changes have been made. From Jan-Aug. 28 there were 82 traffic stops conducted on N. Market St. The problem with the software is doesn't define the specific block. We have changed that. The officer now logs when they stop to run

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the radar. If the car is on the radar is on. When the officer is calling in on the radio if they stop, if they stop to do a report or run traffic, they are calling it in. Its generating basically, a report which now, makes its searchable. Hopefully, going forward we will have data to show how much is being spent on that end of Market St. We looked at the sign. We have ordered batteries for the sign. Data from the sign showed 98.58% of the cars logged by the sign were doing 40miles per hour or below. The problem with the sign is picking up cars in the 35mph zone and its clocking that speed. If they are coming out of the 35 going 40 or whatever that's the speed is capturing. We are going to experiment and turn it and come up with an alternative warning coming into town. I have 413 days of data on my desk to review. Mayor Tabet asked coming into town it picks you up coming around the curve coming into town. You maybe going 35, so you mean when I get to within 5 ft. of the sign and it, it saying thank you, it is recording that data not when you get to the sign. Chief McDorman stated yes. We are going to turn the sign or move it. The problem going out of town people see the 35 sign and start speeding up! The sign is picking people up going out of town. With that said, officers have been spending more time out there and writing more tickets, they are calling in the calls. We are fully staffed we will be able to target these areas. I am not a fan of becoming a speed trap, that doesn't do anybody any good and nobody will visit the Pocket Park! So, it's a fine balance but we are working on it. I would suggest a ghost car. As far as the speed it is the officers discretion. School zone 2 miles per hour. Interstate 10 you fine 11 your mine! Chief McDorman stated in a municipality maybe 6 or 7. Officer discretion issue. There is no real set speed that you legally can do. ORC sets 1 mile per hour over is illegal. Brian asked so the sign does record the outgoing speed. Dale stated it records both. Its an issue either way. Dale stated the problem with radars if they are clocking both directions, there could be a delay. If a car is coming towards you and one passes you, you are not going to get both cars, you are going to get only one. I am not familiar with this sign. My perception going 35 or 37 they feel they are the ideal citizen, and then when they end of 25, they gun it and going 40 in a 35! Do you think the officer thinks oh well it's a 25 and 35 over here if they are going 36 and its no big deal because its 35 there? I want to remind everyone of this and I get hyper about this, the 25 area is right there. The area of a dangerous 3 intersection its dangerous because cars are coming down out of the parking thing and turning right, more kids are living in the apartments and crossing the street, pickleball courts you got the beginning of the year. Cross Country runners are running. Chief McDorman stated one of the topics in the discussion is to move the 25mph sign further out. This will take time and legislation, but we are discussing it. Brian stated people are in a hurry thinking it is a short cut on Market St. People don't use their signals and hit the turn and vroom off they go!

Richard Paxton stated I see the same thing. Something is going to happen bad!

Service Director: Street Dept.: Cleared high weeds around Lynnwood Pond. New street sweeper arrived 9/6, training scheduled for 9/11. Painting cross walks, parking lots. Paving program completed – see spreadsheet. Installed berm on Liberty Church near culvert.

Water Dept.: Main break N. West St. 8/19, water loss 65000. Assisted by Park Dept. Well #3 rehab under way. Wrapping up meter replacement project.

Wastewater Dept.: Met with CTI about press study.

Park Dept.: Painted over graffiti in Bicentennial Park & Brock Park. Removed concrete and hauled and spread dirt around depot. Removed swing at Brock Park. Filled holes near pickleball court. Installed fall zone mulch. New truck lift gate and bedliner being installed.

Zoning: Nuisance: See activity and summary report.

Permits: See Permit Report. 102 YTD

Mr. Gunderson stated related to the water meter project, we are wrapping that up and based off of the numbers we are currently looking at \$200,000 less than the original bid, so that is a huge win for us.

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We are looking at a \$40000.00 debt service payment each year so to reduce that by \$200,000 hopefully knocks that price down.

Mayor Tarbet asked we are saying complete what exactly does that mean? It stated all the residential meters and the 5/8-to-1-inch meters were installed by the contractor. Larger industrial sized meters will be required to be installed by the property owners so those meters were out, but we did receive those the other day. Less than ten letters were sent out with deadline dates stated It.

Councilman Boldizar asked how the press study went. It stated we are still working on it. We met a week ago to discuss the conceptual items. The details will be narrowed down. Mr. Gunderson stated we plan on applying for funding for that. OPWC is due October 11. Stark County has a \$500,000 limit, but the OPWC Loan is 0%, but cannot exceed \$500,000. That is something we will look to apply for. We also have looked into securing State & Federal earmarks that we can potentially tack onto. Councilman Boldizar asked about the graffiti in the parks, with the parks having the cameras were we able to catch anyone? It stated we had a time frame it seems like; motion will be picked up but it doesn't continuously record. Blocks are missing. Councilman Boldizar stated I would really like to see some of this stuff go away. This stuff happening at the park has slowed down, I know there are people at the schools that were talking about the cameras at the park. I don't want to make a kid an example per say, but we spent a lot of money on the cameras and I want to make sure they are working to the way we want them to work. If we could catch a couple of these kids, I have a feeling, they may be the same kids. I want to make sure we are getting that taken care of.

Mayor Tarbet stated so everyone knows we are talking about an upgrade to the sewer plant. The estimate came back at \$3.5 million dollars. We did not anticipate it to be any where near that. It stated the existing press is passed its life of expectancy. Mayor Tarbet stated we cant think about this, we have to do this.

Mr. Gunderson asked the Police Chief to explain the programs that Larry Garder & Carol Wydra have started. Chief McDorman stated on Friday we should have monitoring of the cameras in the parks in the dispatch center. IT will be here Friday. Software issues. Larry has started a Program if a Vet or elderly person is alone and they need checked on whether it be a call of visit, weekly or daily. Please contact us. Carol has started the Starfish Reading Program at the elementary books. We are fully staffed with the last hire of Zain just out of the academy.

Law Director: No report

Mayor: No report

Old/New Business:

Ordinance No. 39-24 An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on a Portion of East Line Street in the Village of Minerva. First read.

Mayor Tarbet stated whichever way we go pass this ordinance or not do anything. Those are the two options.

Mr. Hunston stated in the morning there is no congestion at all. The traffic is fine. In the afternoon between 3:15 -3:30 yes definitely. I told Dave he could pull in my driveway during that time. That's his decision not mine. I don't think there should be a parking ban in the morning. That's my opinion.

Councilman Boldizar stated we have been talking about this since April 23. We are pushing 5 months. We need to make a decision and move forward! I hate to do the parking ban if we are not going to have the 3 ft. Then we understand we are not going to maintain that, but someone is going to have to maintain it. It cannot be someone from the Class of 1965. I have known idea. Mayor Tarbet stated with this reading it will be yea or nay to put the parking ban times in place that's what it will be. If it becomes nay that option goes away and continue to operate it the way it is. Councilman Boldizar stated this parking ban does not state anything on the 3 ft. Mr. Gunderson stated no this is just the parking ban. That would be up to the property owners to work out.

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Motion to hear first reading of Ordinance No. 39-24 was made by Councilwoman Jordan. seconded by. *No second made Ordinance Failed.*

Ordinance No. 49-24 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Designation of Certain Property Currently owned by Gary L. or Sue Snode, LLC First reading.

Motion to hear first reading of Ordinance No. 49-24 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilman Boldizar.

Mr. Gunderson stated to align with our charter when someone request a zoning change the process is council has a first read and then it is referred to the Planning Commission for their opinion then council will proceed with the second and third readings. Request from B1 to R3. I can confidentially tell you that a staff opinion will come out as against this. Planning Commission and Council essentially voted down another similar request. I intend to do the same exact thing for this one, I don't think that is an appropriate use and that doesn't accomplish our goals. That is irrelevant to this ordinance at this time. The opinion is no. Mayor Tarbet stated this is the old Southern Inn. R3 is a multi-family.

All voted yea.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 49-24 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Moved to Planning Commission. Meeting on October 1, 2024.

Ordinance No. 50-24 An Ordinance Amending Section 925.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Minerva, Ohio to Increase the Sewer Use rates for users outside of the Corporate Limits. First reading.

Motion to hear first reading of Ordinance No. 50-24 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 50-24 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Mr. Gunderson asked council if they would waive 2nd & 3rd readings of Ordinance No. 50-24 on a non-emergency to align with the upcoming quarterly water bill

Motion to have second & third readings by title only of Ordinance No. 50-24 on a non-emergency measure was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Mayor Tarbet. All voted yea.

Motion to have second & third readings by title only of Ordinance No. 50-24 and for passage on a non-emergency measure was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Ordinance No. 51-24 An Ordinance designating a Portion of Saltsman Court as a One-Way Alley in the Village of Minerva. First reading

Mr. Hunston stated the alley need to be one way going down. Mayor Tarbet stated that is what we are doing.

Motion to hear first reading of Ordinance No. 51-24 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 51-24 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Councilwoman Jordan announced the next Alter Care Clinic will be September 24th.

Councilman Meadows announced 272 tickets were sold for the play. Planning Commission will meet October 1. 2nd Friday is this Friday.

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Councilman Boldizar encourages people to come to the events.

Mayor Tabet announced the Exotic Car Show is this weekend. September 26th is a Public Meeting at the Community Building @ 6 to discuss water. September 29th the Stockers & Streeters Car Show.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be September 4th, 2024.

Attest:

Brenda Albaugh Clerk of Council

Mason J. Boldizar, Mayor

Date: _____