

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING- JANUARY 09, 2020

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Solicitor Angela Elliott, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, and Council Members: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Eric West, Frank Oen, Rick Allen and Stacey Cook. Also present Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by Oen, seconded by West to approve the Council minutes for the December 09, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for nominations for 2020 Council President. Joe Bailey nominated Eric West, seconded by Rick Allen . Motion passed 5-0, West abstained.

Mayor Walls asked for a motion to accept the Rules of Council as written, with no changes being made for 2020. Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Oen. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls said the 2020 Committee assignments will remain the same as last year. The chairman for each committee is as follows:

Streets and Sidewalks – Dorance Thompson

Utilities/Surface Water - Joe Bailey

Parks/Recreation – Stacey Cook

Finance – Eric West

Property/Equipment – Frank Oen

Planning/Land Annex – Rick Allen

Safety – Rick Walls

Mayor Walls asked for nominations for a 2020 Village Engineer, Jarid Kohlrieser suggested Choice One, Thompson made a motion to accept Choice One, seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked for a Prevailing Wage Coordinator. Allen nominated Eric West, seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0. West abstained.

Mayor Walls asked for 2 representatives for the Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission for 2020. The Mayor said he has been on for several years and Rick Allen

was his back up last year. Bailey nominated Mayor Walls and Rick Allen, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. Allen abstained.

Mayor Wall's asked for 2 council members to serve on the board of the Fire Fighter's Dependent's Fund for 2020. Cook and Thompson served last year. Eric nominated them for this year, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 4-0. Cook and Thompson abstained.

Mayor Walls said he has been the Village's representative to the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council for eight or nine years and is willing to continue and suggested Rick Allen as his back up. Mayor Walls and Rick Allen were nominated to serve by Thompson, seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0. Allen abstained.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole: There was no report.

Utilities and Surface Water: There was no report.

Planning: Rick Allen reported there were two zoning violations last month and they have been resolved. Jarid said they were trailer parking violations.

Mayor Walls stated the project east of town is moving along, but slowly, figuring out all the logistics, there have been several meetings and more meetings to go. He said when it's ready it will be turned over to the Planning Committee and they will meet and present it to council. He said it will probably be at least a couple months before everything is put together for council to take a look at. He added that everything for economic development seems to take forever to get going, and this is no different, but they are all working on it weekly and working very hard to make the development happen out there.

Finance: Eric West stated the annual Tax Assistance Day for Village residents to receive help filing their Cridersville Income tax will be March 28th from 9am. - 11:00am. at the Village Hall.

Park: There was no report.

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported that after measuring out the thirty feet (30') of parking restrictions that had been previously discussed for N. Gay Street per ORC code 4511.68, there will be a total of three (3) parking spaces vacated or removed.

Properties: Jarid Kohlriseser asked for a committee meeting before the February Council meeting to discuss improvements that the Library wants to make in their part of the building. He said they want to add/remove cabinets and possibly make a change to a wall. Meeting was set for Monday, January 27th at 7:00pm.

Safety: Fire Chief Rick Miller presented his report for December of 2019, there were 57 EMS runs and 9 fire runs for a total of 66. They had a total of 765 runs for the year which

was an increase of 98 from last year. He said he has five (5) or six (6) new applicants and three (3) people in EMS school and two (2) in Fire school right now.

Police Chief Robbins reported there was \$1,505.00 taken into Mayor's Court in December totaling \$21,435.00 collected for 2019. There were 148 calls for service in December and a total of 1,825 calls in 2019 which was 424 less than 2018. He said there were 32 hours overtime for December. He is going to need to update his MVT software for his cruiser's computers at a cost of \$1,859.94.

Chief Robbins also stated the final cost for a new 2020 Ford Police Interceptor he would like to order is \$41,490.00 from Reineke Ford. He will need to spend an additional \$1,000.00 or so for labeling graphics, switching the dash cameras and radios. It will be a three (3) year lease/purchase agreement with the first payment of \$14,976.19, which has already been budgeted for 2020. He will be keeping the 2014 and the 2017 cruisers, nothing will be traded in. West made a motion to purchase a new 2020 Police Ford Interceptor, Allen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Old Business:

New Business

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2385, Authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a Contract and Lease with the Cridersville Fire Department**, to be read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution #2385 by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls read Resolution #2385 by title only and declared an emergency. The Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department will provide the Village with fire and rescue services for 2020 for a fee of \$40,000.00. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Cook, seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2386, Authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into contract with the Village of Buckland**, to be read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution #2386 by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Cook and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only and declared an emergency. The Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department will provide the Village of Buckland with EMS services for an annual fee of \$1200.00. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented to council **Resolution #2388, A contract to hire the law firm of Fitzgerald, Reese and VanDyne, Co. as solicitor for the Village of Cridersville**, to be read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion to read by title only and declaring an emergency was made by West, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The law firm will provide the Village with legal counsel for the year 2020 at a fee of \$100.00 per hour. Motion to accept the resolution

as read and declaring an emergency was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls stated the Village is losing their magistrate, Todd Kohlrieser. Angela Elliott has some names of a couple interested attorneys. She will contact them and it will be discussed again next month.

Mayor Walls asked council to amend **Ordinance #1693, establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays and vacation for all non-elected Village employees for the year 2020.** He asked council to amend page 2, Section One: Maintenance, Water and Waste Water personnel under Maintenance Personnel, to change the base (starting rate) of full time personnel from \$12.00 to \$14.00 per hour in hopes of being able to fill an existing opening. Motion to amend Ordinance #1693, increasing the base rate of full time maintenance personnel to \$14.00 per hour was made by Bailey and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Jarid Kohlrieser stated the annual Clean Up Day costs the Village about \$4,000.00 a year. That includes four (4) dumpsters and the employee overtime to work the event. He said with the current general fund budget concerns, would council still like to have it. Several suggestions were discussed, such as a fee for residents to dump, or a drop and swap. After a discussion, Council decided residents should have the opportunity to help them clean up their property and chose to have it again this year.

Council set dates for the following events:

Community Garage Sales – Saturday, May 9th

Clean up day – Saturday, May 16th from 8a.m. to noon.

Trick or Treat – Thursday, October 29th from 6:00pm until 7:30p.m.

Chief Miller stated Firemen's Jamboree will be July 10th and 11th.

Stacey Cook stated the Fall Festival will be Monday, October 26th at 5:30pm. and Christmas on Main Street will be Saturday, December 9th from 9:00a.m until 1:00p.m.

Dorance Thompson said the Lion's Club blood draw will be on September 12, 2020.

Chief Miller said the fire department's Helping Hands at Christmas helped forty one (41) families in December of 2019 with meals and toys.

Rick Allen asked Police Chief Robbins if the Village has an ordinance addressing the length of time that trash cans can sit by the street. Allen said there are property's on W. Main putting out their trash by the street and leaving it for several days. Other council members mentioned they had noticed some other areas in town with the same issues. The Mayor said there is an ordinance and believes trash can only sit out for twenty four (24) hours. Chief Robbins will check into it.

Stacey Cook said that the last council meeting minutes on the Village website were from the September council meeting. She said she had spoken with Jarid and he reminded her that it was decided the minutes would be posted after they are

approved by council. Stacey feels the minutes need to be posted as soon as possible for residents to see. She also said she thought the website needs some updating, such as adding some information about the community organizations, and update of the business list. She also reminded council about the State of the Village Address that had been discussed at a previous meeting and feels it is really important and should not be forgotten. Mayor Walls said he is planning on having it but it will need to wait until the end of the year paperwork is finished, so it will probably be held sometime in March.

Rick Allen asked if anybody took down an inappropriate video he saw on the Village website. He was assured people can't post videos, only comments on the site and that Jarid is the only person that has any administrative access to it. Stacey said maybe he saw it through one of the links to other websites.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to adjourn the regular council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor