

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – January 21, 2013

Mayor Lorali Myers was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. In her absence, the 2012 Council President, Eric West, called the regular meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Rick Walls, Shirley Anderson, Eric West, Tony Zuppardo, Paul Lynch, and Stacey Cook, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely. Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser and Police Chief Drake were also present.

It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 Regular Council meeting and the December 26, 2012 Special Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

Police Chief John Drake gave a brief update on the Mayor. He shared that she is home recovering but it will be several weeks before that recovery is complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole- The December meeting was cancelled due to the holidays.

Utilities & Surface Water: The online payment for our water and sewer bills has been in service since the first of the year and residents have utilized this other option of payment. Jarid Kohlrieser informed Council that there was a water plant inspection on January 17th and everything went very well. There are minor repairs and updates which need to be made.

Planning: No report.

Finance: The Utility Department employee overtime information for December was provided and included an explanation of the hours. There were a total 61.5 hours.

Park: Tried to submit a grant application through ODNR Clean Ohio Fund and found out that we would not qualify. We did submit an ODOT grant application through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for DeLong-Pioneer Park.

Streets: Mr. Walls expressed appreciation to the Village employees for doing a great job clearing the streets in December when bad weather hit.

Properties: No report.

Safety:

Police - Chief Drake distributed reports for December and the year 2012. There were 105 calls in December, and 1801 for the 2012 – up 650 from 2011. He noted that Code 57 in the reports is designated escort for parades; this is a program error and should be for traffic stops. So far 2013 has been very busy. There were 344 citations and a total of \$38,472 received through Mayor's Court for 2012.

The 2013 Ford Cruiser, which was approved at the December meeting, has been ordered. We can expect it sometime in March.

Chief Drake advised that school lights have been acquired, free of charge, from Wapakoneta. We are filling out the AEP paper work. They will determine where to set the poles. We should have school lights working in the next two to three months or before.

Fire Department – Chief Rick Miller reported 54 runs in December. 2012 was the busiest year on record for the Department with 578 EMS calls and 94 Fire calls for a total of 672. He thanked all the volunteers for their service. The Department has acquired three dog rescue masks donated from the Baker Animal Hospital.

Jarid Kohlrieser recommended the Village keep Choice One as Engineer. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Cook to appoint Choice One as the Village Engineer for 2013. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

Zuppardo was the Prevailing Wage Coordinator in 2012 and agreed to hold that position for 2013. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Walls to appoint Tony Zuppardo as Prevailing Wage Coordinator for 2013. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

Cook noted that according to the Rules of Council the President of Council and the Committees should be in place by February 1. **Council agreed to have a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. At that time they will appoint a President of Council and approve the Committees for 2013. They will also address the issue of Village Solicitor at that time. There were five applications received.**

OLD BUSINESS:

An updated copy of Ordinance #1646, which included the amendments previously made, could not be located. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to table the third and final reading of Ordinance #1646 until the updated copy can be located. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote. Police Chief Drake will work to get an updated copy of the ordinance.

Council established the police chief's salary at the special meeting December 26, 2012, but did not vote on an actual resolution. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Lynch to read Resolution #2199 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

RESOLUTION #2199 – A Resolution acknowledging the change under the Ordinance No. 1647 of the Police Chief wages from hourly to salary and establishing the pay rate of \$58,500.00 and declaring an emergency, was read by title only by 2012 Council President Eric West. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Anderson to pass Resolution #2199 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fire & Rescue contract between the Village and the Cridersville Fire Department was presented. The amount was lowered from 2012 (\$64,000) to \$52,000. It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Anderson to read Resolution #2200 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote. **RESOLUTION #2200 – A Resolution to authorize and affirm the act of the Mayor to enter into contract with the Village of Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department Company, Inc. and declaring an emergency**, was read to 2012 Council President Eric West by title only. It was moved by Walls, seconded by Zuppardo to accept Resolution #2200 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

The contract with the Village Buckland for EMS service was presented. There were no changes from 2012. The amount of the contract is \$1,500.00. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Zuppardo to

read Resolution #2201 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote. **RESOLUTION #2201 – A Resolution to authorize and affirm the act of the Mayor to enter into contract with the Village of Buckland and declaring an emergency,** was read by title only by 2012 Council President Eric West. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Zuppardo to accept Resolution #2201 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

The Safety Committee met last week and interviewed part time police applicants. Walls, Anderson, Zuppardo and Cook were present for the interviews and were impressed with the profession responses of the applicants. Chief John Drake presented three applicants for consideration to hire. It was moved by Zuppardo, seconded by Walls to hire Paul Robbins, Lucas Wessel and Matthew Brushaber as part time police officers for the Village of Cridersville. The motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote. The officers were sworn in by 2012 Council President Eric West.

It was moved by Walls, seconded by Lynch to pay the necessary bills for the month of January 2013. Cook had a question about the Water Loan payment. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

Cook thanked the Village for continuing to do the newsletter. Hopefully it will soon have a new, updated look.

Walls expressed appreciation for the Fire Department's frugal spending last year and being able bring the amount down on this year's contract with the Village.

Lynch felt the same as Walls, and he thanked Jarid and crew for all their hard work.

Cook also expressed the same feelings, and also thanked the Fire Department volunteers, as the time they volunteer takes a lot of time away from their families.

Cook commented that since we have had unusual circumstances in the last month due to the health of the Mayor, it appears that we are beginning to learn to communicate with each other outside the Council table. It is necessary to get information out to each Council member, such as when committee meetings are called. We need to work as a team.

It was moved by Walls, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the January 21, 2013 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman West did not vote.

Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

Eric West, 2012 Council President