Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Rick presiding.

Mr. M. Raddish asked everyone to join him in a moment of reflection for their own intentions. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

Roll Call – Ms. K. Miller, ex; Mr. M. Kelly, p; Mr. R. Schrock, l; Mr. M. Raddish, p; Ms. B. Van Dike, ex; Mr. R. McDowall, p; Mr. C. Yoho, p.

Motion by Mr. M. Raddish, second by Mr. C. Yoho for the approval of the agenda as presented. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. M. Raddish, second by Mr. C. Yoho to adopt the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS ON PENDING LEGISLATION – No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS – There was no report due to Ms. Miller’s absence.

UTILITIES – Mr. McDowall had no report.

SAFETY – Mr. Kelly reported he has one resolution to read.

STREETS – Mr. Yoho had no report.

PLANNING AND ZONING – There was no report due to Mr. Schrock’s tardiness.

FINANCE/AUDIT – There was no report due to Ms. Van Dike’s absence.

Mr. Raddish stated that the work session will be March 28 at 7:30 with all committees reporting.

OLD BUSINESS - There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS -

Mayor M. Rick presented the first reading of Resolution 2018-22 as follows:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE AND US BICYCLE ROUTES AND PLEDGING CORPORATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN FORMULATING A PLAN FOR ROUTES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MOGADORE.

Mr. M. Kelly presented the first reading of Resolution 2018-23 sponsored by the Safety Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MOGADORE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO AID OTHER REQUESTING JURISDICTIONS.

COMMENTS ON THE BILLS – Mr. C. Yoho made a motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented on the invoice report; Mr. M. Kelly seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS from the Public: John Yeargin, 261 Ridge Rd; stated his concerns for the safety of the Mogadore School students. He has talked to the School Board President over the same concerns and said the school is interested in hiring a Police School Resource Officer. Their budget will allow this hiring at a 50% pay if the Village will pay the remaining 50%. Mr. Yeargin urged council to support the hiring of a Resource Officer.

Bob Gaetjens, 3608 Argonne St, Danielle Zwisler, 67 Fenton Ave., Charles Peak, 2652 Chelsea Rd, Akron and Craig Lanham, 3085 Dover Dr., Akron were in attendance representing the Mogadore Youth Baseball/Softball.

Mr. Gaetjens said that our park baseball fields are not maintained as well as neighboring communities’ fields. He also stated that these communities pay for the all of the baseball fields upkeep and that the baseball/softball associations do not have to contribute. The association is hoping that the Village will help fund the tournaments that is held at the park. The tournaments bring in a lot of people that help support village businesses.

Some of the field issues are water in the fields, grass is overgrown around the bases, and they needed to be professional graded for the low spots. In the past, one of the investments was sod.
Ms. Zwisler stated that they charge fees for the children to play. From the fees, they have had to repair the fields from parked cars that attend the Summer Festival and she stated invoice prices. She asked that the village pay the invoices for damage from the festival and youth football.

Mayor Rick reminded everyone that the park is multi-use and the Village leases it from the Lion’s Club.

Mr. Lanham stated that quotes that was sent to the Mayor was all quotes received and that they were asking the Village to pay half for the lowest one. The estimated work would last for four years and would not be a yearly cost. The baseball fields need work done and a big problem is festival parking and asked that the parking be confined to the park and not on the fields.

Mr. Peak said the quotes cover sprinkler and bases.

Mayor Rick said that when he received the quotes it came as a surprise and had no idea what the association was asking from the Village and he asked for communication between the association and council. He also urged the association talk to all of the council members.

Mr. Lanham asked that the Street Dept bring the baseball tarps from the back to Field 2 before field day, April 7. He also asked to block off parking on the infields during the festival.

June Long, 4061 Etter Rd; said that she understands what the baseball/softball officers are talking about from the time her granddaughter played softball.

COMMENTS from Council: Mr. M. Kelly thanked the baseball committee for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns. He also asked them if they had talked to the Lion’s Club about helping them financially.

Mr. B. Schrock apologized for being late to the meeting.

Mr. C. Yoho thanked the baseball committee for attending.

Mr. R. McDowall also thanked the committee for attending the meeting.

Mr. M. Raddish thanked the committee for attending.

COMMENTS from Clerk-Treasurer: Scott Varney stated that the note was signed today.

COMMENTS from Mayor: Mayor Rick announced council meetings and work session starting March 21 until June will start at 7:30 pm instead of 5:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.