

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

Ms. B. Van Dike asked everyone to join her 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, p; Mr. M. Kelly, ex; Mr. R. Schrock, p; Mr. M. Raddish, p; Ms. B. Van Dike, p; Mr. R. McDowall, p; Mr. C. Yoho, p.

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

Motion by Mr. M. Raddish, second by Mr. R. Schrock to adopt the minutes of the February 7, 2018 Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS ON PENDING LEGISLATION – No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS –Ms. Miller had no report.

UTILITIES – Mr. McDowall had no report.

SAFETY – Mr. Kelly had no report.

STREETS – Mr. Yoho had no report.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Mr. Schrock reported that there will be a Planning and Zoning meeting Monday, February 26.

FINANCE/AUDIT – Ms. Van Dike reported she has 2 ordinances to read.

Mr. Raddish stated that the work session will be February 28 at 5:30 with all committees reporting.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

Ms. B. Van Dike presented Ordinance 2018-20 sponsored by the Finance Committee as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 BONDS TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING AN AMBULANCE, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. B. Van Dike made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three readings; Mr. R. McDowall seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. B. Van Dike to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-20; a second was made by Mr. M. Kelly. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. B. Van Dike presented Ordinance 2018-21 sponsored by the Finance Committee as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$360,000 BONDS TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A POLICE STATION AND ITS SITE, TOGETHER WILL ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. B. Van Dike made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three readings; Mr. B. Schrock seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. B. Van Dike to adopt Ordinance 2018-21; a second was made by Ms. K. Miller.

Mr. M. Raddish thanked the Clerk-Treasurer, Scott Varney for his work with the bank so we can pay off the two notes in less time.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS ON THE BILLS - Ms. B. Van Dike made a motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented on the invoice report; Mr. C. Yoho seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS from the Public: John Knapp, Superintendent of Mogadore Local Schools reported that the school district is being proactive with the staff and students due to the recent teen/school tragedies in the area and country. This week, Chief Higgins and Chief Cain spoke with the Jr. and Sr. High School students and was well received. Soon, there will be a presentation at the elementary school. He also stated, that the school is looking into an extension of an after-school program and safety planning is a high priority.

June Long, 4061 Etter Rd representing the Cemetery Board said that she has met with a landscaper to get an estimate for trees on the east side of the cemetery and will get 2 more. She stated that she is not pleased with a couple of items at the cemetery. Mayor Rick told her that he would follow up with the sexton on her concerns.

She also asked about village job descriptions. As Cemetery Board chairman she does not know what she can or cannot do. Mr. Reed said that per the Village Charter, the Board can advise the Mayor with suggestions to the operation of the cemetery.

Mayor Rick said that he has replaced Bob Owens, who passed away last year and there are three part-time cemetery employees.

COMMENTS from Council: Mr. M. Kelly thanked June Long on her diligence regarding the cemetery.

Mr. B. Schrock if there has been any communication from Testa Development regarding the old golf course property. Mayor Rick stated that there has been no communication since August, 2017. Mr. Gene Hill said that he has not heard back from Testa when he inquired about the Traffic Impact Study report. He also has sent them a detail step-by-step informational sheet that will need to be followed per the Village's Zoning Code.

Mr. R. McDowall passed out an article on parking reforms and asked that members read it so it can be a discussion at next week's work session.

Mr. M. Raddish said that he agrees with Mr. Kelly's remarks regarding Ms. Long and her work at the cemetery.

COMMENTS from Clerk-Treasurer: Scott Varney stated that he passed out the RITA Tax Collection Report. He reminded council that at next week's work session he will need to know of any 2019 projects/expenses for the next Portage County Budget Commission meeting.

COMMENTS from Mayor: Mayor Rick told council at next week's work session under Finance there will be a discussion if an income tax hike should be on the November 2018 ballot. There will also be a discussion about a property tax levy for fire safety.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor

Date

Clerk-Treasurer