

COUNCIL MEETING

September 7, 2022

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

Mr. J. Tonsic 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.

Council Meeting was held in Council Chambers. The meeting was open to the public and live streamed on Facebook.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Mr. C. Yoho, Mr. R. McDowall, Mr. M. Raddish, Mr. J. Tonsic, and Ms. K. Miller. Both Ms. B. Van Dike and Mr. W. Bauer were excused from the meeting.

Others Present: Mayor Rick, Council Clerk Rachel Osborne, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney, and Law Director Marshal Pitchford.

Motion by Mr. M. Raddish, second by Ms. K. Miller 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 from the August 17, 2022, Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION – No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

UTILITIES – No report.

SAFETY – Mr. C. Yoho reported he has one piece of legislation to read.

PARKS – Mr. R. McDowall had no report.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Mr. K. Miller had no report.

FINANCE/AUDIT – No report.

STREETS – Mr. J. Tonsic had no report.

Council President Mr. M. Raddish announced the next Work Session will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with all committees reporting.

OLD BUSINESS- None.

NEW BUSINESS-

Ms. B. Van Dike presented Resolution 2022-55 sponsored by Safety Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT COUNTY REGARDING SERVICES OF POLICE DIVERSION YOUTH DIVISION FOR JUVENILES, RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. C. Yoho made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; Mr. R. McDowall seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Yoho to adopt Resolution 2022-55, a second was made by Mr. J. Tonsic. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS from the Public: Joe Henico, 3773 Argonne Street, referenced the letter Chief Higgins posted on Facebook a few weeks back about the parking and dropping off of students at Somers Elementary. In the letter, it mentioned the Uvalde shooting and that got him thinking back to a previous work session that Chief Higgins mentioned having three retired police officers that would be resource officers at the schools. Henico asked if that ever became of something, was it discussed any further?

Mayor Rick could not recall that work session but stated he would ask Chief Higgins and get back to him.

Vicki Henico, 3773 Argonne Street, thanked the Mayor for live streaming the council meetings. Henico asked if the work sessions could also be live streamed and asked if the agenda could be posted prior to the meetings as requested before.

Mayor Rick stated the decision to live stream the work sessions is up to Council. Mayor Rick stated the issue with posting the agenda in advance is sometimes it's not always done till the day of the council meeting. Mayor Rick stated he would discuss more with the Law Director to see what could be done but doesn't want it to be looked at as unreliable.

Henico asked who determines what streets get sidewalks and when?

Mayor Rick stated the Village Engineer looks at different criteria like water main breaks and other issues to determine which streets are redone.

Henico asked if the residents get to know what the results showed for the Park survey that was completed.

Mayor Rick stated that GPD applied for a grant for the walking trail and new playground equipment. Mayor Rick stated they are still waiting to see if they are approved for the grant, and he will ask the Village Engineer about the results if that information can be shared or is directly sent for the grant application.

Henico asked if residents have to schedule appointments to use the pickleball courts, will there be tournaments, and when will the courts be finished.

Mayor Rick stated it all depends on the demand and the courts will be done the first or second week of October.

Henico asked if the Fire Department has been accepting applications for full-time employees yet.

Mayor Rick stated Chief Cain has started to accept applications and suspects he will hire two people before the end of the year.

Henico asked for new businesses to be listed on the Village's social media and webpage, so residents know.

Mayor Rick stated he would look into that.

Henico asked who was responsible to maintain the overgrown tree limbs in the subway plaza on 532.

Mayor Rick stated he would look into that and have it taken care of by the businesses that plaza.

COMMENTS from Council: Mr. Tonsic stated he has been helping out at Lions Park with the school parking for the last few weeks and it has been going pretty well, the afternoon is more congested. Tonsic suggests talking with the school to have someone assigned to help out down at the Park.

Mayor Rick stated there was a meeting the other day with himself, Mr. Yoho, Chief Higgins, John Knapp, and school officials that had encouraging ideas to help improve traffic flow.

Mr. Yoho thanked the residents for coming down and sharing their concerns with the council it is helpful.

Mr. Raddish thanked the residents for participating and sharing their concerns with the council.

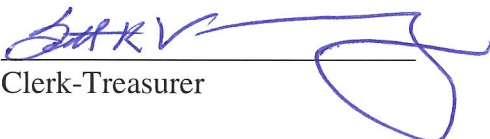
COMMENTS from the Law Director: No Comments.


COMMENTS from the Clerk-Treasurer: Scott Varney stated he will have legislation for property tax rates along with transfers for the next council meeting.

COMMENTS from the Mayor: Mayor Rick thanked everyone for the suggestions and questions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer

 9.21.22

Mayor Date