

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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

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

The Council Meeting was held in the Council Chambers. The meeting was open to the public and was live-streamed on the Village's Facebook Page.

Roll Call: Yoho, McDowall, Van Dike, Raddish, Tonsic, and Bauer were present. Ms. Miller was excused.

Others Present: Mayor Rick, Council Clerk Rachel Osborne, Law Director Jason Dodson.

Village Engineer Matt Glass and Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney were not present.

Motion by Mr. Raddish, second by Ms. Van Dike for the approval of the agenda as presented. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Van Dike, second by Mr. Raddish, to adopt the minutes from the July 16, 2025, and August 20, 2025, Council meetings. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION — No Comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITIES - Mr. Bauer had no report.

SAFETY - Mr. Yoho had 2 pieces of legislation to read.

PARKS & RECREATION - Mr. McDowall had no report.

PLANNING AND ZONING - Ms. Miller was not present.

FINANCE/AUDIT - Ms. Van Dike had 5 pieces of legislation to read.

STREETS - Mr. Tonsic had no report.

Council President Mr. Raddish announced that he would read 1 piece of legislation, and the September work session would be held Wednesday, September 24th, with all committees reporting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Raddish presented Ordinance 2025-38 for Second Reading, sponsored by Planning and Zoning Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 152.128 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "ZONING PERMIT REQUIRED", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Raddish made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; Mr. Bauer seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Raddish to adopt Ordinance 2025-38; a second was made by Mr. Bauer. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

Discussion: The Law Director clarified that because the number, shape or area of the districts in the zoning code was not being changed, they could move forward without three readings.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2025-47, sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE REVISED SUMMIT COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR JOB CREATION AND RETENTION AND TAX REVENUE SHARING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-47; a second was made by Mr. Tonsic. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

Discussion: None.

Mr. Yoho presented Resolution 2025-48, sponsored by Safety Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SETH DOWLER AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE VILLAGE, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 28, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bauer to adopt Resolution 2025-48; a second was made by Mr. McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

Discussion: None.

Mr. Yoho presented Resolution 2025-49, sponsored by Safety Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE INCIDENT COMMAND TRAILER PROJECT FOR THE MOGADORE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE INCIDENT COMMAND TRAILER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Yoho to adopt Resolution 2025-49; a second was made by Mr. Tonsic. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion: The Mayor reiterated the lowest bidder did not provide a bond, which was a bid requirement, and the second bidder was too high.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2025-50, sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER HANDBOOK TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF UNUSED SICK LEAVE PAID OUT UPON RETIREMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-50; a second was made by Mr. Bauer. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried. Resolution Passes.

Discussion: Mayor Rick explained this was to bring the full-time firefighter handbook to the same as the police department.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2025-51, sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21, INCLUDING EXHIBIT A THERETO, ENTITLED "WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OTHER THAN FULL-TIME SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2025", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-51; a second was made by Mr. Bauer. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Mayor Rick explained this was to make sick time leave uniform among full-time Village employees.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2025-52, sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 2 OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-77 CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE TO THE FIRE CHIEF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-52; a second was made by Mr. Bauer. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried. Resolution passes.

Discussion: Mayor Rick reiterated the intention behind the resolution was to make the compensation and benefits for the Fire Chief consistent with the Full-Time Handbook, as it was with the Police Chief.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2025-53, sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR FIRE CHIEF JOHN CAIN TO RECEIVE THE SAME RETIREMENT BONUS AS PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS WITH MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2025-53; a second was made by Mr. McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried. Resolution passes.

Discussion: The Mayor explained that Chief Cain, retiring at the end of this year, would have 44 years counting his part time, and the council wanted to allow his part time work to count towards his retirement bonus.

COMMENTS from the Public:

Carl Housley, 67 First Avenue, asked whether the Village had applied for the SAFER grant. The Mayor explained that the Village was not eligible to apply at that point.

Jon Mencer, 242 S Cleveland Avenue, asked about light on Albrecht; Mayor explained the project was still on schedule.

Fire Chief, John Cain, thanked the Village for its support during his time with the Village.

COMMENTS from the Council: Multiple thank you sentiments were expressed to the Fire Chief.

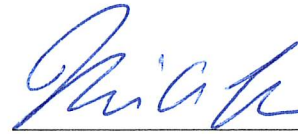
COMMENTS from the Law Director: Jason Dodson thanked the Fire Chief.

COMMENTS from the Village Engineer: Matt Glass was not present.

COMMENTS from the Clerk-Treasurer: Scott Varney was not present.

COMMENTS from Mayor Rick: The Historical Society sponsored the annual car show on Sunday, September 14, from 2-5 at the high school; the Mayor thanked the Fire Chief for his service and congratulated Seth Dowler as the new Fire Chief.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

 10-3-25

Michael Rick, Mayor Date

Attest:
 10/3/25

Council Clerk