

Regular Meeting

City Hall

Wednesday, May 22,2024

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Village Board opened with Acting Mayor Laura McMahon presiding. The Village Trustees present were as follows: Roy Dean Dickey, Natalie Krause, Todd Kinzel and Bryan Bingel. Chris Klingeman and Jennifer Nuernberger were absent. Village Collector Donna Stewart took Jennifer's place.

Visitors present were Jerry Cross, Charlie Heyl-Building and Zoning, John Dagner Jr., Mike Trotter-County Journal, Suzy Ruester, Susie Dahlem, Chad Easton-Village Administrator, Amanda and James McKay.

Acting Mayor Laura McMahon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Natalie and seconded by Todd to accept the previous minutes as presented. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Bryan-yes, Laura-yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Roy Dean to accept the minutes from the May 6<sup>th</sup> Personnel Committee Meeting. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Bryan-yes, Laura-yes. Passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Roy Dean to accept the Village Financial Reports. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Bryan-yes, Laura-yes. Passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

No correspondence.

Mayor McMahon reported on the upcoming Sparklight adjustments. It would be a \$5.00 increase but you could offset it by enrolling in email bills.

Chris Klingeman arrived at 7:04 pm.

Roy Dean and Laura meet with Justin, Working Foreman last week over the Sunrise Project. They will be ordering pipes and it will be surveyed during the installation.

Natalie didn't have a report.

Todd didn't have a report.

Chris reported that hopefully the Village Sign on the North end of town will be fixed tomorrow.

Bryan had the fire department check out the issue on N. Main between two property owners on the potential access for the Fire Department. The consensus was there was nothing to be concerned about. It's a civil dispute between property owners.

Charlie Heyl approved the following permits: Jessica/Ron Cooper-617 S Bess-above ground pool. Kenneth Dickerson-804 S Borders-16' X 10' deck. Cheyanne Patisaul/Hunter Behiter-311 S Park-6' wooden fence. Jacob Easton-426 East Drive-Solar (roof installation).

Charlie then reported that he has had quite a few occupancy reports and also does walk through inspections. Charlie received a Business License from James and Amanda McKay for McKay Pool & Spa at 960 N Hamilton St. This is zoned residential. They are questioning if they have to go to the zoning board for a special use permit. There would be no foot traffic, this is just for the State requirement to order chemicals for distribution. They would also service pools for Heintz Pool Company. The Attorney advised looking at the code going further on how to address issues so that residential don't turn into business districts. The board agreed to put the business license on the agenda next month for approval without going through the zoning board.

Jerry Cross asked Laura about Bartons. Jerry was told that they didn't move much. Terry reported that they moved 3 truckloads. Vehicles were licensed. Code will cite them again.

Chad gave the Village Administrator report. They have replaced one of the pumps at the sewer plant. He is working on the MFT letting for hot patch. They have poured the handicap parking spots at the park with Park Grant Funds. Summer help will start next Tuesday. The LOCIS program upgrade and new meter replacement will be done soon. Proposal for water at the lift station, still an issue with draining the water tower over night. He then discussed Straight up solar on the 22 acres by the Masonic Lodge. Straight Solar would like to move forward with a public comment on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There would also be grant money to make an improvement for the community. He also discussed the sidewalk project at the Grade School.

Citizens wishing to speak. Amanda McKay's business license was discussed earlier in the meeting under Charlie's report. John Dagner, Jr. voiced his opinion on several issues. There was progress with the police department moving forward. He saw the Marissa Police Ad in the paper along with other towns. He said that it was troubling that no one knew the part time police officer that was at the last meeting. The expense for the trash truck repairs should have been put out for bid. Ordinance 24-03 should have been in section B instead of A. And the closed session minutes need reviewed every 6 months.

Laura brought up the Bob Heil Sign, she thought it would be nice to put it on Village Property across from Riess Ford. After discussion, it will be checked on to see how the property is zoned and the size of the sign that is permitted.

Laura reported on the SIAP Electric Aggregation update, new rates for June 2024-June 2023 will have a rate of \$.091/kWh.

"AB" Softball Foundation turned in a park request for a Slow Pitch Softball Tournament for June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at the Marissa Khoury League Park. Natalie made a motion to allow "AB" to host a

softball tournament and it was seconded by Chris. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, Bryan-yes and Laura-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

A Special Event Liquor License for Pour House Bar and Gill for the "AB" Softball Foundation Tournament on June 29<sup>th</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup> was requested. Natalie made a motion to issue the Special Event Liquor License and was seconded by Chris. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, Bryan-yes and Laura-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

There were 3 solicitor's permits turned in for solar panels. One of them was denied for lack of information and not being able to be reached with questions. Bryan said that he had solicitors come to the door and not having a permit in the past. Roy Dean made a motion to approve a permit for Oliver Potts with Solar Pros and Chris seconded it. Roy Dean yes, Natalie yes, Todd yes, Chris yes, Bryan no and Laura no. Motion carried 4 ayes-2 nays. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Natalie to issue a permit to Hayden Bovelle with Solar Energy. Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, Bryan-no and Laura-no. Motion carried 4 ayes- 2 nays.

A motion was made by Natalie and seconded by Todd to enter into Executive Session for Acquisition of Property per Open Meetings Act Section 2C5, Personnel S2C1 and Probable or Imminent Litigation 2C11. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, Bryan-yes and Laura-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Entered at 7:35.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Natalie to end Executive Session and enter Regular Session at 8:10 pm. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, Bryan-yes, Laura-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays

Chris made a motion to take Interim tag off Chief Jackson and make him the permanent Police Chief this was seconded by Roy Dean. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, Bryan-yes, Laura-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays

Charlie also commented about the solar panels weight on trailers, telling people 2 X 4 trusses was ok and people should be careful if they are not telling the truth.

A motion was made by Natalie and seconded by Chris to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion passed with roll call as follows: Roy Dean-yes, Natalie-yes, Todd-yes, Chris-yes, Bryan-yes and Laura-yes. 6 ayes, 0 nays.