Council February 27, 2023

Present for this informational meeting for the Village of West Liberty W Columbus St. curb and gutter replacement residents. Present was Mayor McKelvey, Ms. Kauffman, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Detrick and Clerk Boyd. Absent: Mrs. Hostetler, Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Zerkle. Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Stiener and Ben Yeater, residents of W. Columbus St. Project.

Mayor McKelvey explained the project timeline for W Columbus St. project. She said we will give 3-5 years to pay for their curb and gutter, whatever Council decides. Mr. and Mrs. Stiener were here to find out information. Mr. Yeater wanted to know how much his estimate was. Mayor answer questions.

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was: Mayor McKelvey, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Hostetler, and Clerk Boyd. Absent: Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Zerkle. Guests: Doug McIntosh and Zac Cornett, W Columbus St. residents. Chrystal Welch, municipal court judge candidate.

Meeting was opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Lord’s Prayer.

Mayor McKelvey asked for public participation. Mr. McIntosh already paid some on curb and gutter for Phase I – he will only pay what is remaining. Mr. Cornett will not have to pay because he was also part of Phase I.

Chrystal Welch was here to introduce herself as she is running for Municipal Court Judge.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Griffith gave an update on West Columbus Street Bridge structural engineer and fundraising. The Structural Engineer gave us an estimate on feasibility study and structure inspection in the amount of $10,855.00. The Bridge Project Group has $6000. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to pay the remaining $4855.00. Motion Carried. 4-0

American Flags for downtown area were ordered and will be here tomorrow. One flag pole was ordered but it was too short. Mr. Spriggs is looking for 8.5 ft.

There is a Logan County Health Board opening. - Bob Harrison is retiring. Two applications have been accepted. If anyone is interested please contact them. The next DAC meeting is March 23 at 6 pm at Logan County Fair Grounds.

The Land Bank next meeting will be March 14th and is important that the asbestos is taken care of soon; if the roof collapses then the entire building would need to come down because of the asbestos.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:22 PM. Motion Carried.

Out of executive session at 7:46 PM.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to take 13.75 vacation hours from Mr. Amlin Vacation from 2023 vacation leave. Some employees want to carryover leave. Mrs. Hostetler said this would be a clerical nightmare. They decided to leave it alone use it or lose it.

Mayor McKelvey was asking about safety of water supply. There is Water plant issue with overflow - when backwash and regenerate close together tanks fill faster than line can drain (sewer line from plant is only 4”). BOPA didn’t want to spend money ($50,000). Line should be 6-8” instead of 4”

Logan County Hazard Mitigation Meeting - Wind is the county’s significant concern followed by Thunderstorm, Winter Storm, and Flooding; Karst areas (voids under the surface) - sinkholes and water coming up after initial flood which cause a second flood event;

mywestliberty.com website traffic data (see handout)

Business Owner retirement reception (partnering with WLBA to cover costs of event)

Village Owned Vehicle Department Inventory - Year, Make, Model, Mileage, and Schedule of Replacement

**Finance Committee**

Approval and discussion of bills

**Ordinance 2023-03** Budget 3rd and final reading - once approved appropriations for each department will be sent to department heads

**Clerk/Treasurer**

Direct deposit update - begin in May; The plan is for the deposit to be in the employee accounts by 12:01 Friday morning if possible but no later than 6 am; paycheck stub will be provided either by email or paper copy

**Ordinance 2023 -02** increase to water and sewer rates by 3% = $1.82 (recommended by Board of Public Affairs) - 3rd and final reading

Town Hall sign (heading north) lights out - parts are on order

Contractors list on [www.mywestliberty.com](http://www.mywestliberty.com)

**Safety Committee**

February Safety Council (Jim)

Baird Street parking issues - towing for those illegally parked

FEMA grant for new fire truck - award notification from April 30-September 30, 2023

Fine to Police & Fire will come out of police department budget

Issues with car #3 for police department (tie rod needs replaced*- $200-$500*; timing chain caused damage to the motor-*$5000*; electrical devices drain the battery and it has to be jump started before driving every time - parasitic drain and has not been found after multiple attempts to correct - *unknown since it cannot be found which items are draining it and why*)

**Street Committee**

West Columbus Street Reconstruction project - delayed by the certified letters not coming back as either signed or not deliverable

**Ordinance 2023-10** for West Columbus Street Reconstruction Project curbs and gutters and trees needing removal (special meeting to pass?)

Winter storm expected later this week (late Thursday and Friday)

**Parks and Recreation**

Signs to get visitors to our parks from 68/Detroit Street

Suicide prevention signs install this spring

Land Water and Conservation grant (up to 50% reimbursement) for new restroom at Lions Park should hear in March/April/May 2023 (ODNR has no set date);

NatureWorks grant was received and will be used for demolition of old restroom and site prep;

Eric Electrician is installing flag pole electric and shelter house electricity the first week of March (weather permitting)

Tree planting for Arbor Day? April 28

**Mayor’s Report**

Nominations for Business of the Month for April; Marie’s Candies sends a box of the BoM selection to them at the end of their month!

New Resident Gift Bags - 15 distributed already;

**Important Dates**

March 1 - at 8:30 am in Urbana CCCC - Champaign Economic Partnership and mayors

March 1 - at 11 am Business of the Month presentation at Town Hall Gazebo for Logan Lawn and Landscaping

March 2 - at 8:00 am First Thursday Logan County Chamber

March 2 - GoGov app Zoom Informational at 7 pm

March 3 - at 7:30 am First Friday Champaign County Chamber - Cober Properties (114 Scioto Street, Urbana)

March 13 - GoGov presentation @ 6 pm; Council meeting 7pm

March 14 - at 10 am West Columbus Street Project bid openings (possibly)

**March 20 - at 6 pm Public Awareness Training of phone and email scams at Green Hills Foundation Hall (date change)**

March 22 - at 11 am taping Women who served in the military at Town Hall; 10 am taping of man rescued by Americans in North Africa during WWII

March 24-25 - WLBA Hello Spring 10-5 pm

March 27 - Council meeting 7 pm

March 29 - 7 pm in the Opera House “special event” for retiring business owner

April 1 - WLBA Easter Bunny pictures at gazebo and Lions Club pancake breakfast

April 2 - Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Lions Park