Council January 10, 2022

Present for the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Zerkle, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Hostetler, Ms. Kauffman, Mr. Spriggs, Solicitor Moell, Chief Oelker and Clerk Boyd. Kris Allen of WPKO was present. Guests: Jeremy LeVan, Mike Piper and Tim Woodruff of Lions Club, Rick Zerkle, Sue Spriggs and grandson Carter.

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

Mrs. Jayne Griffith prayed over the community and all elected officials throughout the community.

The Oath of Office was administrated to Trent Spriggs, Jeanette Zerkle, Jim Hoffman and Jayne Griffith by Mayor McKelvey.

Clerk Boyd gave all new members Council email addresses.

 A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to nominate Mrs. Griffith, President of Council for 2022. Motion Carried. Nominations closed. Vote 6-0

Mayor McKelvey discussed the new COVID policies and said the Clerk’s office has been closed because of the spike cases. Mr. Hoffman said has all the cases within the village negative now. Mayor McKelvey said yes. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Ms. Kauffman to open the clerk’s office starting tomorrow. Motion Carried. 6-0

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mr. Spriggs to put Mrs. Griffith on the Village Checking account. Motion Carried. 6-0

Mike Piper of Lions Club was here to explain the council – things have changed on Lions Club and if anyone wants to help with anything at the park – we are willing to let you. Lions Club has opened up the park for people to walk or park to play basketball on good weather days. The restrooms will be closed due to freezing pipes.

Jeremy Levan is organizing a park board per a discussion with Mayor and previous Council. Former Councilman Jeremy Keller was working on this before he resigned from Council in October. Mr. LeVan has 4 on the board right now and 1 pending from Sherman Ricketts Park Committee. He has 1 Lions member 2 Dodge Park members, 1 WLS member and 1 pending. Kris Meyer from Bellefontaine is willing to come to West Liberty to help us get things started here. Mayor McKelvey asked if Bev Yoder from Sherman Ricketts Park can be asked. Jeremy Levan said he will contact her.

Mr. Levans also talked with Casey’s about moving this direction because of Shell Station uncertainty. The owner will look into it but with the number of roof-tops its not promising.

Chief Oelker discussed probationary period for all village employees. The police department has ORC probationary period but employee handbook doesn’t spell it out. The safety committee needs to look at this and Chief Oelker said he will follow Village Probationary Regulations once its passed but until then he will follow ORC. Mayor McKelvey said there is no hurry for this and take your time Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Zerkle.

With this being said Mayor McKelvey appointed

Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Zerkle on Safety Committee

Mrs. Griffith and Ms. Kauffman on Finance Committee

Mr. Spriggs and Mrs. Hostetler on Street Committee.

Chief Oelker said he has talked with several retired officers but they will not come here to work for $12.50 an hour. He would like to talk with finance to increase this hourly wage.

 A MOITON was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve the minutes of December 13, 2021 as written/read. Motion Carried. Mrs. Zerkle asked about ARP money and what it can be spent on. The Board of Public Affairs will be here at the next meeting to discuss options.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve the following bills in the amount of $47663.70. Motion Carried. Finance will be signing bills and looking them over during the day before the meeting. They will also be meeting with supervisors at the end of each month to discuss their budget and expenditures/revenue.

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| PS & L | loan packer and police | 3936.26 |
| Cindee Boyd | salary | 2489.66 |
| Jill McKelvey | salary | 357.62 |
| Darin Leach | salary | 1324.38 |
| Rick Miller | salary | 311.84 |
| Chris Moell | solicitor  | 424.48 |
| AES | electric | 477.52 |
| Fire Safety | cable | 93.00 |
| Fire Safety | helmet | 483.00 |
| Scott Woodruff | salary | 510.88 |
| Steve Rabenstein | salary | 819.33 |
| Rays Lawn | Columbus St. secure | 75.00 |
| Fyda Freightliner | packer repair | 2819.37 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Mancini | 302.16 |
| Marysville Court | for Mancini | 259.32 |
| Northwest Auto | hydro fluid | 44.95 |
| Bowling Green Univ | class leach | 35.00 |
| Ohio Asso. Chief Police | membership | 690.00 |
| Darren Dunham | 20 hrs. | 217.33 |
| Nate Fickle | 7.45 hrs. | 60.01 |
| Fuelman | gasoline | 22.60 |
| Walter Drane  | web housing | 440.00 |
| Retail Acquisition | battery | 44.99 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 30.33 TN | 1821.97 |
| Miami Valley Lighting | street lights | 2172.01 |
| SCA | street sweeping July | 1000.00 |
| Quill | toner, etc. | 175.80 |
| Civista |  medical Health Saving | 3345.80 |
| West Liberty Business  | brooches | 1000.00 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| LeVans  | tire repair | 130.00 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1339.33 |
| Shane Freehauf | 48 rg 24 hol 3 OT 8 vac | 1119.43 |
| Mark Nelson | 72 reg 8 hol 3 OT | 1000.03 |
| Lee Deloye | 72 reg 8 hol  | 1206.83 |
| Darren Dunham | 13.45 Hrs. | 146.36 |
| Hodge Hager | 8 hrs. | 87.05 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1482.19 |
| Brett Mancini | 80 reg 8 hol 1 OT | 747.84 |
| Marysville Court | for Mancini | 83.28 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Mancini | 302.16 |
| Uattend | timeclocks | 77.00 |
| Ohio Dept Taxation | state tax | 898.42 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1242.66 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 2568.38 |
| RITA | municipal tax | 610.93 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 996.32 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1192.34 |
| OPERS | retirement | 3738.98 |
| Ohio School Tax | school tax | 944.50 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1186.41 |
| Civista | uniforms | 149.65 |
| AES | electric | 243.78 |
| Spectrum | internet | 134.97 |
| Fast Track | sign | 142.35 |
| Cintas | mat | 38.23 |
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Medical Mutual insurance had increase 39% for 2022. They are looking at different options.

Ms. Kauffman and Mrs. Griffith met with a local business to discuss selling trash bags and his percentage he is getting for selling them. He said after someone pays with credit card he doesn’t make very much. Council members will think about what options we may have. Maybe Michael Pizza will sell them. Finance will run numbers and will report back to council.

Finance talked about the expenditures and revenue for all funds from 2021. We are in very good shape except we are purchasing a cruiser, repairing a bridge, repairing a trash truck, looking at salt bin, more stones for Purple heart veterans, etc.

The sign Ordinance and Lawn Ordinance were tabled until new council members can look them over.

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Woodruff said the bus garage at Old school is now demolished. He also gave all members a report of violators and summary of what he is doing.

Safety Committee will be talking with Fire Chief, Police Chief, Code enforcement Officer and reporting back to Council.

Street Committee will need to get a report from Street Supervisor and report back to Council

Resolution 2022-R1 entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO TRANSFER MONEY BETWEEN ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE SAME FUND” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adopt Resolution j2022-R1 on first and final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

Resolution 2022-R2 entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INTEREST OF CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS” was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adopt Resolution 2022-R2 on first and final reading, Motion Carried. 6-0

Solicitor Moell made a few changes to the Subdivision Agreement for the north housing addition. He said at the last meeting council approved Clerk and Mayor to sign the agreement once its finished. It should be finished by next meeting.

The 7 Sees Your Town was a huge success for West Liberty.

Jack Reser will be at the February 28th meeting to discuss Local Govt. Funds.

Mayor McKelvey and Mrs. Griffith went to the opioid settlement meeting. We will have three members from each county on the committee and we have issues just like the bigger cities. We need to have a seat at this table. We could get $5-7K to help with our opioid crisis.

The fire department had furnace issues last weekend and the cost for a new one is $3200.00 from Reliant. Mayor approved this emergency purchase.

Mayor McKelvey gave all council members a booklet called “Being a Good Neighbor.” It gave A LOT of information about West Liberty and who to contact about trash water recycling and all council members email address. There are a few changes and will be finalized soon. Mrs. Griffith said the Mayor has worked really hard on this booklet and needs to be recognized for all her hard work. Clerk Agreed.

Mrs. Griffith updated Council members on the W. Columbus Bridge. The bridge has been closed to too long to be a vehicle bridge but it can be pedestrian and bicycle bridge. Columbus Street is not a dead- end street it is used all the time with people going to Dodge Park. We are applying for grant due at the end of January. Korda is helping us with all this. It is possibility considered historic which would be more expensive to restore but maybe more grants available. Ms. Kauffman and Mrs. Griffith are looking into forming a fundraising committee.

Mayor McKelvey along with Clerk Boyd talked with Shell Station Owner and told him our concerns with being open for gasoline for fire trucks, ambulance and police cruisers. He is trying to get employees and said it will be open M-sat 5 am-9 pm Sunday 7 am – 9 pm.

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Historical Society will be having an annual meeting in the Opera House January 18th at 6:00 PM. All is invited.

Mary Rutan Foundation has given a $4000 grant to purchase a water bottle filler station/ dog drinking fountain for Sherman Ricketts park. They will be presenting check Wednesday January 12th at 12:30 PM at Sherman Ricketts Park. The fountain will be ordered after receiving the check and installed this spring for people walking, running or biking on the Simon Kenton Bike Path.

Other important dates are

Public Hearing for Medical Marijuana January 17th 6:30 PM in Opera House

Choice One Engineering January 20th at 8:30 Am to discuss grants

Next council meeting will be January 24th at 7:00 PM.

Incident Command System class will be coming up and more information will be coming soon.

Mr. Spriggs said the trip the Mayfield KY was great and they will be going back in the spring to help more for the tornado victims.

Mrs. Zerkle said she is honored and humbled to serve on council. She wants to do good works with peaceful and quiet lives. With prayers we can work together and be pleasing to God and Village of West Liberty.

Mayor McKelvey said she was approached from an employee and if we are adding Juneteenth as a holiday. She feels we are not ready for this and it falls on a Saturday this year and no action will be taken.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Motion Carried.

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