

On Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00pm Mayor Fries-Seip opened the Council meeting in the MMC Council Chambers with a word of prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was then recited by those present. Social distancing was maintained.

The regular meeting of the Council for the Village of Monroeville was then called to order.

Present at roll call:	Bob Whitacre	And:	Melissa Fries-Seip, Mayor
	Craig Franklin		Bonnie Beck, Fiscal Officer
	Chris Raftery		Tom Gray, Administrator
	Sam Wiley		Jim Barney, Solicitor
	Mark Rupp		
	Sue Rogers		

Also attending: Chief Gary Lyons.

The December financial reports and bank reconciliations were previously distributed to Council via email.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor asked for Council's approval of the agenda. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to approve the December 2020 financial reports as presented.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CREDIT CARD REPORTS

Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the December credit card reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

No one present.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator - Tom reported that Bret is doing better and should be back to work next week. John Courtney came down with the COVID over the holidays. He said his report was informational so if anyone has any questions they can ask him. Sam thanked everyone who was involved with the Rahrig cleanup. He said he has heard several positive comments. Tom noted that he is in conversation with Jim regarding two other properties with the same issue. *Fiscal Officer* – Bonnie asked for Council's opinion on doing RFQ's for a **liability/casualty insurance** carrier for the next year. Our current term with Rinehart, Walters-Danner expires in April. The consensus was to stay with our current carrier. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to forego RFQ's and stay with our current carrier for the next year. Motion carried with no discussion. Bonnie asked for Council approval for "then and now" purchases orders that require their approval because the amount exceeds \$3000. She had shared in her report what "then and now" means in reference to purchase orders. The following purchase orders were then presented for approval: Sunrise \$5000, Solar Advocates \$12,000 and Buckeye Pumps \$7612. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve these purchase orders as presented. Motion carried with no discussion. Bonnie then asked for Council approval for the **blanket purchase orders**; the lists of those purchase orders are attached to these minutes and made a part herein. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the blanket purchase orders as presented. Motion carried with no discussion. Bonnie concluded her report by asking for Council approval of the current credit accounts and purchasing limits for 2021. Sam Wiley made a motion to approve the accounts as presented, seconded by Chris Raftery. Motion carried with no discussion. *Police* - The Chief stated that there wasn't much to talk about regarding the monthly activity report, as stats were still down due to Covid. Upticks are being seen in disturbances, theft, trespassing, etc., so they are still staying pretty active. He also mentioned the work at Horseshoe Dr. for Rahrig, noting that the inside was in pretty bad shape. People have been complaining about the **wood burning on Fulton St.**, The property owner has been charged with a 3rd degree misdemeanor, and his court case is coming up soon. We'll let this issue work its way through the court. The department is finally getting their cruiser radios. He will be taking the cruisers to the EMA on Monday for installation. They won't get the base radio until all installations have been completed. Today he was asked to volunteer, from a select few across the country, to assist with the design of a police car of the future. He will be working with a team of engineers from NASA for a concept and design. He said he will be doing this in his spare time, and they anticipate it to be a 6-month project. The Mayor mentioned that the radios will not have holders provided. The Chief said they cost around \$75 each, and he would like to see if we can work with others to see if a bulk rate could be shared. The Mayor asked if he would give an update on the vaccine, and he stated that he originally asked how many of his officers would take it, and only 50% of his officers said they would. The Police Departments are now on the second tier for the vaccines, but he doesn't know how long that will take. Officer Henderson had the COVID, but he has recovered. Sam asked about the stop light at 99 & 20, and the Chief deferred that issue to Tom. Tom stated that this issue was explained in his "week in review" report. They are working on a resolution to the issue, which involves the loop detection equipment. The issue has exacerbated, probably because of

degradation. The Chief asked about the modification for **the chokehold policy**. Jim apologized that he had not yet reviewed it. The Chief read the modification as follows: The use of a respiratory restraint, also known as a chokehold, is limited to circumstances where a deadly force is authorized and if applied, is subject to the same guidelines and requirements as a carotid control hold. Jim said that he has no problem with that modification. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the modification as presented. Sam Wiley made that motion, seconded by Chris Raftery. Motion carried with no discussion. Mayor – Mayor Fries-Seip asked Council if they wanted to see any changes to the Council Standing Committees. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to keep the committees as they currently are. Motion carried with no discussion. The Mayor asked Chris if she was willing to continue as Council President pro-tem, and she replied that she was content with where she was. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to appoint Chris Raftery as the President pro-tem. Motion carried with no discussion. The Mayor made the recommendation to appoint Marcia Adelman to another 6-year term as a member of the Planning Commission. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the recommendation. Motion carried with no discussion. The Mayor reminded Council of the 1-26 work session. She then read the annual State of the Village report, and then thanked Bonnie and Tom for their contributions of events for the report.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the following legislation. Sam Wiley made the motion, seconded by Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2021-01

REPAY BROAD ST ADVANCE TO GF

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to repay the General Fund a portion of the advancement of funds for the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Project, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to adopt Resolution 2021-01 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2021-02

REPAY WATER METER ADVANCE TO GF

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to repay the General Fund a portion of the advancement of funds for the Water Meter Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to adopt Resolution 2021-02 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to approve the bill summary as presented. The summary was for memo expenses and check #042755 to #042879 for a total of \$1,172,897.70. Motion carried with no discussion.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Chris asked about the laptops that were purchased. Bonnie said they're here, but Council needs to decide what applications they want on them. The Mayor noted that Vince has them. After a brief discussion, it was determined to reach out to Vince for his recommendations. Bonnie was asked to make that contact. Sam stated that he would like to stay away from having to get licenses for any programs. Mark asked about removing the "No Turn On Red" sign at the Monroe St/Rt 20 intersection now that the former police department building is down and the line of sight is open. Tom said he would check into this. Bob asked about the sale of the former Administrative building. Tom said the building was still holding equipment and records, and the 3 people are still interested in purchasing it. Sam asked about the status on 10 Monroe St. Nothing has transpired, Tom stated, and the clock is ticking for the person who put an offer on it. Bob asked if it was possible to get some desks or tables for those who aren't at the Council table. These would be nice to have even after the COVID restrictions have lifted. Maybe they could be big enough to seat a couple people. Bonnie will look into this. The Mayor asked if the MMC punch list was being nixed away. Tom responded that progress was being made, and all items are being addressed. Bob noted that the Board/Commission reports were not on the agenda. Bonnie apologized, as she had removed that item from the previous agenda. The Mayor asked Bob to proceed, and he reported that the HRJFD met on January 6th. There were 141 calls in 2019, and only 92 in 2020, with only 2 calls in December. The new jaws equipment was received yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before them Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adjourn. Motion carried with no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Bonnie Beck, MMC, Fiscal Officer

Melissa M. Fries-Seip, Mayor

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