

On Tuesday, July 13, 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.

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
	Sue Rogers		Jim Barney, Solicitor
	Sam Wiley		

Also attending: Chief Gary Lyons, and Lt. Troy Kimball.

The June financial reports were previously distributed to Council via email. The financial reports consist of all bank reconciliations, all bank statements, outstanding check reports, MTD Fund report, and budget-to-revenue documents.

EXCUSAL OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Mark Rupp had notified the Mayor and office that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to excuse Mark from the meeting. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF MAY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to approve the June 2021 financial reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY CREDIT CARD REPORTS

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, to approve the June monthly and the quarterly credit card reports as presented. Motion carried with no discussion.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator – Tom stated that Mark had previously asked about a 4-way stop at Chapel and Broad Streets. Tom and the Chief talked about this, and in that conversation the possibility of making 4-way stops at Hollister and Brown, Hollister and Chapel and Hollister and Baker Streets was also discussed. Today there was a concern expressed for the safety of the children on Brown St. He said he doubts that a "Children at Play" sign would be noticed; however, we could legislate a 4-way stop. The Chief added that this is similar to the issue at Chapel and Baker Streets. The enforcement measures would be better using the 4-way stop signs. Sam asked if the additional signage at the railroad crossings resulted in any changes. It was noted that with the Rt 20

construction people are using the side streets more, and there are lots of pedestrians. The Chief said the 4-ways will calm the traffic. He added that he thinks the traffic was busy like this before, but has increased more with the construction. Discussion. Tom said we have the signage, and Jim said he can prepare the legislation. Sam asked about the condition of the railroad crossing on Monroe St at the fire station. Tom said it is scheduled for work within the next 30 days. The railway actually belongs to Sunrise, and ODOT has to approve the street being closed. Mayor Fries-Seip suggested that the legislation be prepared for the 4-way stops, and asked Council to consider the recommendation for them before the next meeting. Tom reported that the work on Rt 20 has been pushed out to July 26th. The basins and manholes still have to be completed, as well as the striping. Bob said he's concerned about the basins and the ease at which a bike tire could get caught in one. Tom said they are all slot drains on the east side of the village. Bonnie asked if they could be changed to basin drains, and Tom said they could not. Sue asked about the recurring park vandalism and asked if we could mount a camera somewhere. Tom said that's a possibility, and he would discuss this with Vince. Sue asked if the PD knows who is doing the vandalism, and the Chief replied that they have suspects, but it's hard to prosecute. He said he used his interrogation abilities when the Street Dept garage door was damaged last year, then Officer Hanuscin took over. He said they can't be in the parks all the time because of their other calls. The Mayor asked about locking the restrooms doors. Currently, the doors are being locked at 3:00pm and re-opened at 7:30am due to the extreme vandalism. The doors are opened during games, and relocked at the end of the games. Discussion. It was determined that the restroom doors at both Marsh Field and Clark Park would be closed at the times currently in place, and signs will be placed on the doors advising of the restricted usage due to vandalism. **Fiscal Officer** – Bonnie asked if anyone had any questions regarding her report. None were asked, so she asked if Council wanted to proceed with the resurfacing of Brown and Hollister Streets once the bids were received as alternates to the Rt 20 waterline project bids. She had explained in her report that based on the projected cost of \$65,590.45, the Street Fund could support the cost to resurface both streets. In her report she had pointed out that we haven't had a street resurfacing project since 2015, when North Street was resurfaced. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, **to proceed with resurfacing Brown and Hollister St (from Rt 20 to Brown) with Street Fund monies.** Motion carried with no discussion. Bob asked about resurfacing Hamilton Street because it's in such a bad condition. Bonnie said she thought this was in the discussion phase, and that project could be paid from the permissive funds. Bonnie then asked for Council's approval for Heather's attendance in October at **the OAPT conference in Dublin** for a cost of \$554.98 for 4 nights of lodging, and because she's a first time attendee the registration fee is only \$75. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve this request as presented. Motion carried with no discussion. Sam asked about Bonnie's training, and she said her training was considered maintenance, so most of it is done online. (FO note: 6 CEU's per year are required to maintain the MMC designation. I have attended one-day seminars as well.) **Police** – The Chief stated that activity is up despite the Rt 20 construction. They have been making a concerted effort on North St regarding speed enforcement and checking the park restrooms. They have already surpassed June's stats. He would like Council to allow him to use up to 40 hours of overtime and adjust shifts for Friday and Saturday evenings for a few weekends once Rt 20 re-opens. Right now there is nowhere to pull a vehicle over on Rt 20. He calculates that the cost for the OT would be about \$1200. Bob asked what the PD budget was, and the Chief said about \$500,000. He hasn't used much of the part-time salary so far, adding that there will be lots of fines coming in once the traffic cameras are re-activated. Craig Franklin made a motion, seconded by Sam Wiley, **to approve the 40 hours of overtime** as requested. Motion carried with no discussion. The Chief said they were awarded \$5248 toward the OBWC body armor grant request, and now a new round has opened up with applications due by September 3rd. He's looking into vest purchases for next

year. They have a new vendor now, with different vest specs. It was determined that new legislation will be needed for this request. The Chief stated that on July 1st he, Lt. Kimball and former Police Chief Mike White traveled to Bowling Green with lots of evidence on the cold case for Edna Miller. Some of the items were submitted to the FBI due to new technology on DNA, etc. Since this is a cold case it will not be a priority case and may take 6-9 months to get any answers, but he is optimistic about the results. The Mayor asked about Safety Town enrollment. Lt. Kimball said that all the letters were sent out to kids who were registered for kindergarten. The Chief said he talked to Tom about demos from the Electric Department for the bucket truck and electric safety. That would be a nice addition to the activities. **Mayor** – The Mayor said she had nothing new to report.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

Bob reported that the HRJFD met on July 7th. There were 8 calls in June. There is no news on the truck, and they have a good chance to get a couple of good firemen soon.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2021-16

WILLIAMS ST ONE WAY

An Ordinance changing Williams Street to a one-way street was presented for first reading. No discussion

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Bob Whitacre, to suspend the rules for the following legislation. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2021-24

SECOND CASH DRAWER

A Resolution establishing a second cash on hand source for the Administrative Offices for the purpose of utility and income tax cash transactions, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adopt Resolution 2021-24 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

ORDINANCE 2021-15

AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT APPROPRIATIONS

An Ordinance amending or supplementing certain funds for Appropriation Ordinance 2021-06, and declaring an emergency was presented for passage. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to pass Ordinance 2021-15 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2021-25

ADVANCE TO BROAD STREET SEWER

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advance monies from the General Fund to the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Fund to cover expenses until OWDA funds are received, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adopt Resolution 2021-25 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2021-26

ADVANCE TO GF FROM BROAD ST SEWER

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advance monies back to the General Fund for the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to adopt Resolution 2021-26 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2021-27

ADVANCE TO GF FROM WTR METER PROJ

A Resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advance monies back to the General Fund for the Water Meter Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency was presented for adoption. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chris Raftery, to adopt Resolution 2021-27 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

Sam Wiley made a motion, seconded by Sue Rogers, to approve the bill summary for memo expenses and check #043288 to #043366 for a total of \$1,058,301.44. Motion carried with no discussion.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before them Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Craig Franklin, to adjourn. Motion carried with no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Bonnie Beck, MMC, Fiscal Officer

Melissa M. Fries-Seip, Mayor

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