

LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL
10/17/2019
Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular October session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. Invocation was given by Pastor John Fitzgerald and Mr. Richard Tolle led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members **Mr. John Michael**

Ms. Shawn C. Priest ☒

Mr. Chris Runyon ☒

Mr. Morgan Sheppard ☒

Mr. Richard Tolle ☒

Mr. Scott Willey ☒

Also Present: Police Chief Shane Nolley ☒

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans ☒

Solicitor Fred Beery ☒

Also attending: Dianna Robertson, Shelby Lightner, Blythe Pelham and Rita Smith Daulton.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. Shawn Priest moved and Chris Runyon seconded to approve the minutes for the October 2, 2019 Special Council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Richard Tolle moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve the minutes for the September 19, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Council reviewed the bills paid in September 2019. Shawn Priest moved and Richard Tolle seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

d. Morgan Sheppard moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve the September 2019 Utility Adjustment Report. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ms. Dianna Robertson – approached Council regarding the condition of the property owned by Councilman Morgan Sheppard located beside her rental property. Ms. Robertson stated there was a trailer full of trash blowing on to her property and making it look bad. Ms. Robertson said the Village gets on residents about the trash and condition of their properties when their own (Council) properties look bad. In addition the Village provided dumpsters (this summer) for a village wide clean-up. Ms. Robertson stated she was frustrated with Council for setting rules for the residents to follow when they are not following them. Next, Ms. Robertson approached Council regarding the issue of raccoons in the Village. According to her, the raccoons are pulling the soffit down and are in the attic on her South High Street property (the old Butler house). Ms. Robertson stated she believes they are coming from the drain which belongs to the Village and asked what Council is going to do about it.

Ms. Shelby Lightner – owner of Pawsitively Pet Spa used 25,000 gallons of water in 14 days and according to the current bill, she only used 6,000 gallons in an entire month, and nobody can tell her why this happened. Administrator Butch Wiget stated he has checked everything out and can't find a reason as to why this happened. Ms. Lightner asked Council if she could get a break on the high utility bill. After discussion, Council

decided since the pet spa has only been in business for a month and a half, an accurate average cannot be calculated. Therefore, they are basing the adjustment on this month's current usage of 6,000 gallons.

*Shawn Priest moved and Richard Tolle seconded to adjust the current sewer charge for 25,000 gallons down to 6,000 gallons and to waive the late fee. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Blythe Pelham – just observing

Mrs. Rita Smith Daulton – just observing

Mr. Kenny Worley – just observing

III. LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-10

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR ACCRUAL OF LEAVES AND COMPENSATORY TIME FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES

Shawn Priest moved and Richard Tolle seconded to approve Resolution No. 19-10. Roll call vote 4-1, with Morgan Sheppard voting no. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Shawn Priest, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the committee met on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:00PM. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss updating policies for the Utility Department. After discussion, the committee recommended the revisions suggested be put in a policy form and be effective January 1, 2019. Council will vote on the completed policy.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.
- Presented Council with the following information from the State Auditors Conference on October 8, 2019:
 - Getting confirmation on this, but it stated all public officials will need a background check on a yearly basis effective this year.
 - All banks must be OPCS registered and bank balances must be checked monthly.
- Mr. Jim Henry is trying to get an update on the current grant request for the retaining wall but has nothing to report at this time.
- Reminded Council about employee evaluations, insurance co-pays and employee raises.
- Reminded Council they need to appoint and finalize the Tax Board of Review Committee.
- Reminded Council they need to appoint a new member to the Platting Committee since Jenni Thackston is ineligible.

*Shawn Priest moved and Richard Tolle seconded to appoint Dianna Robertson Fordyce to the Platting Committee to replace Jenni Thackston. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of September 2019, there were 324 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-152 regular, 11.5 overtime; Officer Stephens-152 regular, 9 overtime; Officer Brady 0 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Dawson-154 regular, 10 overtime, Officer Thompson – 88 regular, 0 overtime..

There was 1 Traffic Crash Report, and 13 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 5, Traffic Citations - 7, and Warning Citations - 24. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 537 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 721 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 933 miles driven. Repairs: \$130.80 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- The Police Department has 93 active case reports. The departments total reports received for the month of September 2019 was 13 reports, a decrease of 8 reports from September 2018.
- The HD cam was replaced on the Taser, along with the purchase of an additional Taser.

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

- Administrators report submitted
- Administrator Butch Wiget informed Council there are currently a lot of sewer issues.
- The Village will have a lot of water taps going in on High Rock Rd.
- The pump at Swift's Lift Station is out and the cost to rebuild is \$9,100

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

- Mrs. Vance reported that \$42,780.37 was collected for the month of September 2019.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

- None given

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- None given

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Administrator Butch Wiget stated to Council that he was informed by Utility Clerk Teresa Smith that he was now to sign her time sheet because he was now over the Utility Office. According to Administrator Butch Wiget nobody had informed him or Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans that she was no longer over the Utility Office. Councilman Chris Runyon asked Solicitor Fred Beery if he could talk about what was discussed at the last meeting in Executive Session and Solicitor Beery advised him against discussing anything from Executive Session. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans then approached Council asking why she had to hear it from the Utility Clerk that she was no longer over the Utility Office instead of hearing it from Council. In addition, Tracy asked Council if they had a problem with her and if so, tell her in the open council session. There was no response from Council. A lengthy discussion continued.
- Richard Tolle moved and Shawn Priest seconded to adjourn at 9:07 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned.