LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 7/18/2019 Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular July session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. Invocation was given by Pastor John Fitzgerald and Ms. Blythe Pelham 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 \boxtimes

Mr. Scott Willey ⊠

Also Present: Police Chief Shane Nolley ⊠

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans \boxtimes

Solicitor Fred Beery ⊠

Also attending: Blythe Pelham, Rita Smith-Daulton and Kenny Worley.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2019 Council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in June 2019. Scott Willey moved and John Michael seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ms. Blythe Pelham – just observing

Mrs. Rita Smith Daulton – just observing

Mr. Kenny Worley – just observing

III. LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS OUT LINE ITEM.

John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded to approve Resolution No. 19-06. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-07

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2019 TAX BUDGET

Shawn Priest moved and Morgan Sheppard seconded to approve Resolution No. 19-07. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None at this time.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.
- ➤ Informed Council that due to ongoing expense in the water/sewer department, Council needed to consider increasing the utility rates. As of the last survey taken of other entities in Highland County, the Village of Leesburg had the cheapest rates. The utility department is not generating enough revenue to cover all the current expense and debt service. According to financials completed for our Debt Service, in 2018 the Village was short approximately \$45,000 for sewer and \$25,000 for water and that was with the transfers from the General Fund and the Savings Account. If the Village could raise water/sewer rates each \$5.00 per month, per resident, that would generate an extra \$10.00 per resident times the current resident list of 475, it would generate and extra \$4,750.00 a month. After discussion with the Village Administrator with all the upcoming expense, Council decided to go ahead and raise the rates as discussed and asked Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans to prepare the legislation for the next meeting.
- Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans informed Council that the Platting Committee and the Record Retention Committee needed to meet soon.
- ➤ Informed Council USI Insurance won the bid for property/casual insurance for the 2019-2020 year.
- ➤ Requested Council amend Resolution No. 04-09 increasing the flower fund from \$50 to \$100.
 - *Shawn Priest moved and Scott Willey seconded to increase the flower fund to \$100. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- Council discussed approving Dan Ridgeway as the Village's Fire Board Representative.
 - *John Michael moved and Scott Willey seconded to appoint Dan Ridgeway as the Fire Board Representative for the Village of Leesburg. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported that for the month of July 2019, there were 286 calls for service. Hours worked were as followes: Chief Nolley-152 regular, 19.50 overtime; Officer Stephens-150 regular, 11.50 overtime; Officer Brady-3.5 regular, 0 overtime; and Officer Dawson-148 regular, 40 overtime. There were 0 Traffic Crash Report, and 18 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 10, Traffic Citations -15, and Warning Citations - 16. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 578 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 729 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 988 miles driven. Repairs: \$100.00 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- ➤ The Police Department has 80 active case reports.

 The departments total reports received for the month of June 2019 were 18, a decrease of 1 reports from June 2018.
- ➤ Chief Nolley asked Council to welcome a new part-time Patrolman Shania Thompson.

➤ Councilman Scott Willey asked Chief Nolley if he had an update on the homeless gentleman in Leesburg. Chief Nolley stated the gentleman is now going through the Veterans Association for help.

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

➤ Informed Council of upcoming expense with the well, valves for the water department, and lift station repairs and replacement.

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

➤ Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$65,143.13 was collected for the month of June 2019.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

➤ None given

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

➤ George Philips property – Bids for demolition have been turned in to Judge McKenna and will be opened August 4, 2019.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ➤ Shawn Priest moved and Morgan Sheppard seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:05 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried
- ➤ Council out of Executive Session at 7:25 PM.
- ➤ Richard Tolle moved and Morgan Sheppard seconded to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned.