

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

ASHVILLE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Held: AUGUST 5, 2024

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The Council of Ashville convened in Regular Session from 6:30 PM to 7:19 PM in the Council Meeting Room at 200 East Station Street, Ashville, Ohio 43103. Mayor Welsh called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following members and visitors were present:

Mr. CHAD NOGGLE	Present	Mr. COLTON HENSON	Present
Mr. ROGER CLARK	Present	Mr. DAVE RAINEY	Present
Mr. RANDY LOVELESS	Present	Mr. MATT SCHOLL	Excused

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Roger Clark moved, seconded by Dave Rainey, to approve the July 22, 2024 minutes for the Regular Session as presented. All votes were yay.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE: Sergeant Mayse reported that another officer may be resigning. Mayse suggested offering lateral incentives when recruiting officers instead of starting every officer at the same rate regardless of experience. Mayse also presented Council with a sample policy that would allow officers to take cruisers home and said other agencies are doing this to entice applicants. Chad Noggle said he wouldn't want off-duty officers driving a village cruiser to get involved with other agencies' emergency situations if they happened upon one. Mayse said the policy can be customized however the village wants and that can be stipulated in the policy. Roger Clark said he had concerns about the security of the cruisers being parked away from the police station and would rather look into salaries than giving officers cruisers. Dave Rainey asked if this was the norm at other agencies. Mayse said that more agencies are doing this. Colton Henson said he's seen state patrol and sherrif department cruisers parked in driveways but has never seen a police cruiser parked in a driveway. Henson said he felt this was a discussion to be had with the Safety Committee and made a motion, seconded by Roger Clark, to forward the matter to the Safety Committee. All votes were yay.

WATER: Jim Welsh repoted that the village received a \$30K grant from the EPA to abandon unused wells.

STREET/SERVICE: Greg Sturgill stated that he is working on painting crosswalks and hopes to have them finished before school resumes.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Bert Cline requested doing away with Committee of the Whole meetings because he found them to be unproductive and suggested having only the two Council meetings. Colton Henson said he doesn't want to eliminate them altogether and recommended holding them at 6 PM before the first Council meeting of the month. Council agreed to the change and Henson moved, seconded by Chad Noggle, to amend the meeting schedule to reflect that Committee of the Whole will meet at 6 PM before the first Council meeting of each month. All votes were yay.

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FINANCE: April Grube requested the approval of a Then & Now payable to Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$4875 for camera footage of Storm & Sanitary Lines. Roger Clark moved, seconded by Chad Noggle, to approve the Then & Now. All votes were yay.

LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

2024-13 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE FISHER HOMES HICKORY GLEN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Randy Loveless moved, seconded by Chad Noggle, to have the Second Reading. All votes were yay with the exception of Colton Henson who voted no. Henson said he had questions about the development and wants to know what criteria the Planning & Zoning Board based their approval on. Dave Rainey said that if it's been forwarded to Council, P&Z had done their due-diligence. Henson said he isn't comfortable just trusting everything was handled appropriately without having been provided that information. Henson said he has questions such as was a traffic study done. Henson said a big part of the platform he ran on for Council was to steady the growth in the village and he isn't in favor of the development and needs more information before he can make an informed decision. Dave Rainey said that it only has come to Council because it's a PUD but as long as the development conforms to the development requirements in our ordinances the village can't stop the development. Henson reiterated that he wants more details and answers to his questions. Dave Rainey moved, seconded by Chad Noggle, to table the Second Reading until more information can be provided by the Planning & Zoning Board. All votes were yay.

COMMITTEES

PARKS: Roger Clark reported that permanent pickleball nets had been installed. Clark said he has concerns about the splash pad that the Kiwanis Club offered to build because the village would have to hire a person just to manage it and it's more involved than originally thought. Clark also reported that the business association said they weren't in a position to handle the Christmas Trees in the park so we'll have to figure out a new plan. Clark closed by asking if it had been confirmed that the WWTP expansion will need to use some of the land that was potentially going to be a park. Bert Cline said they still don't know.

PRESENTATIONS

Adam Kehoe was present to discuss additional parking space for the K of P Lodge. Kehoe said the lodge would like to add parking to accommodate 30 to 40 vehicles to the west of the building. Kehoe said the lot would be completely maintained and financed by the lodge. Colton Henson said he isn't comfortable allowing the lodge to build a parking lot that the village may one day need causing the lodge to lose their investment. Kehoe said the lodge understands that that is a risk and they are willing to take it. Kehoe said the current parking isn't sufficient for wedding receptions, family reunions, or large events. Henson said he'd rather see how the building gets used before adding the additional parking. Kehoe said this wouldn't have been an issue with the original orientation of the building but

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the village made them change the orientation because it interfered with the design of the park. Kehoe said the lodge did everything the village requested they do and now there likely won't be a park and the lodge is left with limited parking. Council suggested the land across the street from the lodge because it has no real use for the village but would be fine for a parking lot. Kehoe said they would be agreeable to that.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Roger Clark asked if the alley behind 220 Long Street had been blocked off to the North & South. Greg Sturgill said NO THRU TRAFFIC signs were posted but to the East & West. Clark thought the request was for North & South. Sturgill said no North & South allies are blocked off because of easements. Clark said he must have misunderstood the resident who made the request.

At 7:19 PM, Randy Loveless moved, seconded by Colton Henson, to adjourn the meeting. All votes were yay and the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: August 19, 2024



ATTEST: April Grube, Clerk



Steve Welsh, Mayor

All formal actions of the COUNCIL of the VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions, ordinances, and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.