Held JUNE 20, 2016

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING
By Jack R. Herrel, Clerk of Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Doug Eakins

Council members present: Steve Johnston, Doug Eakins, Jennifer Warner, Randy Otis, Jim King Lorie Cafagno, and Mike Conway. Also attending were Finance Director Debbie DiLeo, Clerk of Council Jack Herrel, Parks and Rec Director Marci Darlington, Mayor Ray Martin, and Police Sgt. Rob Campbell.

Council members absent: None

Prayer: Rev. Jon Osmundson

Pledge of Allegiance: Jen Warner

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Otis and seconded by Mr. King
Roll Call: All Yeas
Motion carried 7-0

Motion to adopt the minutes of the June 20, 2016 Council meeting by Mr. Otis and seconded by Mr. King
Roll Call-All Yeas
Motion carried 7-0

Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment: The hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. by Council President Johnston. As Mr. Johnston explained, this amendment adds a new fee for plan reviews by the Jefferson Township Fire Department. The fee will be based on a square footage formula with a base fee of 150.00 and a maximum fee of $4,000.00. Hearing adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Public Hearing on a petition to vacate a portion of an unnamed alley starting at the rear of 193 Pearl St. at Garfield going East to the rear of 179 Pearl St. ….then turning and going South and stopping at the North line of 65 Frey Avenue as prayed for by petitioner Ronald Armentrout. The hearing was opened at 7:09 p.m. by Mr. Johnston. Mr. Armentrout stated that he has taken care of the alley for the last 25 years and it does not get used. Mr. Ron McDowell spoke in opposition of closing the alley stating that his family has used the alley for many years. Mr. Johnston closed the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Recognition of Guests:

Mr. Bob Green asked about the status of the dog kennel on Madison Drive. It has been over a year and the kennel is still in operation and the property owners are still breeding and selling dogs. **Mr. Harold Stockman** asked why we are not enforcing the law which prohibits more than two outside dogs. Ron Parsons, Village Attorney, said that people have to be willing to testify in order to successfully prosecute the case…and so far they have not been willing.

Sheila Nelson wanted to know why the Zoning Ordinance has not been updated. She said it was in the process of being updated when she was on Council. **Skeeter Nelson** mentioned that the roads and curbs in the Westchester area need to be worked on. Former Council President Ron Garver and Village attorney **Ron Parsons** were on hand to speak in favor of passing an ordinance allowing a ¼ percent increase in the village income tax rate to be placed on the ballot this fall in order to construct and operate a community center. **Mr. Garver** encouraged Council to put the measure on the ballot and let the residents decide if they want the community center or not. **Mr. Parsons** added that the community center could be a vibrant part of the community. He said when people look for a community to live in they look at what the community has to offer. They look for more than streets and utilities; they look at schools and recreational facilities also. A community center would add a lot for people of all ages. **Mr. Johnston** stated that he is more concerned with needed infrastructure improvements at this time. **Mr. Eakins** also said he was more worried about other needs especially if the village becomes a city it would bring in a whole new layer of expenses. **Bobby McCarty** said the village needs a grocery store and a lot of people would not use the community center anyhow and people just don't want their taxes raised.

Old Business:

2nd reading of Ordinance 16-045, an ordinance to authorize the Village of West Jefferson to amend ordinance 15-069 (Chapter 182-the Municipal Income Tax Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of West Jefferson) passed November 2, 2015 to provide for an additional one quarter of one percent (1/4%) levy on income commencing on January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2041 for the purpose of constructing, equipping, and furnishing park and recreational facilities, acquiring and improving real estate for such facilities, and paying debt service for such facilities and the costs of operating and maintaining park and recreational facilities and activities.

Discussion:

Motion to adopt Ordinance 16-045 by Mr. King and seconded by Ms. Carfagno

Roll Call: Yeas – Ms. Warner, Mr. Otis

Nays - Mr. Eakins, Mr. Conway, Ms. Carfagno, Mr. King, Mr. Johnston

Motion Fails 2-5

New Business:

1st reading of Ordinance 16-046, amending the Zoning Fee Schedule by adding a fee for Fire Department Plan Review.

Discussion:

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 16-046 on first reading

by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. King.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

1st reading of Ordinance16-047, an ordinance vacating a portion of an Unnamed alley located in the Village of West Jefferson starting at the rear of 193 Pearl Street at Garfield going East to the rear of 179 Pearl Street…then turning and going South and stopping at the North line of 65 Frey Avenue as prayed for by petitioner Ronald Armentrout.

Discussion:

Ordinance 16-048, authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the General Fund Account 1000-110-500-0000 (Police Capital Outlay) in the amount of $40,000.00.

Discussion:

Motion to adopt Ordinance 16-048 by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Resolution 16-049, authorizing the purchase of a 2016 Ford Explorer SUV
from Lebanon Ford and the marked cruiser package from Hall Public Safety
and the police graphics package from Associated Graphics Inc. for a total purchase not to exceed $40,000.00.

Discussion:

Motion to adopt Resolution 16-049 by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Motion carries 7-0

Committee Reports:

Finance: None

Police: None

Employee Benefits: Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Public Service: None

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: None

Special Events: None

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Director of Finance Report: None

Director of Public Service: absent

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: None

Mayor's Report and Recognition: None

Recognition of Clerk and Council: None

Additional Business: None

Motion to pay the bills by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. King
Passed by Acclamation of Council

Motion to approve "Then and Now" Certificates over $3,000.00 - None

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Conway.
Passed by Acclamation of Council

Jack R. Herrel
Clerk of Council

Steven J. Johnston
President of Council