Minutes of the Meeting

Regular Session held on Saturday April 6th, 2019

In attendance were:

Board Members: Phil Gilliam, John Rydholm, Beth Whorton (late) and Theresa Wilson

Absent: Frank Baumann

Village Staff: City Clerk April Baxter, Chief Water Operator Kevin Turley and Police Chief Daniel Clayton

Audience Members: Roy Groves, May Gilliam, Renee Smith, Steve Mauer, Rhonda Franks, Mary and Larry Hohimer

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

**Chairman Phil Gilliam**-Gilliam stated that the regular business would have to be rescheduled due to not having the Certifications from the Platte County Board of Elections. Gilliam added as it stands Theresa Wilson won the write in vote and Frank Baumann won the other vote. Gilliam proposed to table the yearly Village options for approximately two weeks and hold a special session where all board members can attend, no later than the 20th of April, 2019. Theresa Wilson, John Rydholm, and Phil Gilliam all agreed.

**City Clerk April Baxter**- Mrs. Baxter presented the Board of Trustees with the monthly billing summaries for all accounts. Mrs. Baxter stated that in order to save the Village money she contacted the bonding agency to see if the bonds for the Clerk’s position and the Treasurer’s position could be combined as they are now held by the same individual. The board agreed that the positions were officially combined in April of 2018. Mrs. Baxter stated she would relay the information over to the bonding agency. Mrs. Baxter stated that the 3rd and 4th quarter sewer bills from KC Water were received. Mrs. Baxter presented the final billing from Metro Snow and was asked by the board to look elsewhere for snow removal services for the 2019/2020 season, as many residents and board members are unhappy with their services and billing .

A motion was made to pay the monthly bills presented by the City Clerk by Theresa Wilson. John Rydholm seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frank Baumann-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Rydholm-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Whorton-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theresa Wilson-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motion carries 3-0-0-2

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous regular session held on Saturday March 2nd, 2019 by John Rydholm. Motion was seconded by Theresa Wilson.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frank Baumann-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Rydholm-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Whorton-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theresa Wilson-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motion carries 3-0-0-2

A motion was made to approve the new contract for 2019/2020 from the Kansas City Missouri Fire Department by Theresa Wilson. Motion was seconded by John Rydholm.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frank Baumann-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Rydholm-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Whorton-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theresa Wilson-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motion carries 3-0-0-2

The City Clerk present the Board of Trustees with proposed sewer credits for residents who had a pipe freeze/break in the month of February. Mrs. Wilson asked if it would be fair to issue these residents a credit when the Village would not issue a sewer credit for a resident that wanted to fill their pool. The clerk responded that in the board’s eyes, filling a pool is optional and a luxury. Mrs. Baxter added that there were a few customers whose meters were not reading correctly with the laptop and due to inclement weather physical readings were unable to be obtained during that time. During the most recent billing cycle physical readings were obtained by Kevin Turley on those meters in question. Several customers were under billed during that time as their meters were reporting a low consumption. Now that the billing system has a correct reading it is generating a correct bill. The residents who were affected by this would like to know if they could break down the payments into three (3) payments.

A motion was made to allow three payments and issue sewer credits for all parties affected by Theresa Wilson. Motion was seconded by John Rydholm.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frank Baumann-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Rydholm-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Whorton-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theresa Wilson-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motion carries 4-0-0-1

The City Clerk resubmitted a cost reduction analyses to the Board of Trustees.

Proposal No. 1 is reducing the hours of operation for City Hall from thirty (30) hours per week to twenty four (24) hours per week. The estimated cost savings for the remainder of 2019 is approximately $4,290.

Proposal No. 2 is reduction in pay for board members. The Chairman’s pay would be reduced from one hundred fifty (150) dollars per month to seventy five (75) dollars per month and Trustee’s pay would be reduced from seventy five (75) dollars per month to fifty (50) dollars per month. The estimated savings to the Village would be $2,100.00 annually.

Proposal No. 3 is eliminating pay for all Board of Trustee members. The estimated savings to the Village would be $5,400 annually.

The Board agreed that the Village Ferrelview is one of the only small municipalities that provide compensation to its board members/city council.

Chief Water Operator asked about the cost reductions. Gilliam responded that the Village needed to save money anywhere that possible. Kevin Turley asked about the water fund and is constantly playing catch up with the rates from KC Water Services. City Clerk April Baxter replied that she was looking into it and possibly wanted to contact the State of Missouri on governing utilities. Mrs. Baxter stated that the rates that the Village has received from KC Water were not properly supplied as far back as 2015 and it’s four years of the Village not billing the correct rates for water and sewer. She added that the two previous years the differences are substantial. Mrs. Baxter stated that this year when new rates where received from KC Water she looked up the ordinance that is listed on the notification to ensure that the rates were properly supplied and they were. Gilliam stated that if the board ops not to get paid that is an addition five thousand (5000) dollars that the Village can use for other things, like police coverage, potholes, etc. The City Clerk added that making these changes saves the Village over ten thousand (10,000) dollars per year.

**Water Commissioner Beth Whorton**-Beth Whorton stated that after the 3rd and 4th quarter sewer bills are paid to KC Water the Water fund will carry a low balance and suggests cashing one of the two water fund CD’s that the Village holds at the Bank of Weston. Gilliam asked if the Village starts billing out the correct rates would the water account be able to recover from the KC Waters rate errors. The City Clerk replied that it would over time but the end of the 1st quarter has come and once billing is submitted to KC Water there will be another sewer bill for January-March 2019.

A motion was made to cash CD 18606 held at the Bank of Weston in the amount of $15,000 by Beth Whorton. Motion was seconded by John Rydholm.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frank Baumann-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Rydholm-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Whorton-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theresa Wilson-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motion carries 4-0-0-1

**Street Commissioner/Emergency Management John Rydholm**-Rydholm stated that McConnell & Associates is ready to begin work repaving Brightwell Avenue and residents should be able to drive on it by Wednesday April 10th, 2019. Mrs. Wilson stated that 1st Street needed to be next and added that there are drainage issues. Gilliam asked Kevin Turley on suggestions to fix the storm water runoff issue on 1st and Chester. Turley replied that a drainage study would need to be done and added that the Village has some twelve (12) inch piping that could be used. He added that some re-ditching would be the most cost effective solution to reroute the water on the east side of Chester. Rydholm added that the ditching also needs to be redone at 1st and Ona as well.

**Building Commissioner Frank Baumann**-Absent

**Trustee Theresa Wilson**-No new business

**Police Chief Daniel Clayton**-Clayton asked John Rydholm about filling the potholes within the Village. Rydholm replied that now that a new maintenance worker has been hired, work can begin on filling the potholes. Clayton added that Rydholm has been on the board over a year and he has done nothing. Gilliam asked Chief Clayton “How many people have you taken to jail this month?” Clayton responded that there were two arrests this month. Clayton added that he could check with Jackson’s Animal Clinic to see if there is a flat rate fee, annual fee, or contract available for the city to reduce costs for kenneling animals that are found in the Village. Clayton stated he took two reports for stealing; one was at the Kwik Stop regarding the theft of their air machine, the second one was regarding a stolen Amazon package at Anderson Apartments. Clayton added he had 25 traffic stops and 7 calls.

**Chief Water Operator Kevin Turley**- Turley stated that on 03/28/2019 at 10:49 am he received a Missouri One Call locate ticket. He contacted City Hall and spoke with the City Clerk to see if Mrs. Baxter could assess the situation. Water Commissioner Beth Whorton was also contacted. Mrs. Baxter and Ms. Whorton confirmed that a water line had been hit while contractors for KCP&L were replacing a pole on 1st Street. Turley began to make phone calls to secure the equipment needed for the repairs. Hoy Excavating was contacted and they were able to get a utility crew available to repair the water leak. Turley was able to make it to the Village at approximately 1PM. By 1:55 PM Hoy was onsite with a crew, mini excavator, and utility truck. An unmarked and unmapped 1 inch service line was hit by the contractors for KCP&L. It was determined that the line did not have a shut off and was directly connected to the main. The serviced line was removed from the main and clamped live to ensure that the master main did not need to be shut down. At 7:58 PM the Hoy Excavation Crew was pulling away from the jobsite after back filling the hole. Turley suspects that there is a meter pit somewhere under KCI Storage where a house possibly set at some time. Audience member Mary Hohimer added that she used to own the house that sat there for many years. Turley added that the City Clerk will get with KC Water to record the water loss. Turley also received a repair quote for the possible leak at the vacant lot on Chester and will forward it on to the City Clerk.

**Old Business**-Chairman Gilliam proposed three new ordinances.

**Bill No. 2019-02 Ordinance 335**

**An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Number 328 and Adopting a New**

**Ordinance Establishing a Schedule of Water and Sewer Rates, Meter Readings,**

**Billing Practices and Payment Guarantees.**

The Bill will be posted at City Hall if residents and/or board members would like to read it in its entirety.

**Bill No. 2019-03 Ordinance 336**

 **An Ordinance Prohibiting the tampering of**

**Water Meters**

Gilliam added that the Village does not currently have an ordinance for meter tampering. This will also be posted at City Hall if any residents and/or board members would like to read it in its entirety.

**Bill No. 2019-04 Ordinance 337**

**An Ordinance Prescribing Compensation for**

**Board Members of the Village of Ferrelview**

Chairman Gilliam read Bill No. 2019-04 in its entirety to the Board of Trustees and audience members.

A motion was made to accept Ordinance 337 by Theresa Wilson. Motion was seconded by Beth Whorton.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frank Baumann-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Rydholm-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Whorton-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theresa Wilson-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motion carries 4-0-0-1

**New Business**-No new business

**Audience Participation**-Larry Hohimer asked when the Village was going to have more police coverage. Gilliam responded that once the courts are up and running in Platte County, the revenue generated will help fund the Village of Ferrelview Police Department.

Beth Whorton asked if the board was going to vote on City Hall’s hours. There was a discussion had about the best additional day to close City Hall. The City Clerk recommended Monday’s. Whorton agreed.

A motion was made to have the hours of City Hall be Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm by Beth Whorton. John Rydholm seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frank Baumann-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Rydholm-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Whorton-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theresa Wilson-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motion carries 4-0-0-1

A motion was made by Beth Whorton to adjourn the regular session. Motion was seconded by John Rydholm.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frank Baumann-absent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John Rydholm-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Whorton-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Theresa Wilson-aye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motion carries 4-0-0-1

Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 6th, 2019 were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 4th day of May, 2019.

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 Chairman Phil Gilliam

Attest:

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 City Clerk