

Village of Ferrelview

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Minutes of the Meeting

Regular Session held on September 12th, 2020

In attendance were:

Board Members: Phil Gilliam, Frank Baumann & Deidre Carr

Deidre Carr attended via electronic communications

Absent: Trustee Theresa Wilson, Chief Water Operator Kevin Turley & City Clerk April Baxter

Village Staff: NONE

Audience Members: Renee Smith & Wes Johnston

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM

Chairman Phil Gilliam: No new business

Emergency/Health & Safety Commissioner Deidre Carr: Carr voiced concerns about a possible cancer cluster on her block. Carr stated that she would like to work with the Platte County Health Department to obtain soil samples from the area.

Gilliam stated that several residents have called City Hall to voice concerns about living conditions at the Unicorn Apartments. One resident complained about bugs and another resident from Unicorn complained about mold issues. Carr stated that previously there have been complaints regarding mold at Garrison Townhomes & Unicorn Apartments. Carr stated that she wanted to do a walk through at Unicorn and Garrison Townhomes but requested another person (Board member/Police Officer) to accompany her. Carr stated that she thought it was contained to one building on the property. Audience member Renee Smith suggested that Mr. Gilliam walk through with her. Carr stated that the business owners needed to be contacted, so that it could be scheduled.

Street Commissioner Deidre Carr: Carr wanted to follow up on the cable that was buried under Brightwell Avenue; it runs through the property located at 212 Garrison for a cable connection for the resident located at 220 Garrison. Carr stated that the property owner at 212 Garrison has voiced concerns about the cable running through their property because they normally grow a garden in that area of their backyard.

Water Commissioner James Meyer: Absent

Gilliam stated that the only water issue that the Village has is the semi that dislodged the fire hydrant from the main on Keith Drive and Garrison Avenue on 09/09/2020. Gilliam added that

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the clerk would put together an estimate on water loss to be submitted to KC Water. Gilliam stated that the City Clerk was able to submit a water loss request for the fire hydrant that was dislodged from the water main on 2nd Street & Heady Avenue earlier in the summer. The Village received a credit around \$1300.00.

Building Commissioner Frank Baumann: Baumann stated that he is issuing permits and performing inspections on mobile homes as they are requested.

Trustee Theresa Wilson: Absent

Chief Water Operator Kevin Turley: Absent

New Business: Gilliam stated that there were 2 sealed bids for the sale of the Crown Victoria. Both were opened and read aloud.

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| 1. Johnny White | \$1100.00 |
| 2. James Keller | \$900.00 |

Mr. White was awarded the bid. Gilliam stated that he would have the City Clerk contact him next week to inform him of the Boards approval.

Gilliam stated that the Board need to select a bid for the tree removal on Heady Avenue as it was tabled in the last regular session. Both bids were read aloud.

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| 1. Perfect Cents | \$4250.00 |
| 2. Custom Tree Care | |
| Option A | \$2850 |
| Option B | \$375 per hour |

Both bids included haul off of debris. Custom Tree Care is requesting traffic control during the trimming process, as Heady Avenue is a main roadway.

A motion was made by Phil Gilliam to accept the bid from Custom Tree Care for clearance and debris clean-up of N. Heady Avenue between Third & Fourth Street in the amount of two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,850.00). Motion was seconded by Frank Baumann. Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye



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Frank Baumann-aye

James Meyer-absent

Theresa Wilson-absent

Deidre Carr-aye

Motion Carries 3-0-0-2

A motion was made by Phil Gilliam to approve the minutes of the previous sessions held on August 1st, 2020 and September 4th, 2020. Motion was seconded by Frank Baumann.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye

Frank Baumann-aye

James Meyer-absent

Theresa Wilson-absent

Deidre Carr-aye

Motion Carries 3-0-0-2

A motion was made by Frank Baumann to pay the bills for the month of September. Motion was seconded by Deidre Carr.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye

Frank Baumann-aye

James Meyer-absent

Theresa Wilson-absent

Deidre Carr-aye

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Audience Participation: Audience member Renee Smith inquired to the Board about a recent call from City Hall to the mobile home park regarding “her personal business”. Ms. Smith stated that the city clerk contacted the manager of the mobile home park on 9/11/2020, notifying them that she had someone living in her home that was not supposed to be on the property of the mobile home park, Ms. Smith added that the person was not in her home. Gilliam and Baumann stated that they would check into the issue.

Ms. Smith asked if the Village of Ferrelview has a lease agreement with Clayton regarding a police car. Gilliam stated that the Village does have a lease agreement with Clayton, the lease payment is one (1) dollar per year. Ms. Smith asked if the Village owned the police vehicle that Clayton drives. Gilliam replied that Clayton owns the vehicle he patrols in along with most of the equipment within the vehicle; maintenance is split 50/50 between him and the Village. Gilliam added that the reason the lease was put into place was due to the Dodge Charger not working properly. The Dodge Charger has since been fixed and is operational again. Gilliam added that Clayton’s vehicle will not be the primary vehicle for the department anymore.

Ms. Smith asked about the purchase price of the new 2015 Ford Taurus. Gilliam responded that he would have to get with the clerk for the exact amount. Gilliam thought that the Village had spent approximately six thousand (\$6000.00) dollars on the new vehicle. Gilliam added that the Village received a grant in the amount of approximately nine thousand nine hundred and seventy five dollars (\$9,975.00), the purchase price of the vehicle was around twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars.

Ms. Smith voiced concerns over patrolling. Gilliam responded that Platte County has been patrolling. Interim Chief of Police Richard Pacheco is still working on his paperwork and is responding to calls if he is available during the leave of absence that Clayton has taken. Gilliam added that the Village and Pacheco are working on getting more reserve officers during this period. Carr stated that she had the same concerns.

Ms. Smith asked if Clayton or the City Clerk had recently received raises. Gilliam responded that all city employees were given raises about three months ago, with the exception of the Chief Water Operator. Ms. Smith questioned the raises and the reduced hours of City Hall. Gilliam replied that the hours at City Hall were changed over a year ago because the Clerk was able to get all the work done, well under that time, and was just excessive payroll for her to be here with nothing to do. Ms. Smith replied “But then you just give her a raise, which is basically making up, the time that she would have been here.” Gilliam responded that the Clerk would have still

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been entitled to a performance based raise. Gilliam added that the Board's salary reminded the same at zero dollars.

Ms. Smith asked if the Village was still paying Clayton while he is on leave. Gilliam replied that Clayton is on an unpaid leave.

Ms. Smith voiced her personal concerns about the financial status of the Village, possibly being in debt. Ms. Smith wanted to know what the Village was paying for. Gilliam responded that he knew some of the larger ones, first the Village pays almost one thousand (\$1,000.00) per month for fire suppression from the Kansas City Missouri Fire Department, the Village has a five hundred (\$500.00) dollar payment per month to the Missouri Attorney General for the audit, we're (the Village) is looking at another five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per month to pay the excess revenues from when the Village had court and it wasn't dealt with correctly. Baumann added that the previous Board removed the court and it cost the Village a ton of money. Audience member Mr. Johnston added that the Village has never really made any money with a court system, with the payments to police and legal it was probably costing the Village money.

Ms. Smith asked if the Village is paying Platte County for patrols. Gilliam responded that the Village is not paying Platte County to patrol, the Village is entitled to responses from Platte County because we are in Platte County.

Ms. Smith asked about reserve officers and if they would treat everyone fairly. Gilliam responded that he didn't quite understand the question. Baumann stated that we have had reserve officers here previously. Ms. Smith asked what if the reserve officers received complaints. Gilliam responded that complaints aren't necessary a reason to let an officer go, because he's had so many complaints that ended up being unfounded against Clayton. Gilliam added that all complaints are thoroughly looked at and all footage is reviewed if available. Ms. Smith stated that she knows several people who won't file a complaint because of fear of retaliation. Gilliam stated that any resident call also contact City Hall and file an anonymous complaint. Gilliam added that the board can't take action on an anonymous complaint, and the reason we can't take action on it is because Police are just like everybody else, they have the right to face their accuser. Gilliam said he personally calls each individual who files a complaint, and there is a follow up with Clayton. Ms. Smith asked if the unpaid reserved officers will be held to the same standards and ones who are receiving pay. The Board responded absolutely.

Ms. Smith asked if the calls to Platte County are recorded. Gilliam replied that the calls to Platte County are but if Clayton had to call someone back, he is unsure if Clayton records those phone calls, due to it being his personal phone. Ms. Smith stated that Clayton has refused to come out

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on several occasions. Gilliam stated that he could address that with all the new reserve officers and the Interim Police Chief.

Ms. Smith asked if the regular session could be moved back to the first Tuesday of the month. Baumann added that the turn out has not be large on Saturday. Ms. Smith added that the attendance was higher on a Tuesday. Audience member Mr. Johnston added that during the summer people get involved in things and don't go. Gilliam stated that he went door to door previously and heard a lot of residents say that they didn't like the Tuesday meeting because they were still working or had just gotten off of work and didn't want to deal with it. Gilliam stated that a new ordinance would have to be drafted. Gilliam stated that he didn't want to move it to a weekday because someone has a second shift job, and he didn't want to be accused of setting the meeting time to a date and time where he knew a certain board member couldn't attend. The board discussed possible meeting times and days of the week.

A motion was made by Phil Gilliam to close the open session and open a closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, sub paragraph 1 (legal) and sub paragraph 3 (personnel). Motion was seconded by Frank Baumann.

Open session was closed at 5:00 PM

The open session was re-opened at 5:09 PM

A motion was made by Frank Baumann to adjourn the regular session. Motion was seconded by Deidre Carr.

Roll Call Vote:

Phil Gilliam-aye

Frank Baumann-aye

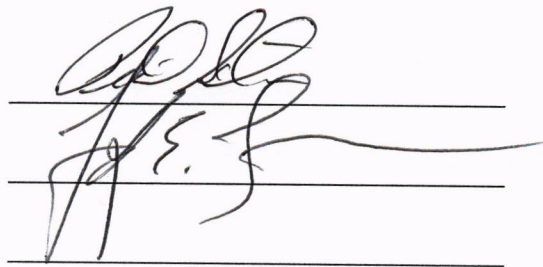
James Meyer-absent

Theresa Wilson-absent

Deidre Carr-aye

Motion Carries 3-0-0-2

Session was adjourned at 5:10 PM

Handwritten signatures of Phil Gilliam and Frank Baumann on lines.Handwritten signature of Deidre Carr on a line.

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The minutes of the meeting held on September 12th, 2020 were approved by the Board of

Trustees on this 3rd day of October, 2020.



Chairman of the Board

Attest:



City Clerk