

Roll Call:

Bill North – Present

Dustin Puckett – Present

James Schroeder – Present

Angela Lyons- Present

Anna Turner – Present

Peggy Vance - Present

Council reviewed the minutes from the March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes was made by Dusty Puckett. James Schroeder seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Council reviewed the bills to be paid for April and the bank reconciliations for March 2022. *Motion to pay the bills was made by Dusty Puckett. James Schroeder seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Police Department:

- Tickets written for the March 24 court date totaled 28, 17 of those were written on SR 32. 3 were for theft from Tractor Supply. 6 reports were taken. 1 crash report was taken. Office Cox was at the Easter Egg Hunt.
- The following Auxiliary Officers were in attendance to be introduced to Council: Sergeant Alan Dailey, Office Jesse Johnson, and Officer Greg Thatcher. Chief Lewis stated that every year our officers need to qualify with firearms. Sergeant Dailey is our Firearms Instructor and we are looking to get Officer Johnson certified as well. Sergeant Dailey still needs to get the certification for rifle.
- We have received two new body cameras from Axon. Sergeant Dailey is working on updating the computers so we can download the recordings.
- James Schroeder asked what type of ammunition we purchase. Chief Lewis stated that each officer supplies their own side arm, so we order what ammunition we need based on the type of weapon the officers carry.

Administrator:

- Karen contacted three local contractors for the ceiling repair in the Council Chambers and the addition for the police garage. We only received quotes from one of them. The quotes are from Waits Construction out of Mt. Orab. The quote for the ceiling repair is \$4,765.00. This is to install drywall and new lights and paint the ceiling. Karen stated that we always include building maintenance costs in the budget, so the money is there if Council chooses to accept the quote. Tom Mayes stated that we aren't required to get bids for these projects because they are under the spending threshold of the Administrator. We are just doing our due diligence by getting more than one price for the projects. *Jim Schroeder moved to accept the bid from Waits Construction to repair the ceiling in the amount of \$4,765.00. Dusty Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas, with Bill North abstaining. Motion passed.* The bid for the addition to the police garage was discussed. The cost estimate was \$22,335.00. This is not in the budget. If Council decided to proceed with the project, we would have to do a budget amendment. *Angela Lyons made a motion to table the garage addition at this time. James Schroeder seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*
- Council asked at the March meeting what the sewage dumping fee was per load. Karen looked it up and it is \$37.50 per load and we can accept 3 loads per day. At this time, we only accept loads from Barber Septic Hauling. We average about \$9,000.00 in revenue each year from this and it goes into the Sewer Fund.

Mayor: Tina Coday Townes

- At the Economic Development Committee meeting, they discussed having a resident from the Village to represent us at the Chamber of Commerce meetings and the Economic Development Committee meetings. Gary Troutman was mentioned as a possibility. Mayor Townes asked him if he was willing to represent the Village. He agreed. It was also mentioned that there was another person willing to attend those meetings as well. It was stated that we can have more than one representative attend those meetings.
- Mayor Townes read a thank you note from Chief Lewis for the throw we sent after the death of his Father.
- Mayor Townes asked to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters as they pertain to 121.22 G1 in the Ohio Revised Code.
 - *James Schroeder moved go into Executive Session at 7:24 pm. Dusty Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed*
 - *Dusty Puckett moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:47 pm. Peggy Vance seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Council took a 5-minute recess.

Mayor Townes asked if there was any action that needed to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

- *Bill North moved to accept the resignation of Karen Miller from her full-time position, and to retain her as the part-time Fiscal Officer at a rate of \$25.00 per hour beginning April 28, 2022. Dusty Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*
- *Anna Turner moved to advertise to fill the Part-Time Administrator position and the Full-Time Utilities Clerk position. Peggy Vance seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.* Peggy Vance asked what newspapers the

ads would run in. Karen stated that it would run in the Brown County Press, Highland County Press and Clermont County Press.

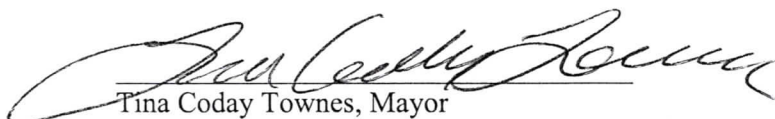
Council Comments:

- Anna Turner asked what the status was on hiring another Public Works employee. As of today, we have not received any applications. James Schroeder asked where we are on purchasing the gantry to pull pumps. Karen stated that she is waiting on Rob to provide her with the price quote so she can get a purchase order together so it can be ordered. Anna also mentioned that we discussed at the March meeting about the issues with rags, wipes, etc. clogging up the pumps at the King Street pump station. She mentioned making cards to hand out door to door to the properties in that area asking them to be careful what they are flushing. She stated that she has some volunteers who are willing to assist Council with this. There was some discussion about reducing the minimum usage from 2,000 to 1,000 gallons. Karen will put together the numbers for the Public Works Committee to review to see how many residents fall into the under 1,000 gallon category. Council asked what the cost would be to have RCAP do a limited study to see what the impact would be. Karen will send Wayne Cannon an email to ask.
- Angela Lyons asked if we have heard back from any contractors on cleaning up the fallen porch at the property on Winchester St. Jim Townes stated that he had contacted Randy Doss to see if he would give us a price but he has not heard back from him. It was mentioned about asking Waits Construction to see if they would be interested.
- Bill North asked what the status was on the railroad crossing repairs. Mayor Townes stated that she will contact the General Manager of the railroad to see what the timeline and plan is for the needed repairs.

Mayor Townes asked for a motion to adjourn. *Dusty Puckett moved to adjourn the meeting. Peggy Vance seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

PASSED

5/9/2022


Tina Coday Townes, Mayor

~~Karen G. Miller, Fiscal Officer~~