

SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Prayer Mayor Bill North

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Roll Call: Ashlie Webster, Gary Troutman, Anna Turner, Angela Lyons, Peggy Vance, Dustin Puckett

Absent: Solicitor Tom Mayes

Also in Attendance: Amy Mason, Administrator; Maria Palm, Fiscal Officer, Venita Milburn, Clerk

COUNCIL NOTES

Council reviewed meeting minutes from October 21, 2024, regular meeting. *Motion to approve made by Ashlie Webster, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes except Dustin Puckett who abstained.*

Council approval of financials for October 2024. Maria Palm noted that she has been cleaning up old outstanding checks that were never cashed. Council agreed to postpone approval of financials due to possible errors that needed to be corrected on the street levy line item and cemetery line items.

Attachments: Meeting minutes from October 2024.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Steven Kramer - Wished to discuss the noise ordinance with disagreement of Section 3 feels there is outdated language. Feels that any violation would not get a warning before cited. Stated he had submitted noise ordinance from Yellow Springs to Tom Mayes. Ms. Mason did state that the Public Safety committee had reviewed and will be giving recommendations for the noise ordinance

Venita Milburn – Reminded council of Hope and Promise’s Christmas in Sardinia for December 7 and parade. Events will start with the Library’s Walk at 2:00 p.m. Hope and Promise is requesting bake sale items for donations to help fund Hope and Promise in 2025.

ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Mason is requesting to schedule a finance committee meeting. Will need to do a final review of the 2025 budget. Meeting scheduled for December 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Third reading for the trash ordinance Providing for the Mandatory Pickup and Disposal of Garbage and Waste Materials in the Village of Sardinia and Establishing Charges for Such Service. Current ordinance is from 2018 has not been increased since that time. If over 62 get a senior discount, current cost is \$13.64, and Rumpke is charging \$20.02 which has gone up every other year which has not been adjusted. Currently for a regular customer is \$21.33 which will be

\$21.99. All this ordinance does is to bring the charge to what we are paying from Rumpke. This will make an even pass through on this and this is the best contract we can get.

Official Third reading of Ordinance of Providing Mandatory Pickup and Disposal of Garbage and Waste. *Motion to approve ordinance with Section 2A will be \$21.99 for residential, Section 2B to be \$16.77 for seniors until September 1 then Section 3A and 3B will be \$22.87 and \$20.82 as written made by Gary Troutman, second by Dustin Puckett. Roll call all yes except Angela Lyons no.*

Ms. Mason asked for an update from the Economic Development Committee. Ms. Webster stated that Ms. Mason and herself had been working with the Brown County Christian School regarding a day care for Sardinia more information to follow regarding this. Discussion has been with different entities to start a driving school to be in the Work Force Development Center. Also, discussion has been with the Solicitor regarding buildings in the Village to ensure owners have insurance on the properties with ordinances to follow in this matter to prevent another incident like the Winchester building fire. Ms. Webster stated when ordinances/laws came back from Mr. Mayes another Economic Development meeting would be scheduled.

Ms. Mason requested an update on the Safety Committee. Ms. Vance started with the recommendation for changing Mae Street to make a two-way street which only would run north and south from Tri-county to the railroad tracks. The remainder of Mae Street would stay one way. This would accommodate the larger trucks coming from Belchers. Ms. Mason stated Mr. Mayes will provide an ordinance for this change on the recommendation of the Safety Committee.

Ms. Vance stated that the Safety Committee reviewed the Noise Ordinance with the ordinance that Mr. Kramer provided. The committee, after review, recommends that third reading of the Noise Ordinance go forward. The ordinance does contain provisions for request of a permit, at no cost, to extend the hours in the ordinance which would be obtained from Chief Perry.

Third reading of the Ordinance Regulating Loud and Disturbing Noises Within the Village of Sardinia Brown County Ohio, reading of November 18, 2024. Open for discussion. Ms. Webster asked if there was a difference between residential and commercial. Ms. Mason responded there was not a difference the hours are until 11:00 p.m. but the business or residents could ask for a permit to extend those hours. Ms. Vance noted that these were loud and obnoxious noises that would disturb other residents and/or businesses. Mr. Troutman asked about modernization and technology input. Ms. Mason responded that this covers all the points discussed previously. Ms. Lyons commented that she is not on the safety committee, but she likes this draft and personally would vote yes. Ms. Vance commented that this ordinance is not directed at business owners but also allows Chief Perry to go into the residential areas that could be disturbing the peace and without ordinance cannot do anything. Chief Perry stated that this ordinance mirrors the other ordinances provided and he cannot do anything without an ordinance. Mr. Troutman commented that there should be verbiage including a warning. Ms. Mason responded that per Mr. Mayes you cannot put a warning into a law, but the police have an option to give a warning before a citation. *Motion was made to accept this third reading as written by Peggy Vance, second by Anna Turner. Roll call three yes, Mr. Troutman – no, Ms. Webster and Mr. Puckett abstained. Mayor North gave a vote as yes. Ordinance passes.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Perry commented that there were two external canine deployments this month. One was for the Brown County Drug Task Force for suspected drug trafficker. The other was for another department request for a walk around where Captain Ghost found meth. The chief had four internal canine deployments, so a total of six deployments were done this month.

(Police cont.)

Several investigations on going within the Department. One is for felony drug possession for meth that was found which charges will be filed.

There is an aggravated menacing investigation going on also.

There is jail inmate housing resolution with the Village and Greenfield. The chief has gone through the old cases where over 40 outstanding warrants that have not been processed were found. Brown County has limited housing due to their inmate population and charges \$100 per day. This agreement with Greenfield is \$60 per day, which means if anyone is picked up with a warrant the Chief and/or police staff can pick them up then drive them to Greenfield for housing.

Surrounding communities can call the Chief if they stop someone that has an open warrant for decision to recite or pick up for arrest. Ms. Mason commented that we do not have to sign a contract with Brown County but would need this resolution for financial reasons with Greenfield. *Motion to accept the resolution made by Ashlie Webster, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.*

ROUND TABLE

Ms. Vance just mentioned Ms. Shauna Weis requested the okay to tie the Christmas tree to the flagpole in the square which was okayed by Ms. Mason.

Motion to adjourn Angela Lyons, second by Gary Troutman. Roll call all yes.

End at 8:21 p.m.

12-9-24

Date Approved

Bill Fox

Mayor

Ashlie Webster

President of Council