SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Roll Call:

Art Hoovler Present Juanita Watson Present Seth Cooper Beth Dotson Present

Present Dustin Puckett Present Bill North Present

Council reviewed the minutes from the March 9 Regular Meeting, and Special Meetings held on March 17 and March 24, 2020. Motion to accept the minutes for all three meetings was made by Juanita Watson. Seth Cooper seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.

DATE OF MEETING: April 13, 2020

Council reviewed the bills to be paid and bank reconciliations for March. Motion to pay the bills was made by Bill North. Juanita Watson seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.

Police Department: Chief Jim Lewis

- Tickets written for the March 26 court date totaled 21 16 of the tickets were written on SR 32. 3 reports were taken. Court was cancelled for the March and April dates due to the Coronavirus National Emergency.
- We did not receive any sealed bids from the advertisement to sell the old Ford cruiser. Chief Lewis asked if it would be allowable to park both of the old Ford cruisers at B&M Wrecker service with signs stating we are accepting sealed bids for the sale of the cruisers and that the bids must be turned into the office prior to the May 11 Council meeting. Council agreed that this would be fine.
- Auxiliary Officer Robert Freyhof has resigned from the Police Department. His last day of work was April 8, 2020.
- The applicant chosen for the part time police officer turned down the position so the position is still open at this time. We are going to hold off filling this position at this time. Chief Lewis has met with the Safety Committee and they decided to have Officer Glen Bohl be paid to work 48 hours each month. He would be considered a part-time officer instead of an auxiliary officer. This would still allow us to fill the 32-hour per week position later in the year. Officer Bohl has been with the Department for 9 1/2 years. Seth Cooper moved to appoint Officer Glen Bohl as a part-time officer working 48 hours per month at a rate of \$13.50 per hour. Beth Dotson seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed

Zoning: Jim Townes

- He asked Council what steps need to be taken to address someone living in a motor home beside a residence. He also asked what we could do about a property that has a large accumulation of items for sale piled around the property. Solicitor Tom Mayes and Jim Townes will set up a meeting to discuss the issues and decide on a plan of action. There was discussion about finding out if the property in question has an active Business License.
- Beth Dotson asked if someone needed a permit if they are adding on to an existing building. Jim Townes stated that anytime you change the footprint of an existing building, you need to get a zoning permit.

Administrator: Ty Pack

Aerator Pump at Waste Water Treatment Plant: Two of the aerator pumps are in need of repair. We have an estimate to rebuild the pumps at a cost of about \$4,300 each

Mayor: Tina Townes

- Ordinance 1271-20: Mayor Townes read title of said Ordinance and declaring it an emergency. This is the revised and updated Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Sardinia and will repeal the previous zoning ordinance. Dustin Puckett moved to suspend the rules. Juanita Watson seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed. Beth Dotson moved to adopt Ordinance 1271-20. Art Hoovler seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.
- 2nd Reading of Village Employees Handbook Update Resolution: Mayor Townes read title of said Resolution. This will serve as the second reading.
- 2nd Reading of Ordinance Amending Ord 1229-17: Mayor Townes read title of said Ordinance. This is an amendment to Ordinance 1229-17 requiring minimum sewer fee on all sewer taps - active and inactive. This will serve as the second reading.
- 2nd Reading of Ordinance adding subsection 50.111: Mayor Townes read title of said Ordinance. This will add subsection 50.111 to the General Provision for Utility & Billing. This will require the installation of sewer shut off valves. This will serve as the second reading.
- 2nd Reading of Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1166-11: Mayor Townes read title of said Ordinance. This is an amendment to Subsection 50.11 of the General Provision for Utility & Billing Ordinance and will make property owners liable for payment on past due account balances if the property owners allows the tenant an extension. This will serve as the second reading.

- <u>Update of Gutters:</u> Jim Townes has removed all of the old gutters and has found some additional repairs that need to be made before the new gutters can be installed. He should have the new gutters up by the end of this week.
- Regional Income Tax Agency Update:
 - o RITA has deactivated the section that requires residents to pay quarterly income tax estimates. They will only be required to pay once each year when they file their taxes.
 - With the COVID-19 National Emergency RITA anticipates an estimated loss of \$13,350 for 2020 along with a delay in payments.
- <u>Utility Update:</u> At the March meeting, Council decided to waive all penalties and shut off actions for April and May. The delinquent amount due from the March billing is \$2,092.92. The delinquent amount for the April billing is currently \$15,734.32. Karen will be sending a letter to the delinquent accounts advising them of their delinquent account balances along with information as to the allowances Council has approved for payment of account balances.
- Storm Shelter: Ty has been in contact with the Eastern Joint Fire and EMS District about designating storm shelters within the Village. It was decided that we would use the basements of the Town Hall and Old 32 Chapel. Ty is going to get "Storm Shelter" signs made to post. They are planning on having a sign in sheet for people who utilize the storm shelters.
- Council was reminded that the hiring of a Public Works employee is currently on hold. We are currently only doing preventative maintenance and general work. All major projects are on hold at this time.

Mayor Townes asked for a motion to adjo	ourn. Dustin Puckett moved to adjourn the meeting.	Seth Cooper seconded
the motion All wage Motion passed		1

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Karen G. Miller, Fiscal Officer