

SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 11, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Prayer Mayor Bill North

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

Also in Attendance: Amy Mason, Administrator; Tom Mayes, Solicitor; Maria Palm, Fiscal Officer; Bob Feinen, Public Safety Director

Council reviewed meeting minutes from February 12, 2024, regular meeting. *Motion to approve by Dustin Puckett, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all.*

Council approval of financials for February, 2024. *Motion to approve made by Gary Troutman, second by Dustin Puckett. Roll call all yes.*

Finance update – the 2024 budget appropriations have been approved by Jill Hall, Brown County Auditor, no changes were made.

Needs a new ordinance number due to the time frame these need to be returned to the auditor. Request made for emergency ordinance to suspend the rules. *Motion to suspend the rules made by Peggy Vance, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes.*

Motion to adopt for new ordinance number made by Ashlie Webster, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.

ADMINISTRATOR

Which committee would like to review Employee Handbook to review evaluations, cost of living raises, personnel issues. Discussion was whether a new committee be put together for the review or have already formed committees to review. *Motion was made to form a Personnel Committee with Ashlie Webster, Anna Turner, Angela Lyons made by Ashlie Webster, second by Dustin Puckett. Roll call all yes.*

Update of emergency sirens by Mobile Comm. Bid approved to do the repair in November which has not been completed as of yet due to parts needing to be ordered. Mobile Comm was contacted the parts are in so they will be here March 20 to complete repairs. Posts will be put on the Village page, Facebook, Hope and Promise Facebook page. The Fire Department will be notified that a lift will be coming for the repair day.

Finance Committee met with fiscal officer who reviewed the reports that are given was very helpful for all. Anna Turner and Gary Troutman both stated the meeting was very helpful in understanding the finances and budget process.

Economic Development Committee met – Ashlie Webster updated council on the meeting that created new agenda, Hope and Promise is collaborating, economic landscape was discussed, will be looking at the buildings in the Village, also collaborating with other Village economic development committees. Discussed possible new daycare center in the Village. Next meeting April 10 at 6:00 p.m. Working with Ohio Mean Jobs to get someone to be in the Workforce Center to help citizens with workforce placement *Mayor Bill North appointed Gary Troutman to the Economic Development Committee.*

Ms. Mason asked to go into Executive Session at the end of this meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE

*Report given by Bob Feinen, Public Safety Director
Chief Perry is at Chief's Training March 11 – March 15, 2024*

All council members were given the report of the police department. Police department now has four part time officers. Informed Officer Lee has been appointed Chief of Fayetteville but will still be on the Department. Coverage is not 24/7 due to part time status but will cover when needed and most weekends.

Chief is at Chief's Training March 11 – March 15, 2024

All officers have completed training except Officer Ingle. Chief Perry is certified instructor for target so he will be certifying Officer Ingle for Sardinia, currently Officer Ingle's certification carried over from his position in Mt. Orab. Traffic stops – a warning is given 1 out of 4 stops.

State Patrol is doing a lot of backing up in our Village as well which is a good thing for the Village for mutual aid.

MAYOR

Easter Egg hunt March 23, rain date March 30, 2024, with the Library and Sardinia Hope and Promise.

Students from Eastern Beta Club will be volunteering at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor will be out of town from 3/12 – 3/16/2024

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Shauna Weis gave updates of what Hope and Promise has planned including Farmer's Market, Street Fair. Also now have secretary and finance person.

Paula Scott – recently appointed to the area for the Brown County Republican Party for the Sardinia area. Wanted to introduce herself to council members.

Executive Session for 121.1G1 Hiring and Firing.

Motion made to go into executive session by Gary Troutman, second by Ashlie Webster.

Roll call all yes.

Executive session began at 7:39 p.m.

Executive session ended at 8:07 p.m.

Motion made to come out of executive session by Anna Turner, second by Dustin Puckett. Roll call all yes.

Action taken from Executive Session – Motion to hire Dave Klump as Sewer Plant Operator Level II at \$32.00 per hour with the condition if the Village offers insurance the hourly rate will decrease for that benefit. Motion made by Ashlie Webster, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.

Second action was to increase pay of David Dyer to give increase from \$19.00 to \$20.00 as long as he continues commitments to Administrator. Motion made by Ashlie Webster, second by Gary Troutman. Roll call all yes.

ROUND TABLE

Ms. Mason posed question to Solicitor regarding the sale of gravel lot in town. Must be put out for bid can list a minimum bid, can get appraisal. Mr. Mayes suggested selling all 3 lots together. Council is not required to accept any bids that are given.

Peggy Vance updated council on Fire Department meeting presenting the council with a informational sheet that Chief Kirker presents to the trustees. Going forward this report will be given to council monthly. Chief Kirker also stated to Ms. Vance that he would be able to come to some Council meetings.

Ms. Vance did remind people of the Fire Departments Pancake Breakfast for Palm Sunday.

Ms. Vance also brought to council the need for prepping for disaster response as the Village building is a disaster safe/storm evacuation zone. She discussed the need to have Go Bags. Fire Department has code to basement door per Ms. Mason. Ms. Vance will contact the County Emergency Contact and Neil Yockey, the State Emergency Contact, to come to council meeting to give insight on our storm evacuation procedures.

Anna Turner discussed the need for the names of owners of the store fronts on Winchester to have a better presence/look for the Village. Everyone agreed this is a good idea. Possibly have the Solicitor send letters to the owners. Ordinance is already in place but it takes money to get the owners accountable.

Motion to adjourn Dustin Puckett, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes.

4-8-2024

Date Approved

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Mayor

Ashlie Webster

President of Council