

SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING

EMERGENCY MEETING

JULY 30, 2024 6:30 P.M.

Prayer Mayor Bill North

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

Also in Attendance: Amy Mason, Administrator; Solicitor Tom Mays

Agenda for Emergency Meeting

- 1) Truck Ordinance
- 2) Village response to Winchester Street Fire

Mr. Mays instructed the council and audience that there will be no public comments, but questions were acceptable on the two topics. The topics to be discussed will be what is on the published agenda which are the Truck Ordinance and the Winchester Street Fire.

Ms. Mason informed the council that the Safety Committee meeting which was held prior to this meeting at 5:30 p.m. The recommendation that came out of the committee meeting was that the council authorize Ms. Mason and Tom Mays to meet with the attorney and their representative to discuss a thoroughfare for their trucks in accordance with the Truck Ordinance.
Motion to authorize Ms. Mason and Tom Mays to meet with the attorney and representatives made by Anna Turner, seconded by Angela Lyons. Roll call, all yes.

Ms. Mason thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to discuss the fire and everyone that helped including EJFED both fire and EMS, Sardinia police, Public Works Department, and the 13 departments that helped with the fire limiting damage to Winchester Street. Chief Kirker was invited but had other obligations, but he sent good representation for the fire department to this meeting. Ms. Mason reviewed the events of the evening of the fire.

Currently, the situation of the property owned by Josh Carlisle, who was invited to this meeting, is that there has been an order by the Clermont County Building Inspection Department. The Order states that there is a requirement under OEBC Section 302 that the building is in a dangerous condition and needs to come down. The biggest concern is the safety of the village and getting the street reopened again.

Ms. Mason addressed Mr. Carlisle to see if there was a plan of action and what that would be. Mr. Carlisle asked if there was any kind of assistance the Village would be able to help with.

Ms. Mason informed Mr. Carlisle, the council, and the audience that she has been in touch with O'Rourke Wrecking Company which gave a demolition bid of \$300,000 to bring the building down. There has not been a study done for asbestos in the building so the EPA assumes the building has asbestos in it which is the reason for the high bid. One of the issues is that the building at 120 Winchester has a basement as do the buildings on each side of 120 Winchester. If the basement is not filled in appropriately the buildings on each side would potentially cave in also.

At this time there has been no emergency assistance for the Village granted. Ms. Mason has submitted a request for emergency assistance from the Brown County Land Bank and requested to present to their board. The Land Bank does not have an emergency protocol so they can choose to allow a presentation or not to allow a presentation. Email went out to them Monday evening, this was presented to the board members as of today, July 30th. Hopeful to hear from them tomorrow.

Ms. Mason also sent a request to the Brown County Commissioners to see if there was any county money available for assistance in taking the building down. The email request will be added to the agenda for tomorrow. The earliest Ms. Mason can present to the commissioners would be at their Monday meeting.

There has also been a request to FEMA for emergency funds from both State and Federal funds.

Ms. Mason stated that the complicating factor is that the building needs to come down immediately so that there is no more damage. The fall zone is so significant that the road cannot be opened until that building is down. Mr. Mike Young, EJFED, stated the fall zone is 1 ½ times the height of the building in any direction.

The EPA mentioned that the vibration from any train going through the area or semis that would pass would cause vibration that could cause the building to fall.

O'Rourke informed Ms. Mason to request from the EPA for emergency permission to take the building down. Pictures were taken of the building and sent to the EPA. There are protocols that must be followed which are: a trained asbestos person would have to be on site, a licensed abatement supervisor to ensure best practices were being followed. The company hired would have to do this with the note on the application that this would be a partial demo and the debris called RACM would remain on site. O'Rourke will not do this because they would be liable for the pollution liability for that so they would have to do the demolition from start to finish. Two other companies are looking at giving bids but have not gotten back with those bids yet.

If a company is found that would be willing to do this the fire department would have to put water on the building at least twice a day to saturate for the duration of the clean up to keep the asbestos out of the air and even that will be a short-term situation to just give a week or two until funds from the requested entities were approved or denied.

Ms. Mason asked Mr. Carlisle what other plans he had to meet the 30-day notice from Clermont County. Mr. Carlisle replied he is also seeking bids from companies which he is waiting to hear from.

Ms. Webster wanted to confirm that there was no insurance on the building which was confirmed.

Ms. Lyons asked what the liability of the water bill would be from Brown County Water. Mr. Mays stated that we would have to figure out the liability of the water usage.

Ms. Turner asked Mr. Carlisle how long he had owned the building which was answered as 2019. His intent was to remodel the building which he had started on the floors and had supplies in the lower unit. Ms. Turner suggested that this might be the beginning of something good for the Village.

Ms. Mason did say that the fire was still under investigation. Chief Perry did inform the council and audience that the State Fire Marshall was doing the investigation and Sardinia Police were here to assist that investigation as necessary.

Ms. Mason mentioned that the Farmers Market scheduled for August 3rd had been previously approved for the closure of Purdy Rd. There was a discussion with the fire department to ensure that the closure of this section of Purdy and closure of Winchester Street would not cause any significant interference. Additional fencing will be added to ensure safety. Ms. Mason recommended that the Farmers Market be kept as scheduled.

Fire department did thank all parties involved, no injuries, just some small damage to one of the trucks.

Executive Session

Executive session to discuss 121.22G3 Imminent or pending legal action

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Ashlie Webster, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes

Executive session begins 6:48 p.m.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Dustin Puckett, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.

Ends 7:19 p.m.

No Action was taken in Executive Session

Motion to adjourn Dustin Puckett, second by Angela Lyons. Roll call all yes.

End at 7:20 p.m.

Date Approved



Mayor



President of Council