

VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

October 5, 2020

Regular Council meeting called to order, pledge of allegiance at 6:00pm by Mayor Suter, with roll call by Bill Gilpin

English - Present Forbes - Present Roark - Present
Turner - Present Gorth - Present Caudill - Present
Mayor Suter – Present Andrew Gephardt, Administrator - Present
Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer –Present Emily Supinger, Solicitor –Present

Also present – Joe DaGiau, Deputy Brown, Larry West, Audrey Koester, Gerald Mercer

*Motion to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2020 regular meeting by Gorth, seconded by English

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

*Motion to pay bills by Caudill, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

GUEST SPEAKER: None

LeeAnn Watson of the Clermont County Mental Health & Recovery Board spoke about the upcoming .75 mil levy on the November ballot and asked for support.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Andrew Gephardt reports:

- **Liability Insurance Renewal:** The quote for renewing the Ohio Plan insurance package was \$8,531
- **Community Center Paving Project:** Paving has been completed and came in slightly under budget
- **Zoning:** Violation notices sent to Broadway lot next to tank park for tall grass and 407 4th Street for a junk car. Permits issued for 411 4th Street for a pool and 101 Broadway for a shed
- **Washington Twp. Halloween Time Set:** Trick or Treat will be on October 31 from 6 to 8 pm
- **Cares Act Funding:** Received a quote from Rick Nelson Plumbing to upgrade the restroom to touchless fixtures for \$12,500; also considering purchasing sanitizable chairs for council chambers, touchless towel dispensers and partial payment of the sheriff’s contract

There was discussion on how to use the Coronavirus Relief Fund monies, which is expected to total \$50,178. The consensus was to upgrade all restrooms to touchless fixtures, purchase new chairs for council chambers, modify doors to touchless, possibly upgrade the water fountain, purchase supplies for the new fixtures and use any remaining funds to help pay for the sheriff’s contract expenses related to payroll and benefits. Emily Supinger noted that a narrative explaining how the sheriff’s contract qualifies as a proper use of the funds will be needed, which will be provided if it is deemed appropriate. Todd English asked if a new electronic message board sign could be purchased with the money. Bill Gilpin explained that in training webinars it was noted that only in certain specific instances would that type of expense be deemed appropriate.

*Motion to renew the liability insurance policy with the Ohio Plan for \$8,531 by Turner, seconded by English

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

*Motion to spend up to \$20,000 of the Coronavirus Relief Fund money to upgrade the restrooms, purchase chairs and restroom supplies by Turner, seconded by English

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

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FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: Bill Gilpin reports:

Reported that amounts and rates resolution was delivered to the county auditor’s office and the 2021 tax budget was approved by the county budget commission as submitted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Phil Turner reports:

Reported that the village and township area are lagging in participation of the 2020 census and urged everyone to participate; also reported that the village has asked Duke Energy for a quote for supplying electric for Christmas lights. In light of the Cares Act money coming in the finance committee is recommending to extend the sheriff’s contract for one additional year.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Emily Supinger reports:

Nothing to report

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Suter reports:

Reported that the village was notified that the Zimmer Plant will be closing sometime in the next 7 years; asked the finance committee to review all fixed costs and asked council to prepare to make the tough financial decisions that will be necessary in the near future. Mayor Suter will contact the sheriff’s office about obtaining a one year contract for 2021.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC INPUT:

Joe DaGiau asked if Halloween will be held at the community center like usual. Mayor Suter responded yes.

Gerald Mercer noted that the trash container at 4th and Wells is being abused by someone and asked that it be removed.

Tim Forbes asked about the status of 81 Broadway and what the next steps for cleanup will be. Andrew Gephardt noted that there is a fence issue as well as an illegal storage unit that is being worked on.

Cindy Gorth asked about the activity at the garage on the north side of US 52. Andrew Gephardt reported that the owner has asked for a zoning change to operate a printing business. It was also noted that there is a shed on the property that will require a change in zoning regulations to allow it on commercial property.

Todd English asked when committee meetings are held. Mayor Suter reported that planning commission meets on the second Tuesday at 5:30pm and finance committee meets on the fourth Thursday at 6pm.

Phil Turner asked Andrew to begin supplying council with timelines for properties with zoning issues so that council will be aware of the actions taking place.

*Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm made by Caudill, seconded by English

English – yea	Forbes -yea	Roark - yea	
Turner - yea	Gorth – yea	Caudill - yea	MC

APPROVED BY: _____
TIM SUTER, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY: _____
BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER