

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., OCTOBER 19, 2023, AT THE LEWISBURG COMMUNITY CENTER.

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Marsha Jones.

ROLL CALL: Eliza Wagoner, Clerk of Council.

PRESENT: Mayor Marsha Jones, Council Members Barb Foster, Belinda Harry, Lori Pheanis, Dennis Roberts, and Ted Thies.

Chad Woodworth was absent.

Also present were Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert, Law Director Steve Hobbs, Fire & EMS Chief B.J. Sewert, Police Chief Rick McGee, and Fiscal Officer Susan Laux.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2023, regular Village Council Meeting. First by Barb Foster. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the check disbursement report. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the purchase order report. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Chief Sewert recognized Ryan Gebhart for his recent promotion to Lieutenant in the Fire Department and announced Ryan's plans to further his certifications. Chief Sewert also recognized Mallory for her work on getting a grant to help replace heart monitors.

MAYOR: Mayor Jones shared recent and upcoming meetings.

LEGAL: 3RD READING (Read by Belinda Harry): ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH SEWER RATES AND CHARGES.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-12: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH SEWER RATES AND CHARGES. First by Barb Foster. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

3RD READING (Read by Belinda Harry): ORDINANCE AMENDING PART FIVE – GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG AND ADDING CHAPTER 504.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-13: ORDINANCE AMENDING PART FIVE – GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG AND ADDING CHAPTER 504. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

1ST READING (Read by Belinda Harry): ORDINANCE CREATING A POSITION ENTITLED “CHIEF TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR OF RECORD (ORC)” FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Ted Thies. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-14: ORDINANCE CREATING A POSITION ENTITLED “CHIEF TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR OF RECORD (ORC)” FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO. First by Ted Thies. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

1ST READING (Read by Belinda Harry): ORDINANCE CREATING A POSITION ENTITLED “PUBLIC SERVICE MAINTENANCE CREW LEADER” FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-15: ORDINANCE CREATING A POSITION ENTITLED “PUBLIC SERVICE MAINTENANCE CREW LEADER” FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

1ST READING (Read by Belinda Harry): AN ORDINANCE INCREASING AND/OR SPECIFYING VARIOUS SALARIES AND/OR WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO. Discussion about some additional changes to consider for various positions.

Motion to move the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for November 2, 2023, to November 1, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., at the Lewisburg Community Center. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Manager Sewert explained the application received from Rexarc for a change in zoning. Law Director Hobbs explained the requested change of zoning from R-2 to I-1. The Planning Commission recommended earlier tonight to allow the requested change in zoning.

Motion to schedule a Public Hearing on a proposed change of zoning on November 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., at the Lewisburg Community Center. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to schedule a special Council Meeting on November 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., at the Lewisburg Community Center. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to allow the Municipal Manager to close Twin Street from the alley to Commerce Street if needed during the Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 21, 2023. First by Ted Thies. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert gave appreciation for everyone’s help, especially Chief McGee, for the recent Community Night Out Event.

POLICE: Chief McGee stated that Community Night Out went well.

LIBRARY: Barb Foster reported on recent and upcoming events.

PARK: Ted Thies provided updates on the recent Park Board Meeting and the need for two new Park Board members.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISC. BUSINESS: Mayor Jones provided information on recent and upcoming events and meetings.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

DATE _____ MAYOR _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____