

ZOAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2024

The Zoar Village regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Klingaman at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call:

David Irwin	Present	Mark Gaynor	Absent
Jill Harshey	Present	David Gannon	Present
Jeff Eadie	Present	Kim Klingaman	Absent

A motion to approve the 10/8/2024 regular meeting minutes was made by Jill Harshey and seconded by David Gannon. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes.

The following bills were presented for signature to be paid in November 2024:

1	AEP	500.89	Street Lighting
2	AEP	76.47	Community Center
3	Tom Klingaman	150.00	Salary November
4	Patty Smith	450.00	Salary November
5	OPERS	108.00	OPERS November
6	Columbia Gas	83.64	Community Center
7	Tusc Cty Wtr Swr	41.25	Community Center October
8	Huntington Card Services	100.00	Training Fee Fiscal Officer
9	Shaffer Surveying	1,125.00	Cemetery Expansion Survey Phase I
10	DJL Materials Reissue	877.80	Crack seal material
11	Pitts Fire Extinguisher	310.00	K Class Extinguisher for Event Center
		3,823.05	

Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial statements and pay the monthly bills for November was made by David Gannon and seconded by David Irwin. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes.

Public Speaks: None.

Fiscal- Patty briefed council on the status of Fund 2905, the Reeves Grants received for the Historic Markers, upgrade of the kitchen, and the siren projects. She stated there is a balance of \$143.80 remaining in the Historic Marker project. Tom said he will speak with Diane Geis and ask her order one additional marker to fully expend the grant. The operating fund will support this expense if greater than the \$143.80. Patty said the siren project expended all of the awarded grant funds and has a zero balance. The kitchen project has a balance of \$1,024.69 remaining to be expended. Tom will see that this funding is expended with necessary kitchen equipment. Tom intends to also purchase 5 new tables; Jon Elsasser donated chairs for the 5 new tables. David Gannon made a motion to expend the remaining grant funds as proposed, the motion was seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes.

After talking with the excavator for the Phase I expansion at the cemetery it was found that the existing road adjoining the expansion should be removed. Red Oak agreed to remove the road at an additional cost of \$700 excavating and \$200 seed, straw, and fertilizer. Removing the existing road will create an additional row of grave lots. Council agreed with this recommendation and Jill Harshey made the motion to allow the additional \$900. The motion was seconded by Jeff Eadie. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes.

Street Committee:

David Irwin continues cleaning up areas of the village. David will be working on the beacon for the truck. He anticipates having to purchase 2 new bulbs to get the beacon working properly.

Safety Committee:

David said several residents have talked with him about a leaf pickup program like the Village of Bolivar provides for their residents. Patty stated it would require an enormous amount of capital to launch a program like this and the Village simply does not have the funding. David asked if it would be possible to contract with Bolivar. Tom will contact the Bolivar Mayor and see if residents could directly contract with them for leaf pickup.

Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and Event Center Building Committee:

PC – The next meeting will be the first Tuesday of December (3rd). Tom said the meeting will have guest speakers talking about an Ordinance from the city of Pittsburg pertaining to the sale of properties that are in serious disrepair.

Tom stated that David Hayes, Zoar Zoning Inspector has resigned. He said Patrick Eddy is willing to fill in until a replacement is found. Patrick will begin streamlining the paperwork process. Tom talked about the cost of permits being the same no matter the size of the project. Doug said the permit amount should be tied to the amount of time the zoning inspector will have to be involved. Tom will research to see if the permit fees are part of the zoning ordinance or if they are outside the ordinance in the form of a fee schedule. He will bring his findings to the next meeting in December. Patty said if they are a part of the zoning ordinance, there will need to be public hearings to make any changes. Tom suggested the fee for permits be a graduated scale based on the total cost of the project. Doug agreed a graduated scale would be acceptable.

HPC – Mark Absent

Event Center Building Committee – Tom said the rentals are picking up. He, Kim, and Patty worked on reconciling the rentals with the UAN books this past month.

Tom requested council give him some leverage in decision making when working with potential renters. He said at times a not for profit would like to use the building at no cost and he would like to make decisions to address this, saying it is not likely the timing would work with having to bring to council each meeting. He said this does not happen often. Tom will report to council any deviations for the rental policy at each meeting. David Gannon made the motion to allow Tom the leverage to make rental decision on the event center and that this is ratified back to the beginning of this year 2024 and through calendar year 2025. The motion was seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes.

Solicitor: None.

Additions to Agenda: None

Mayor's Notes:

Tom briefed council on the status of the cemetery expansion, saying phase I survey and road are complete. He also talked about the upcoming Planning meeting, saying a discussion of the ordinance from Pittsburg concerning the sale of properties in disrepair will be informative and encouraged all to attend. Jeff Eadie ask if the template from Medina was every presented. Tom said Melissa continues work on getting the template from Medina.

David Irwin ask if Tom would speak with the restaurant owners and request they clean up the parking lot. Tom will talk with them.

Legislation:

Ordinance 2023-08: Update Ordinance 1984-12 Village Street Weight Limit. **On hold.**

3rd and Final reading on an Ordinance approving the Indigent Defense Services Public Defender's Agreement. David Irwin made the motion to approve the agreement presented by the Public Defenders office. The motion was seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes. **Ordinance 2024-11.**

2nd reading on 2025 Temporary Appropriations.

Next meeting will take place on December 10, 2024, 6PM. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Gannon and seconded by Jill Harshey. Roll Call: David Irwin- yes, Jill Harshey- yes, Jeff Eadie- yes, David Gannon- yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Patty Smith, Fiscal Officer

Thomas Klingaman, Mayor

Date: _____