Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

May 6, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Lewis Trustee Newsom

Absent:

Also, Present: Don Wauthier, Charles Chesnut, Chuck Carl, Allison Wakefield, and Rhonda Fulkerson

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTION:

MAYOR CLEMENTS

CLERK BOWMAN

TRUSTEE COOPER

TRUSTEE HAAN

TRUSTEE LEWIS

Trustee Newsom swore in Clerk Bowman. Clerk Bowman then swore in Mayor Clements, Trustee Cooper, Trustee Haan and Trustee Lewis.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clements called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chuck Chesnut was present to discuss a complaint he filed about dogs. Animal Control had been out and spoke to the owner of the dogs. If they continue to be a problem they will be fined. Mr. Chesnut also reported that the owner of the dogs is also putting up a privacy fence and questioned if he had a permit. He does not. He also stated that the neighbor has also been burning garbage. A letter will be sent.

Chuck Carl was present to give the Village the clock that used to hang at the High School. He would like the village to hang it by the high school pictures or trophies. The Village will get it fixed and hang it. Trustee Acklin would also like a plaque made for it. Chuck Carl will get the information for the plaque to him.

CONSENT AGENDA

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the April 1, 2021, regular session
    2. Motion to approve May 2021 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve April 2021 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve May 2021 bills

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve the May 6, 2021 consent agenda. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:

The employee handbook was not available. Tabled until June meeting.

APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 MFT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION (Not to exceed $50,000.00):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 MFT program supplemental resolution not to exceed $50,000.00. Trustee Newsom seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NUMBER ONE FOR THE NORTHEAST DRAINAGE PROJECT (Not to exceed $163,032.52):  
Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve payment number one for the Northeast Drainage Project not to exceed $163,032.52. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Don Wauthier reported that this project is almost done. There is just a punch list of clean up items. The list is due to be completed this week.

DISCUSSION AND APPOVAL TO DONATE TO STAND UP FOR COAL (not to exceed $50.00):

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve to donate $50 to Stand up to Coal. This motion died for lack of second.

DISCUSSION OF 2021-2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:

The final ordinance will be on the June agenda for approval.

DISCUSSION OF FESTIVAL AND APPROVE UP TO $11,000.00 TO BE SPENT ON FESTIVAL OUT OF FESTIVAL ACCOUNT:

Trustee Esposito made a motion to approve up to $11,000.00 to be spent on the Festival out of the Festival account. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Trustee Cooper reported that she is having the festival this year. It will be on August 28, 2021 but will be scaled back this year. There will be a car show, band, laser tag, rock wall, helicopter rides, and the Masonic Lodge might have a pancake breakfast. Trustee Acklin will check with Peyton Crozier about having a 5K run. Mayor Clements will talk to the bank about the roads being closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito reported that she is having Ameren put a new streetlight up on Leney Ct. for the new duplexes.

Trustee Cooper reported that she had more flags purchased for the park.

Trustee Esposito reported that the rock around the Village Hall needs replaced. She also reported that the dugout repairs are scheduled.

Trustee Lewis reported that the flagpole light at the Legion Park is out.

Trustee Esposito reported that the beautification Committee would like to send a letter to the residents. They would like the village to volunteer the paper, copies, envelopes, and postage. The board agreed they will cover the cost.

They are also putting together a proposal for Rails to Trails for the board to approve.

The committee has short term and long-term goals. As a short-term goal, they would like to remove the rocks in front of the Village Hall where the bushed were pulled out and put in planter boxes. Allison Wakefield said the library would like to put bricks with the names of the donor from their table fundraiser on the library side where the bushes were pulled. Trustee Esposito will talk to the beautification committee more about this project.

The committee would also like the no skating or roller blading signs taken down from in front of the village and library. The board agreed and will have Randy remove them. They would also like the fire hydrants painted.

Health & Safety: Trustee Acklin reported that he is putting together a list of lawns that need mowed.

Trustee Acklin questioned about what was going on with the letter to Mr. Williams about the fence he built over the sidewalk. Mayor Clements said that the lawyer is handling it, but he will contact him for an update.

Water: Mayor Clements reported that the water main extension project is done but they still have to hook the houses up to it.

It was also reported that Lorin Kinney is ordering the Oxygen Dissolve Meter.

The water and sewer rate increase were on May’s water/sewer bills. This was the rate for 2020.

Sewer: Trustee Esposito received a complaint that the sewer rate is higher than the water rate. Don Wauthier said that when the Village looked into raising rates, they looked at future costs to be incurred and more sewer funds were needed.

Drainage: Trustee Newsom reported that the meeting with the state representative and IDOT went well. IDOT said they will push the 150-drainage project faster. There have been no updates since the meeting.

Trustee Newsom and Don Wauthier plan on meeting next week to discuss the Leney and Main St. drainage.

Don Wauthier reported that the plans for the North St. Drainage Project are complete.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: Mayor Clements reported that Cross Construction plans on having Main St repaired before the festival in August.

Budget: None

Business: Trustee Haan questioned what was going on with the old bank building. Troy Bates owns it. It is in bad condition again.

It was also reported that Doug Dahl bought the Sadler Feed Mill building. He is making it into 2 office spaces for rent, a workshop, and a personal sports facility.

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that the Easter Egg Hunt went great. She said that there were about 50 to 60 people at the adult hunt and over 200 people at the kids hunt.

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Esposito questioned about committees. She said she will take over trees for Trustee Vickers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:22PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden