Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

July 8, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Lewis

Absent: Trustee Newsom

Also, Present: Michael Baldwin, Marc Miller, Allison Wakefield, and Rhonda Fulkerson

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allison Wakefield from the library board was present to discuss a bike rack. The library board approved to purchase a bike rack to put in front of the library. She wanted the Village’s approval on size, color, and placement. The board decided the 5-loop black rack would be best. They will go outside after the meeting to decide where to place it.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the July 8, 2021, consent agenda. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE VIOLATION COMPLAINTS:

Mayor Clements reported that two of the cars were removed right after the complaint was received. The other has now also been removed.

Trustee Acklin questioned if the ordinance reads the way the board intends it to read? He thinks there is a difference between a vehicle parked in front of a residence and one at a business that is a temporary no plate vehicle.

Trustee Acklin believes the adults should talk to each other about the issues instead of using the Village Board. He does believe that the board needs to enforce the ordinances.

Trustee Cooper reported that Mean Mugz did try to discuss the issue with Mr. Cooper, but he said it was public property. Mean Mugz also said that Mr. Cooper yelled at one of her delivery drivers for blocking the road to unload by her building, so she is requesting that the Village make a loading zone on Broadway St. next to her building. The board will update the ordinance and include a loading zone.

Trustee Lewis reported that he held a committee meeting to discuss the dog complaint. It was decided that when one of Mr. Harmon’s dogs pass away, he will not replace it.

PRESENTATION BY MATANKY GROUP:

Michael Baldwin from Matanky Group was present. He is a commercial real estate broker. He would like to develop the ballfield park. He thinks a big box store should go there. He would like to see a Family Dollar, Jiffy Lube, and nail salon type stores in that space. Mr. Baldwin said that his company would use local builders, electricians, plumbers if possible.

Mr. Baldwin said that they would move the park to a different location.

The board decided it would be best to have a committee meeting to discuss possibly developing this property or other properties in Ogden.

APPROVAL OF ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ANNUAL NPDES FEE (not to exceed $500.00):

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency annual NPDES permit fee of $500.00. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ILLIANA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY’S BID FOR MFT TAX PROGRAM (not to exceed $25,572.50):

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve Illiana Construction Company’s bid for MFT Tax Program not to exceed $25,572.50. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MIKE POOR TREE REMOVAL (Not to exceed $18,000.00):

The board decided to table this until the August meeting. Trustee Lewis will get a quote from the Tree service company in Homer.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR LANDSCAPING AROUND VILLAGE HALL (not to exceed $1,000.00):

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve to purchase mulch not to exceed $1,000.00. and have village employees spread it. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye”

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVE WEBSITE RENEWAL FOR UP TO 3 YEARS (Not to exceed $257.76):

Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the website renewal for 3 years for $257.76. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

MOTION TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING THE COMPENSATION, EMPLOYMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF ONE OR MORE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/1 (C)(1):

Trustee Cooper made a motion to go to closed session for the limited purposes of discussing the compensation, employment, and performance of one or more Village employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/1(C) (1). Trustee Acklin seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Trustee Acklin made a motion to return to open session. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVE SALARY INCREASES:

Trustee Acklin made a motion to approve 3.5% salary increases retroactive to May 1, 2021, for Jennifer Bowman, Randy Thompsen and James Marsh. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: None

Health & Safety: Mayor Clements will follow up with Ken Cooley and Amanda Eaton about their complaints.

Falcon Equipment was sent a letter about the weeds. The Village will have Randy cut down the weeds in the ditch.

Troy Bates was sent a letter about the old bank building. He was given until July 20, 2021, to complete the repairs. If not repaired the attorney will send a second letter.

Water: None

Sewer: Trustee Haan reported that there are a few issues at the sewer plant. He said that new valves are needed. Because of this only one pump is working. One pump is being repaired. This will cost around $3,800.00. Mr. Thompsen will get quotes to replace the electrical.

Trustee Lewis would like to get quotes for each pump station individually. He said it is going to be expensive to replace electrical at once so we could do it station by station as money is available.

Drainage: Mayor Clements reported that St. Joseph came over with the vacuum truck and they found a broken drain tile on Kyle St. Mr. Thompsen will fix the tile. The board agrees that the Village needs to start putting in new tiles instead or repairing old ones.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: None

Budget: None

Business: Trustee Haan reported that he will have a committee meeting before the next board meeting to follow up on what was discussed with Michael Baldwin. He said moving the park would be a significant change. Trustee Acklin said everyone living around the park would have to be taken in account. Mayor Clements said it could change the value of the surrounding homes.

Events: Trustee Cooper reported on the festival. She said that there needs to be more communication between everyone about where we are at with issues concerning the festival and town. She said that weeds need trimmed, electrical needs done at water plant, trees need trimmed, road closure signs need to go out, bank needs contacted and wanted to know the status of the Main St repairs.

Trustee Cooper hired Champaign County Sheriff to police the festival.

Trustee Cooper came up with two designs for the T-Shirts for the festival. Clerk Bowman will make an order form. The shirts will be $10 for youth sizes and $15 for adult sizes.

Trustee Esposito reported that Movie in the Park is set for August 27, 2021. The movie will be Cars.

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden