

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
November 13, 2018
6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Bill May, Louann Artiaga, and Richard Bingham. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Solicitor Kevin Heban, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Clerk Susan Miller, and Tom Malicki.

At 6:30 PM President of Council, Bill May, called the meeting to order.

President of Council, Bill May asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items. There were none.

Economic Development

The first order of business is to consider the creation of a working Economic Development Committee proposal.

- Multiple people going out to their contacts
- A Working committee – not a recommending body, people given the commission to go out and Do using the Economic Development and Land Use plan
- Function and Responsibilities of the committee
- Committee does not have the authority to spend funds
- Committee will be comprised of 5 members of people that know people, 5 members scope of Networking
- Members shall not be disqualified because of an economic interest in the opportunity, but it must be disclosed as soon as it is known to the member so it can be monitored
- No one that holds a position in Whitehouse is eligible, members need not reside in Whitehouse
- 1 Mayor appointment, 1 Council Appointment, 3 Mayor appointments with Council consent, Member removal policy
- Chairperson (\$15,000), 4 members (\$10,000), budget is usually \$50,000 - \$60,000, \$5,000 - \$7,000 in extra fees (legal), don't want to spend money we don't have to , as good of a Mechanism as possible within our budget
- Reimbursed expenses, preapproved when practical, Village can reject the expense, limit not to Exceed, Administrator Jordan Daugherty will be responsible for approving expenses
- Independent contractors, 1099
- Meetings held quarterly, written reports submitted, Annual report to Council by the Chair
- By laws, benchmarks
- An independent contractor would cost more, data sheets on potential members, creating a Dynamic, varied group
- Council creates the committee and can dissolve it at any time
- Success will depend on the people on the committee, a positive response from a chamber Standpoint, empower the chair

- The Mayor's appointment is the Chair, a recommended \$15,000 is to be paid to the Chair
- Members dealing with the JEDD, check into the JEDD picking up part of the salaries
- Outside of the box, explore options, reasons behind its structure, better than anything in the past

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Richard Bingham to recommend to Council to adopt the Economic Development Committee Proposal. 6 ayes

General

The next order of business is to review the Council Wish List

- Bill May – remove the completed tasks from the list
- Steve Pilcher – bring ideas on larger items, Providence Street will be resurfaced in the next 5 Years, what do you want it to look like? Extended downtown beautification and improvements
- Louann Artiaga –
 - Tear down the house across from Local Thyme
 - The entry sign by Industrial Park (Steve Pilcher said the wheels are turning on this Project)
 - Revive the summer rec program
- Richard Bingham
 - Weckerly/Finzel road safety
 - Swan Creek ditch clean up (Administrator Jordan Daugherty said this is a county wide initiative)
 - Guardrail incident
 - Thank you for reseeding Rupp Road
- Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer
 - Time line for next playground improvements
 - Council community discretionary fund
 - Dedicated social media person for the Village
- Mindy Curry
 - Disc Golf
 - Making the dock for the small quarry ADA compliant
 - Unlimited pick up scheduling
 - Completion of parks – Water park, Veteran's Memorial Park, Playground
 - Lighting on the Whitehouse sign
- Bob Keogh
 - Finish up what we have going
 - Economic Development
 - Weckerly/Finzel Road
 - Ditches
- Bill May
 - Otsego mailbox
 - Lighting at the roundabout, 3 kinds of lights, still not well lit
 - Sewer lid
 - Repaint the caboose bright red and make sure the door is sealed properly

- Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer and Richard Bingham support the water recreation

The last order of business was a general discussion on water options.

- Council is updated on everything known
- Henry County tested wells – hydrogeologists are assessing, looking at its volume
- November 29, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Village Hall will be a closed meeting receiving the results, Council members are welcome to attend
- Not closing other options – AOP, BG/Waterville, digging wells, Toledo option
- Toledo residents voted on creating a commission that manages regional water, Toledo retains Control, they set rates and can veto anything, Toledo Council will set water rates, the number of Votes Toledo gets, Toledo has the final say regardless of what the commission says, paying Toledo's debt with no control, contract with Toledo through 2024, unified contract allows for Renegotiation at any time – terrible contract
- AOP is still the strongest recommendation based on rates and quality, TAWA is gone
- Pioneer Mayor now questions whether Michindoh exists headline was taken out of context
- Maumee and Perrysburg are looking at BG, Sylvania – looking at Monroe/Detroit
- Henry County, Liberty Center, Whitehouse are the most committed, one more partner and the Rate would decrease from Toledo with better quality

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 8:04 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk