

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
September 10, 2019
6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Bill May, Louann Artiaga, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, and Bob Keogh. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Planning Administrator Tiffany Bachman, Clerk Susan Miller, Tim Bockbrader, Yvonne Walters, Paul Ludwig, and Bea Ludwig.

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.

Finance, Audit, and Investment

The first order of business was to discuss the Zoning Inspector, Jacob Barnes contract.

- A three year contract with a \$1200 increase each year
- Jacob is doing a great job, has gone very well

Motion by Bill May, seconded by Bob Keogh to recommend to Council to approve the three year contract with Zoning Inspector Jacob Barnes. 5 ayes

Public Service

The next order of business was to hear a presentation on Streetscaping phase III.

- Inclusion of all ideas expressed with a cost estimate for each element for a total cost of \$1.1 Million, determining which parts to keep
- Unique position in downtown, creating a destination space
- Splash pad, shade sails, unique seating environment, Removable color changing Bollards to Close the street for A Festival street, free traffic patterns for pedestrians, statue plaza, angled Parking, street trees, Three foot gradient for the trail
- Splash pad, sunken garden, night time effects, out of season decorations, activates the other Side of the street, next to the restroom, covered under current insurance policy, cost vs. time Used, quarry recreation, children crossing the street for the splash pad, Councilman Bill May's constituents don't like the splash pad
- Fire pit, gas? Fire? Who starts it?
- The caboose is not part of this plan, looking at options on how to activate it, open it up and Create a memorable experience, ADA access a challenge
- Universally acceptable walkways/ADA compliant, entrances for all people
- Eagle scout project to scan the trees for information
- Eliminate the arch
- Festival street material is asphalt
- Changing the direction of the one way street, traffic flow, Gilead remaining 2-way
- Bea Ludwig thinks the splash pad is stupid, ice cream street will remain open, park upgrades are nice
- Drinking fountain to be replaced, vandalism, finishing current projects before beginning new projects, traffic light at four way stop, parking by General Pro Hardware
- Village survey, water features are the number one thing people ask for, upgrade park, clean up

and beautify the Downtown, sticker shock over other improvements, have seen the results, draws more people, revitalizes downtown, more safety, energized and activated, aware of the apprehension, see the end result

- Charlevoix as a model
- Splash pad vs swimming, swimming is not currently a viable option
- This is the center, not the place to skimp
- Spending money on Economic Development, building inventory, safety departments, Public Works Director says if they need something they will ask, other budgets in place for those items
- Current projects will be completed in October, Phase III is a part of streetscaping, waiting too long can cause problems with bids
- Administrator Jordan Daugherty is conservative and careful and trusted
- Projects going out to bid together to get the best price

The next order of business was the Industrial Park Entry Sign.

• The smaller sign will be closer to State Route 64, ground lit lighting, no landscaping on the Project Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to recommend to Council to approve the Industrial Park Entry Sign go out to bid. 5 ayes

Finance, Audit, and Investment

The last order of business was to hear health, dental and life insurance quotes.

- Paramount MEWA +6.18%, (Dental) Principal -14.54%, (Life) +16% (on \$2500)
- October 1, 2019 renewal date

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Bill May to recommend to Council to approve the Administrator's recommendations for health, dental and life insurance. 5 ayes

Other items discussed:

- Engraved pavers laid at Veteran's Memorial Park, first responder's monument, flag poles, landscaping at the end of the week, Trugreen back on Thursday, everyone is working hard on the ceremony
- Physical fitness equipment is ordered, base prepared
- Worker's Comp refund, going back to departments for training and equipment?
- Whitehouse Primary school open house October 7, 2019
- Veteran's Memorial Park dedication 11:00 – 12:00, gathering at the Legion after
- Crossings, lights, painting, striping
- Streetscaping groundcover, English ivy – low maintenance, takes salt, dry, concern for people getting out of cars and being able to walk on it – see this in a lot of areas, tree pits wider than anticipated – more soil – Healthier trees, space was tight already for the root ball

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to adjourn at 8:17 PM. 5 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller
Clerk of Council