

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
January 12, 2021  
6:30 PM

At 6:30 President of Council Bob Keogh called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Bill May, and Louann Artiaga. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Tiffany Bachman, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Clerk Susan Miller, Karen Gerhardinger, Andy Stuart, and Ken Leslie.

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Mindy Curry to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting. 6 ayes

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

General

The first order of business was a presentation by Andy Stuart for Homeless Veteran's Support.

- Veteran's Matter, tent city, 37,000 homeless veterans across the US - 1/4 have wives and Children with them
- The VA has housing vouchers, money is needed for the deposit and first months rent, 91% that get into housing, stay in the housing and have case management
- Veterans Matter has small administrative costs over 90% goes to the program and there is a 91% success rate
- Guardian Angel fund for things Veterans need
- Hoping to house 2,000 more this year, \$750 to house one vet, every dollar counts
- Mayor Atkinson, Lee Armstrong and Ken Leslie got together and decided to go to political Subdivisions and look for support
- Typically 30 vets on the list working to get them housed
- Running the Village Community Development fund more like a grant, citizen committee
- Prioritize needs in the future, get a better idea of pandemic impact on income tax collections
- So far income tax collection is up, will be monitoring it every 15 days
- More Veterans house than ever before through the pandemic
- Getting a better idea of where the Village stand financially first

The next order of business was to review the Current Council Wish List and make any changes or additions.

Items to be removed:

- No parking on Toledo Street
- Restoring lights in park ballfields
- Prepare Citizens for Cityhood
- Take care in residential development to preserve open green space

- Work with organization like YMCA to build indoor recreation center
- Specify in code the minimum size of new street trees planted
- Alley behind Whitehouse Inn
- Additional lighting on the Multi-Use path
- Handicap accessibility at the open shelter house near the small quarry
- Splash Pad pricing
- Fence behind Veteran's Memorial Park
- Look at bids for repairing caboose
- Regular sewer line clean out
- Donation bins - the Village has to allow them, they must be responsive
- Experience Whitehouse
- Traffic light at Providence and Waterville
- Wheelchair swing
- Paint Hydrants
- Expansion of Library Parking lot
- Summer Recreation Program
- Splash pad

Other items discussed:

- Flowers on the poles at the roundabout, watering
- Inflatable water parks
- AWAKE donation
- Rating Wish List Items with a (1) priority (2) okay (3) not interested
- Seeing where the Village stands on finances
- No plan for in person meetings
- Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger will keep Council aware of COVID vaccine and what tier Elected Officials are, show of support in getting the vaccine, no press releases due to continual changes

Items to add:

- Veterans Matter
- Additional Pickleball Courts
- Add Community Development Fund grant
- Village Entry sign near Route 64 Industrial park
- Bump going into the roundabout
- RV dump station at the recycling center,
- Remove junk cars

Motion by Bill May, seconded by Richard Bingham to adjourn at 7:39 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller  
Clerk of Council