

Village Council Meeting As
A Committee of the Whole
August 9, 2022
6:30 PM

At 6:30 PM, President of Council Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Dennis Recker Louann Artiaga, Richard Bingham, 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, Fire Chief Joshua Hartbarger, Planning Administrator Tiffany Bachmann, Clerk Susan Miller, Rob Casaletta, Phil Whaley, and Mona Snyder

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Richard Bingham to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting. 6 ayes

President of Council, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer asked for Citizen comments pertaining to agenda items. There were none.

Finance

The first order of business was an open discussion on Council options regarding distribution of information on upcoming ballot issue (Referendum).

- Neutral information in a packet or letter, charts
- Clear concise explanation of the revenue problem, growing expenditures, shortfall, not an expenditure issue, a revenue issue, Council has the authority to remove the tax credit, debate on solutions
- Explanation of what money can be spent on, income tax A and B, general and utility funds, ARPA funds restrictions, don't overwhelm, what is in the summary reference to the website
- Options, what a yes and a no vote means, Board of Elections authors the language, Village approves language
- Income tax history (1975), 1.5 % income tax across the board to everyone, address the confusion, consequences (unlimited pickup)
- Clear up misunderstandings, not a tax increase, elimination of the credit, applies to 60% of the voters
- No additional revenue since 1975, state laws regulating revenue increase, options, excellent audits, staffing, leadership, awards, education of Department Heads, don't threaten with reductions, increased costs
- 12 year long analysis, staved off but knew this day would come
- History, dispatch, COLA
- Expenditures growing faster than revenue with new residents
- Revenue, Action/options, Referendum, References
- Draft, legal, two weeks
- Letter cannot have any position, email to Council for comment, revision, legal, signatures, send

- Timeline, October 15 set into motion, question and answer session, feedback, get letter out early, emails
- Absentee ballots September 23, 2022, November 8 election day
- Neutral letter, individuals can express opinions
- Council is in agreement of the timeline, draft and process

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Mindy Curry to recommend to Council to authorize the Administrator to begin drawing and reviewing and submitting to Council an information letter for voters on the referendum. 6 ayes

Public Service

The next order of business was to discuss the proposed refuse bin storage Ordinance.

- Legal language, enforcement - zoning official, fines \$25/day, \$100 max per collection cycle, Screening
- Return bins by 11:59 PM
- Administration authorized to fine
- Habitual offenders, not accidental
- Placement at rear of house, disagree with screening and fencing, not at front of house
- Rollout service for disabled residents
- Can't be seen from the front of the house, remove effectively screened
- Penalty goes into rates and fees

The next order of business was to discuss well irrigation systems.

- Make sure no one making cross connections that would cross contaminate
- Prohibit private wells for consumption or potable water
- Strong penalty for cross connection, zero tolerance, education, requirements
- No testing requirements
- Can fill a swimming pool, can irrigate a corn field
- MHandful of inactive wells in the Village

Motion by Dennis Recker, seconded by Richard Bingham to recommend to Council 933.04 Rule 47 allowing wells for irrigation. 6 ayes

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Mindy Curry to adjourn at 8:16 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller
Clerk of Council