

CITY OF GIRARD
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
November 8, 2021
5:00 PM
A Great Place to Call Home...



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Mickey Pyle called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt, 1st Ward
Lucas Stansbury, 2nd Ward
Bill Huston, 3rd Ward
Jeff Leslie, 4th Ward

Also present:

Steve Angermayer, City Attorney
Johanna O'Brien, City Administrator
Karen Buck, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Bill Huston.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Bill Huston to accept the consent agenda as presented A through C.

Motion carried.

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| A. | Approval of Appropriations Ordinance 2021-23 | \$76,550.17 |
| | Purchases over \$10,000.00 | |
| | PWWS#11/Bonecreek | \$20,442.50 |
| B. | Approval of meeting minutes of October 27, 2021 | |
| C. | Hire Monae Westhoff as Clerk/Court Clerk starting 11/09/21 @ \$13.50 per hour with a \$0.50 hr increase at her 6-month probation pending pre-employment tests. | |

PUBLIC FORUM

Kathy Cooper spoke regarding the condition of the square giving research information she shared comparing Girard to Smithville, MO. She also mentioned Governor Kelly is proactive and grants were available. Ms Cooper also stated there were HEAL grants to be given to small businesses. She thinks the city is moving in the right direction and she stated she is willing to share with the city any of her findings.

Warren Strukel spoke regarding the poor conditions of the at Apico Way and Walnut, located in the industrial park, especially where the school buses run. He stated it will take more than a couple loads of cold mix to cure the streets. The Public Works Director commented he had cold mix coming the next day and planned on putting some in the potholes at the industrial park. The Public Works Director plans on fixing the problem the best he can until the streets can be fixed properly.

Levan Schupbach spoke to the council stating Ms. Cooper did an excellent job regarding the city square. Mr. Schupbach then stated he wanted to know the City Administrator's pay and what the clear and concise plan was

for the city's infrastructure. He continued by offering to buy the Mason Building from Thomas Manufacturing for \$135,000 and would then resell it to the City of Girard for \$135,000 so the electric department would have a building for their equipment. He stated this is a "Win, win, win" deal.

Donnie Vinardi spoke regarding the condition of his building that collapsed on the square. He has had a structure engineer look at the building and will share the documentation once he receives it. He is required to get two bids from his insurance company prior to having the damage repaired.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Approve Notice of Intent to File for USDA
 - Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt accept the USDA loan/grant with a publication of indent for water with matching dollars. Motion carried.
- B. Consider closing Clubhouse for the season and letting go of seasonal workers
 - Motion by Bill Huston, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to close the golf clubhouse for the season effective Thursday, November 11, 2021. Motion carried.
- C. Discuss utilizing left over inventory at Golf Course for Christmas party
 - No motion was made, but it was discussed to use left over food from the clubhouse for the Christmas party.
- D. Discuss K7 bids
 - There were two bids but there is no hot mix available so it will be relet in the spring of 2022. No motion was required.
- E. Approve workshop with KMEA on November 30 at 5pm
 - Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to have a KMEA workshop on November 30, 2021 at 5 p.m. at the council chambers to discuss solar power. Motion carried.
- F. Executive session for nonelected personnel to discuss hiring a current partner as part-time PR/Main Street Director, current Covid status of employees/policy, personnel evaluation, and employee hours Recommended 20-minute session to include Mayor, Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, Public Works Director
 - Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to go to an executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss hiring a current partner as part-time PR/Main Street Director, current COVID status of employees/policy, personnel evaluations and employee hours for no longer than 20 minutes. Motion carried.
 - Mayor Mickey Pyle brought the meeting back to regular session following the executive session for non-elected personnel.
 - Motion by Lucas Stansbury, seconded by Jeff Leslie to go to executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss hiring a current partner as part-time PR/Main Street Director, current COVID status of employees/policy, personnel evaluations and employee hours for no longer than eight minutes. Motion carried.
 - Mayor Mickey Pyle brought the meeting back to regular session following the executive session for non-elected personnel.
 - Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to accept the COVID policy as presented. Motion carried.
- G. Change Ordinance 2021-24 to 1363
 - Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Bill Huston to change Ordinance 2021-24 to 1363. Motion carried.
- H. Approve Mainstreet Structure

- Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt to approve the Mainstreet structure as presented. Motion carried.
- I. Review Electric Building. Recommend 15-minute executive session regarding data relating to financial affairs to include mayor, council, city attorney, city administrator and electric director.
 - Motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lucas Stansbury to go to executive session regarding data relating to financial affairs of the electric building for no longer than 15 minutes to include mayor, council, city attorney, city administrator and electric director. Motion carried.
 - Mayor Mickey Pyle returned the meeting to regular session. No motions were made.
 - J. Approve 2021 Audit by Diehl, Banwart and Bolton CPA.
 - Motion by Bill Huston, seconded by Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt to approve the 2020 audit by Diehl, Banwart and Bolton CPA. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Council Member Lanessa Arthur-Westervelt—Thank you to everyone with their great ideas and advice to the city.

Council Lucas Stansbury—Congratulations to Lanessa, the mayor and Bill for winning their elections. Thank you to the volunteers. He appreciates public forum and hearing the citizens ideas. Hopes 2022 will continue to be a great year. Also, thank you to city staff and employees.

Council President Member Bill Huston—No comments.

Council Member Jeffrey Leslie—Echos the congratulations on the elections. Thank you to the department heads and employees. Also, welcomes public comments.

Mayor Mickey Pyle—Thank you to everyone and hopes the next four years continue to be good.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Jeff Leslie, seconded by Lucas Stansbury at 6:47 p.m.

Mickey J. Pyle, Mayor

Attest:

Karen E. Buck, CMC, CPM, City Clerk

