

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

December 14,

2020

Attendees: Mayor-Ken James, Council Members- Angi Deere, Chris Foster, Mark May, Paula Jones, Thad Kauffman. Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Absent-Andrew Johnston-Solicitor.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the November 9, 2020 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Abstain, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Special Meeting: Minutes of the November 23, 2020 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Abstain, Mr. May-Yes Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff Report: None. Council asked the Sheriff Department if they could watch the 4-way stop intersection at Pike & Main Streets.

Citizens Comments: 1. None.

Solicitors Report: 1. No Report

BOPA: 1. Laura Diner/Grease Trap. Mr. Johnston is reviewing the variance.
2. EPA Metrics Violation. We did not file this report. Usually, EPA information is sent to Mr. Hunt and the Village, but it was sent to just the Village. Ms. Slagle didn't worry about it because correspondence usually also goes to Mr. Hunt. Mr. Hunt will take care of it.

Old Business. 1. Cell Tower/Sinkhole/Bee Street. The cell tower company patched the hole. The groundhogs haven't seemed to dig under the alley, but there is still a small hole that needs patched. Mr. James will see if he can get a quote to patch it.
2. Website. Mrs. Deere has been working on the trial website. Council discussed moving all the data from the trial site to the Laura website and go "live" by the first week in January. We need to work on adding zoning information, Minutes and Ordinances. Mrs. Deere will coordinate getting the website ready. Mr. May noted we can use up to twenty-five e-mail addresses on our site. We can set them up for each official so they go a village account and then to personal accounts.
3. Crack Sealing/Town Streets. Wagner Paving has been working on sealing cracks on the streets and alleys.
4. Town Leaf Pick-Up. Mr. James stated due to extenuating circumstances, the Boy Scouts wouldn't be doing leaf pick-up this year. Mr. James noted we should look for someone to do leaf pick-up next year. Council discussed what to do with the leaves that are on the curbs now. If we rent a machine, would we have a place to dump the leaves? We have a small patch of land at the end of Chestnut Street, but if we put them there, they could blow onto the neighbors property. We could suggest having people bag the leaves and put out for the trash pick-up. Mr. James will look into options.

New Business. 1. AEP Contract extension. We have a quote from AEP to extend our contract for two years beginning in May of 2021. The rates for their service will decrease from 0.05311 per KWh to 0.05211 KWh. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to accept the new rates. Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

2. **Resolution 12-20/ Temporary Appropriations.** This Resolution was read. Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 12-20, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

3. **Resolution 12-20A/Amend 2020 Permanent Appropriations.** This resolution was read. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to approve Resolution 12-20A. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

4. **Resolution 12-20B/Establish Remote Scanning.** Resolution 12-20B was reviewed. Mrs. Deere made a motion to approve this resolution. Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

5. Resolution 12-20C/Establish signers on Bank Accounts. Resolution 12-20C was reviewed. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to approve this resolution. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Bills. Mrs. Deere motioned to pay the following bills. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

PERS	\$822.11	DP&L	\$952.16
Frontier	163.57	Ken James	108.76
Gretchen Slagle	426.45	Shipman Dixon	150.00
Terry Zellers	50.00	Amy Elmore	75.00
OPWC	4643.84	Treasure of State UAN	1633.70
ABCO Printing	195.19	Angi Deere	109.32
Chris Foster	72.47	Thad Kauffman	144.93
Mark May	145.76	Paula Jones	144.93

Mrs. Deere motioned to close the meeting. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. All yeas, the motion passed.

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk