

# Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

March 9,

2020

**Attendees:** Mayor-Ken James, Council Members-Angi Deere, Chris Foster, Mark May, Paula Jones, Thad Kauffman, Fiscal Officer-Gretchen Slagle, Andrew Johnston-Solicitor. Others Present-Bradley Ingle, Jonathan Thompson, Doug Baker, Eldon & Nancy Hinkle, Amy Elmore, Linda & Allen Fetters, Dept. Underwood.

**Previous Minutes:**

Do to the COVID 19 Pandemic, there was no meeting held in April.

Minutes of the February 10, 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-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

**Special Meeting.** Minutes from the March 24 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-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Abstain, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed

**Special Meeting.** Minutes from the April 15 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-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed

**Sheriff Report:** None, Council had no questions.

**Citizens Comments:** 1. None.

**Solicitors Report:** 1.Updating Sewer/Water Ordinance. Mr. Johnston has an ordinance amending ordinance No. 392-A, our sewer ordinance. We will need to pass this ordinance. He also has a first draft of a water ordinance. Mr. May asked if we can meter businesses, Mr. Johnston stated we could. Mr. May asked if we could have different levels of industry in town.

**New Water Rate Ordinance/Water Tower.** Council discussed the two proposals on how to increase water rates. Mr. May made a motion to increase the water rates to \$42.00 per month. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

**SECOND READING of new water rate ordinance.**

**BOPA:** Mr. May reported the following:

1. UV Lighting parts will be replaced at the sewer plant.
2. Residential versus Business rates were discussed.
3. Readings of water rate ordinance to make sure we are aligned with the grant process in June or July.

**Old Business:** 1.Shipman, Dixon & Livingston. Mr. May made a motion to approve the increase of meeting rates to \$150.00 per hour. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Abstain. The motion passed.

2. PEP GRANT. We received a safety grant for 2019 from our insurance company for \$998.02. We used this money on mulch for the park, safety green apparel for the water and sewer employees and an eye wash stand.

**New Business.** 1. Street Sweeping. We'll look at this at the next meeting.

2. Seal Coating/Main Streets in town. Mr. James will look into quotes.

3. Spring Clean Up. Council will start looking at properties. There are a lot of leaves on the sidewalk and curb at 403 S. Main St. Ms. Slagle will send a letter asking the property owner to remove the leaves from the sidewalk.

4. Cell Tower Access/ Randolph Property/B Street. The Village has been asked to allow access off B Street for construction of a cell phone tower on Doug Randolph's property.

5. Cross Walk/Dollar General. Mr. James has information from Mary Hoy at ODOT. We need to do as much as possible to protect people crossing St. Rt. 571, while walking to Dollar General. Council likes the idea of flashing lights, slowing traffic with the 35MPH speed signs, adding other signage or lights. We have discussed adding a second crosswalk. We'll start to get some quotes for these things.

6. Mayors Bond. Ms. Slagle noted Hamler-Gingrich returned our check for \$125.00 for the mayors bond for 2020. Mr. James filled out new paperwork and was given a bill for \$406. Ms. Slagle will contact Hamler-Gingrich to see what is going on.

7. Davis Voice & Data. Mr. James stated we couldn't put a camera at the water plant.

**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	\$833.39	DP&L	\$972.43
Frontier	161.28	Ken James	108.76
Gretchen Slagle	390.75	Jason Hoop	525.00
Shipman Dixon	375.00	BWC-Remainder of Year	276.02
BWC	30.66	RD Holder	549.48
CompManagement	160.00	Angi Deere	145.76
Chris Foster	144.93	Thad Kauffman	144.93
Mark May	145.76	Paula Jones	144.93
Nancy Hinkle	50.00		

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

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Kenneth James, Mayor

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Gretchen Slagle, Clerk