

Village of Laura Council

7:00 PM

December 13,

2021

Attendees: Mayor-Ken James, Council Members-Angi Deere, Mark May, Thad Kauffman, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Late-Chris Foster. Others Present-Glen McSparran, Megan Engle.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the November 8, 2021 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. May-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

Empty Council Seat. Glen McSparran was interested in the Council seat vacated by Mrs. Jones. Mr. McSparran has lived in Laura for more than a year and is a registered voter. Mr. May made a motion to appoint Mr. McSparran to the empty seat, Mr. Kauffman seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed. This term is up at the end of 2021. Mr. James swore in Mr. McSparran.

Sheriff Report: None.

Citizens Comments: 1. Megan Engle was present to ask Council if she could put a sign for her business on the concession stand at the park. Council had no objection. They noted if more businesses asked to do this, Council may have to come up with different solution, but for now, it would be fine. Mrs. Engle also asked about forming a community committee that could organize events like an Easter egg hunt, bring Santa into town to visit with kids, etc. Other towns have these events, she would like to see events that bring people into Laura and support our community. Council discussed. Mr. Johnston noted that Council wouldn't have to be a part of the committee, but appoint people and work in conjunction with the committee. Mrs. Engle noted she would be willing to head the committee. We will work on letting people know about forming this committee.

Solicitors Report: 1. 25 Laura Circle/Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Johnston noted Mr. Rex was served November 12, 2021. Mr. Johnston hasn't heard from Mr. Miller, Mr. Johnston would like to speak with him before he files the court action.

2. Dollar General/Alcohol Sale. Mr. Johnston reported that Dollar General would be the entity that would be responsible for filing for a license to sell alcohol. There are different types of licenses, and residents would vote to approve the license. Mr. Johnston noted there were some zoning restrictions that could be considered if Council had concerns about the licensing.

3. Davis Voice & Data. Mr. James emailed Mr. Davis, but did not get a reply. Mr. May noted Mr. Davis was supposed to put internet at the sewer plant, and we were discussing cameras when the contract was signed. We still don't have these things. Mr. May made a motion to have Mr. Johnston send a letter to Mr. Davis, declaring a breach of contract, if the contract is not met within 45 days of this meeting. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

6. Crosswalk Signs. Mr. James noted all the signs are up.

BOPA: 1. EPA Letter. We received a delinquency notice from the EPA. The testing was an oversight.

2. Mr. Vore will be in Florida until April.

3. Mr. Thompson's business is growing, it may cause him to move his residence.

Old Business. 1. Water Faucet/Village Building. Boxes have been moved in the records room, things are ready for the faucet repair.

2. 403 South Main Street. The bushes have been trimmed.

3. NatureWorks Playground Grant. Ms. Slagle is about to file the final paperwork for reimbursement for the grant money.

4. 8 School Street Limbs/Bushes in Street. We haven't heard from Mrs. Davis. Mr. James will contact a couple of tree trimming companies and get quotes to trim the bushes, etc. away from the street.

New Business.

1. Mote & Associates/Back-up Generator. Ms. Slagle noted Susan Laux of Mote and Associates is no longer working with them. Jerry McClannan has someone in the firm working on the quote for a back-up generator for the County Engineer grant.
2. Miami County Council. Mr. James attended the last meeting. They discussed grant opportunities and COVID items. Mr. James noted a lot of the grants require an income survey, we would have to conduct the survey again.
3. Ordinance 12-21 Prohibiting Medical Marijuana Cultivation, Processing and Dispensaries. This Ordinance was presented and reviewed. Mr. Kauffman made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-21, Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.
4. Resolution 12-21A Permanent Appropriations. This resolution was reviewed. Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 12-21A, Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.
5. Resolution 12-21B Temporary Appropriations. This resolution was reviewed. Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 12-21A, Mr. Kauffman seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.
5. PEP Grant. This grant, through our insurance company, is still available until the end of the year. It must be used for COVID PPE or safety equipment for the village. Council decided to purchase a couple of barricades and some safety cones from USA Bluebook. The cost of the items was \$979.00 Mr. Foster made a motion to purchase two barricades, and ten cones. Mrs. Deere seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deere-Yes, Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. May-Yes, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.
7. Trees in Power Line/South Main Street. Mr. Kauffman noted there are trees in the power lines at the edge of town on South Main Street. He noted most of these trees were in the township, not the village and suggested we send a letter to the Township asking them to trim the trees. Discussion as to whose responsibility they were, AES or the Township. Ms. Slagle will send a letter to the Township. Mr. Kauffman will call AES. Mr. James will have the tree trimming companies take a look at any trees that would be on Village property.

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, Mr. McSparran-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes. The motion passed.

PERS	\$855.66	AES	\$954.91
Frontier	294.29	Ken James	108.76
Gretchen Slagle	427.70	Shipman Dixon	405.00
Amy Elmore	75.00	Miami County Recorder	35.50
West Milton	375.00	NameChange.com	13.00
BWC	342.00	Griffin Pavement Striping	4601.50
OPWC	2321.92	Terry Zellers	250.00
Wertz Hardware	55.55	Angi Deere	109.32
Chris Foster	72.47	Mark May	109.32
Thad Kauffman	108.70		

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

Kenneth James, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk

