

Minutes from June 13th 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 6:47pm. Present were Mayor Herb Gartzke, council members Kelly Singleton, Azure Conaway, Cory Conaway, and Michael Sypherd; police chief David Perley, and Kasandra Sypherd as temporary clerk. Council Member Rick McMeekan was absent.

Minutes from May 9th meeting and May 18th special meeting were approved by a motion from K. Singleton and a 2nd by Azure Conaway. All in favor for approving minutes.

Discussion about T. Bell Properties wanting to add more residences to the sewer lines in future years. T. Bell was not present to discuss the future plans. The city will talk with him at a later date.

A resident has asked for past due sewer bills to be forgiven due to the property being vacant after a house fire. It was discussed by the council and decided that if the other account in this resident's name was in good standing and that the fire dept confirmed the house was uninhabitable due to fire damage and the power being shut off as was reported, the past due amount from the time of the fire to current would be forgiven. The council voted on this decision and all present were in favor.

Police report was given by D. Perley.

Clerks report was given by K. Sypherd

From the council: Discussion on the cost of the city website was brought up by K. Singleton. The council had received information on this during past meetings and has decided to move forward with the website design and set up. Motion by K. Singleton to approve website set up, 2nd by Azure Conaway. All were in favor.

Discussion about updating the city ordinance book since the lapse in time since the last update. Cost is unknown and council will reach out to get quotes. Will discuss again at July meeting.

Discussion about past Fourth of July celebrations in Conesville and what citizens may expect this year and in future years. The option of fireworks was dismissed by council at this time. Council discussed asking Tysons for a donation to host a lunch to the community. The community center is an ideal place to hold the event. It was decided that the city council members would host this event on July 3rd at noon and that the cost would be \$5 per plate. The city will then dedicate all proceeds to Watermelon days future planning. Motion to approve these plans made by M. Sypherd and 2nd by Cory Conaway. Roll call vote 4- yeas, 0-nays.

Discussion about interviews conducted the previous week to fill city clerk position. It was suggested to hire Yamira Martinez as she had the most relevant experience of all candidates who applied. Motion was made by K. Singleton, 2nd by Michael Sypherd. Roll call vote Azure Conaway-I, Kelly Singleton-I, Cory Conaway-I, Michael Sypherd-I.

Discussion on golf cart ordinance, regarding adding ATV/UTV. There have been problems with kids riding around with no parents, citizens riding with no license, no insurance, no permits etc. Sample ordinances from surrounding areas were given to council members to read as a reference. No action taken at this time, will revisit in July.

Discussion about rather or not to have porta-potties in the park during summer months as has been done in the past. Due to rising cost, it was thought that there may be a better option or to simply not supply them. Mayor Gartzke brought up the idea of building a small brick single bathroom building. The council and mayor will gather info to possibly pursue this idea the spring. As of for the remaining summer of 2022 the city will supply 1 (one) porta-potty rather than the normal two (2).

Mayor Gartzke brought up the sewer deposit box as a major air leak area, as well as the fact that a few residents expressed concern with the safety of it. City will get bids for changing the deposit box for something more like a post office drop box that is more secure.

Discussion about the fact that the city minutes have not recently been posted in the Columbus Gazette. It is not a requirement by the city ordinance regarding where the minutes must be posted and has been overlooked due to the lack of hours the temporary clerk has been able to work versus the hours required by a typical clerk. Effort will be made to get future minutes posted in the Gazette in addition to the required postings.

From the community there is a pothole on 1st street. Mayor Gartzke assured them it was being addressed.

There was question about the new city clerks' hours. It has yet to be set as she will be training for a short period of time before setting hours.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm Next Meeting will be July 11th at 6:45pm.