

The Regular Meeting of the Apple Creek Council called to order on January 15th, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. and then for with the following council members answering to

Roll Call: Gary Adkins - yes, Rick Conrad – yes, Mike Harwood - yes, Charlie Lewis - yes, Robert McCarthy – excused and Steve Stoffer - yes.

Also present: Fiscal Officer Dorrie Miller, Interim Police Chief Greg Spademan

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2nd meeting. As always, they are available for the public to review.

Motion by CM Conrad, seconded by CM Harwood.

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SAFETY TIP:

CM Harwood – Be careful of black ice, especially near car washes.

VISITORS:

None

POLICE:

2023 Year in Review

ARPA Retention Grant.

Various trainings and collaborations.

Community Events including but not limited to: Touch a Truck/ Johnny Appleseed/Trick or Treat/Christmas with Santa/ Christmas Tree Lighting/Christmas in the Village.

Packet given to the council members to review.

Mayor Mackey complimented Interim Chief Spademan’s report. Multiple council members also commented and thanked the interim chief and police dept for what they do and the nice report.

PARK:

Mayor Mackey informed the council that Mayor Carson Hall got a facelift thanks to Street Superintendent Swysgood, his assistant Cory Orr and FO Miller. The walls were painted and new curtains hung. The pictures that had been on the mantle have been hung up on the wall. Pictures were shown. The consensus of the Council was that it looked very nice and a nice job was done.

Mayor Mackey stated that they have not yet painted the bathroom floors, but that is also on the list to be done. It was commented that it would have to be special paint for the bathroom floors.

Mayor Mackey stated they have gotten what they need for the floors.

STREETS AND MAINTENANCE:

Salted streets. CP Stoffer commented that route 250 looked so white with the salt, he had thought it snowed.

Trees located by the town garage/t-ball area are being trimmed by a tree company.

CM Adkins questioned about the road work that was spoken about in the last meeting. He asked if we had gotten any quotes for the jobs. CM Harwood stated that a list will be made and prioritized.

Mayor Mackey stated they will go around and look at the streets to see which ones need work and will work on getting quotes in the spring. CP Stoffer said prices have gone up and now that Lytle is no longer doing them, it will make it a little harder. Mayor Mackey also stated that the EPA is now involved with that type work as well. A question was asked about Gatti (Pro-Coat) as the members were impressed with the work he has done so far in town. Mayor Mackey stated for the big jobs, he is also at the mercy of the other contractors as well, as he subcontracts some work.

CM Harwood thinks Gatti would have the equipment for these types of jobs and wouldn’t have to subcontract them out.

WATER & SEWER:

Repair to the altitude valve at Cemetery tower is complete with adjustment – new training. They are able to increase levels about 2ft. Don’t want to go much more due to the fluctuation which could make the towers overflow.

Started the Villard Street waterline upgrade. CP Stoffer said he found that out due to being without water. CM Harwood stated an alert went out before about the project. Mayor Mackey stated they cut in to the Main (8”) across 250. CP Stoffer said they put steel plates on the road. Mayor Mackey stated it was nice that they ramped the approach to the plates, which should help. CM Lewis said the traffic lights were a mess with only 2-3 cars being able to proceed at a time. That has since been fixed.

The water plant has been running at top electric demands during Villard St project.

January 16th, Aqua Disk will arrive to reprogram the tertiary filters.

JEDD#1:

TBA

JEDD#2:

Set dates for 2024 meetings at the village hall at 6:00pm: April 3rd, July 10th, October 9th, and January 8th, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Continue with RITA on meeting for transition. Last of 3 transfers from GASI to RITA complete. The council members were given a listing of villages/cities that went to RITA in 2023 and 2024. A video conference with Columbus EPA and Northeast District Supervisors to complete a 2013 complaint of lead at one household sampling was incomplete. Additional requests by local EPA Representative. John from Government Accounting Solutions in process of updating our water/sewer account to the new software. 3% increase will show up on February 29th billing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Establish Members of Committees for 2024

- FINANCE/PLANNING:** Gary, Mike, Rob
- PARK:** Rob, Steve, Mike
- SAFETY:** Rick, Mike, Charlie
- STREETS:** Gary, Rick, Rob
- WATER/SEWER:** Gary, Rick, Steve

CM Adkins stated he would like to see the planning/finance committee, meet at a minimum of quarterly, if not monthly. Mayor Mackey stated that could be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carpets were cleaned by Professional Carpet Systems (PCS) on the 8th. Mayor Mackey was amazed that they got out/lessened the stains that had been on the carpets for years. They cleaned the main meeting room, women’s restroom, the police officers’ office; where a horrible stain was, and the Chief’s office. The members were amazed at the look of the carpet where the stain was in the meeting room.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Continue to update our and working on getting the correct electric and gas aggregations. Continue to update our w/ww accounts as well.

FINANCE:

December 2023 Reconciliation balanced

Vendor	AMOUNT
ADVANCED WATER & WW	\$ 220.00
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$ 20.18
AEP OHIO	\$ 9,019.15
CINTAS CENTRALIZED LOC	\$ 140.00
CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER CO	\$ 42.00
DOMINION EAST OHIO	\$ 676.85
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 255.80
GOVERNMENT ACCTG. SOL.	\$ 600.00
KIMBLE RECYCLING & DISPOS	\$ 28.28
LENAPE TRAIL SPORTSMAN CL	\$ 420.00
LOWE'S	\$ 153.60
THE LOCKSMITH SHOP	\$ 20.40
OHIO 811	\$ 128.79
PCS (Professional Carpet Systems)	\$ 250.00
QUILL CORP	\$ 86.62
REAM & HAAGER ENVIRONMENT	\$ 2,424.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY	\$ 305.49
SANTMYER ENERGY	\$ 778.59
TAGGART LAW FIRM	\$ 914.50
WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$ 7,834.34
	\$24,318.59

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS: \$24,318.59

Motion to pay bills by CM Harwood, seconded by CM Conrad.
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CM Harwood asked if anything was found out about the fire on West Main St. There are plenty of rumors going around town. Interim Chief Spademan and Mayor Mackey both stated they have not been informed of any update and have no comment as far as the rumors are concerned.

Mayor Mackey passed out a paper outlining the monthly/yearly bank balances from 2020 to 2023 showing the decrease in funds in the account over the years. He then presented a photo book of all the things the Council has done over the past year to show where the money has gone to the projects in the village. He is keeping a close eye on the accounts. The village hadn't spent money until the last four years.

CP Stoffer stated that they were left with doing the updates for things that had been left undone the prior years. We did water towers, sewer plants. Mayor Mackey stated those were dictated by the EPA. When we do the reconciliation for January, we will dip below 1,000,000.00.

CM Harwood stated once we get the income taxes coming in and those that were not paying coming in that should help.

Mayor Mackey stated the thing that got him, was the water payments that came out for loans, in January. The large loans normally have been taken out at the end of January. We will also have another larger payment for Central Painting in May. CM Harwood asked if we are happy with Central Painting. Mayor Mackey stated yes, and it is a ten-year contract.

Mayor Mackey went on to state that the longest loan payment goes through 2036. A new sewer plant back in the day, would have been good for 20 years, but that is hindsight now. CM Harwood asked how we are with capacity with the new school going in. We are prepared and the changes and such that we made were initially for a hospital and are now switched to a new school. CM Harwood said the new school is a silver lining.

MOTION TO go in to Executive Session for Property Security Matters ORC 121.22 and Personnel Section 121.22 (G)(1) Hiring

Motion by CM Conrad, seconded by CM Adkins. Time: 7:18pm

Roll Call: Gary Adkins - yes, Rick Conrad – yes, Mike Harwood - yes, Charlie Lewis - yes, Robert McCarthy – excused and Steve Stoffer - yes.

MOTION TO come out of Executive Session:

Motion by CM Conrad, seconded by CP Stoffer. Time: 8:00pm

Roll Call: Gary Adkins - yes, Rick Conrad – yes, Mike Harwood - yes, Charlie Lewis - yes, Robert McCarthy – excused and Steve Stoffer - yes.

No motions conducted after Executive Session:

Chair members of each of the committees were established.

FINANCE/PLANNING: Gary

PARK: Mike

SAFETY: Mike

STREETS: Rob

WATER/SEWER: Steve

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Harwood, seconded by CM Conrad.

Roll Call: Gary Adkins - yes, Rick Conrad – yes, Mike Harwood - yes, Charlie Lewis - yes, Robert McCarthy – excused and Steve Stoffer - yes.

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 16th, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Rodney Mackey, Mayor

Dorrie Miller, Fiscal Officer