

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Dan Leskovac, Ken Miner, Cliff DeZee, and Joe Dugan

Staff: Fiscal Officer Rick Sebastian, Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The December 5, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:05 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present
Mr. Seitz – present
Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. Bradley – present

2. Pledge of allegiance

One minute of silence in remembrance of American troops serving throughout the world and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

3. Approval of the November 21, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the November 21, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the agenda with the following amendments:

11. Legislation – change B from a first reading of an ordinance to amend the 2018 budget to an emergency reading.
 - add C emergency reading of a resolution for gas aggregation

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

13. Miscellaneous – add executive session to discuss pending litigation with no action to follow.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report – Mayor Puckett gave the monthly court reports as follows: For the month of November, Mayor's Court had computer fund \$80, costs \$174, fines \$520, Niles Municipal Court fines \$330, parking tickets \$125, and law enforcement fund \$3, for a grand total of \$1232.00.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated the Street Department has been diligently working on the curbside leaf pickup. The last day for the leaf machine to be out is December 19. They are backed up on some of their work because of the recent storm regarding the branch pickup. The regular program has ceased but they will pick up branches that are storm related.

Mr. Domitrovich commented on the 37th annual Christmas Tree lighting program. He thanked all the families in McDonald who made cookies and committee members. Mr. Stamp, Mr. Harvey, Don and Laurie Smith, Cindy Robinson, Leah Green, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Fisher, Jonathan Noel, John Meser, and Kevin Fizet. He also thanked Fire Chief Stitt for the organization in the fire bays and Chief Woodley for the police escort bringing Santa into town.

He also commended Mrs. Mills for the art show that took place in the Community Room the same time as the tree lighting program

Mr. Domitrovich thanked the Fiscal Officer who is coming up on his six-month mark. I'm in his office almost as much as I am in mine. I'm working with him on the ins and outs of Village business that comes up.

Police Chief Bill Woodley – no report.

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt gave his monthly report as follows: For the month of November, the Fire Department responded to 20 E.M.S. calls and 17 fire calls. The new ambulance has been ordered with arrival expected in March, 2019. The Cascade system has been ordered with arrival expected in January 2019. The hoods and gloves have been received. The gear washer is being installed December 11, 2018. Findley Fire Equipment was awarded the bid for the SCBA's (air paks) and they are to arrive tentatively March, 2019.

The Festival dates for 2019 are June 26-20. The Fire Department requests permission to use the Ramsay Pavilion, festival grounds and basketball courts.

Solicitor Ross – no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, Fire Dependency Board, executive session with no action afterwards and gas aggregation,

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated they met last evening with a full committee. He thanked his committee, it was a very busy year. He commented on all the events at Christmas in the Village. He issued a special thanks to all those that helped this year. The Fire Department has set next year's homecoming festival.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to grant the Fire Department permission to use the festival grounds and basketball court on June 26-29, 2019.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey again thanked all who helped with Christmas in the Village. Mr. Fisher stated this was the first year that his schedule allowed him to help out and with all the help they were done with setup by 1:00 p.m. Perhaps with more help

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help next year they may be able to get out by noon.

Safety Committee Mr. Seitz stated Safety met last evening and spoke on the pay for the daytime emt's and medics. The Fire Chief has been very strict on his budget and Finance agrees that these individuals certainly warrant a pay raise. We need to be more competitive with our surrounding communities.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz to authorize the Solicitor to amend our daytime emt's/medic pay to reflect a one dollar an hour raise.

Discussion: Mayor Puckett stated it is well deserved. We are experiencing a higher call volume. They are doing a lot. It is well deserved and long overdue.

Mr. Bradley stated the Fire Chief has done a tremendous job keeping us more in the black than the red.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Harvey – abstain
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Seitz stated they also discussed the Fire Dependency Board. Nominees from Council are Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Lewis.

It was moved by Mr. Seitz to approve the nominations of Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Lewis to the Fire Dependency Board.

Roll call:

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated Finance met last evening and discussed the two items of legislation this evening – the second reading of the

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temporary budget which now has the health care number in it and also the emergency reading of the amended 2018 budget.

Service Committee Mr. Fisher stated Service met last evening and discussed the gas aggregation. We had a second reading previous to this meeting on it but we decided not to move forward. We did introduce new legislation this evening that will be an emergency reading. It allows some language to be more flexible on how they did the rate. We are going to get under a certain number and lock it in so it gives them a little extra latitude on it. Mr. Fisher continued that Mr. Lewis already discussed the health care, even though it is not an exact number at this time, it is in the budget proposal for next year. Hopefully we will have the final figure for the record. We will be working on an affirmative action resolution. This is something that we have done in the past. It is good to have it done from time to time. Mr. Fisher also stated that the VA gave an update on the insurance claim for the baseball concession stand.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley – no report.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien reported that McDonald Community Chest met in November and will meet on December 10 to finalize Christmas. Grandma Elf will accept Santa letters until December 14 and will answer all letters. Dollar General as it has in the past will donate toys to Community Chest. Toys were also donated by residents and continue to donate at the store. Community Chest is helping various families that have been referred. They will receive food vouchers. Anyone wanting to donate call the caseworker, Peggy Palmer, at the Municipal Building.

8 Remarks from persons or groups present: Cliff DeZee, 807 Texas Ave. stated he is a member of the McDonald Historical Society and he distributed 100th anniversary pens to all of Council and staff.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A Second reading of an Ordinance To Make Temporary Appropriations For 2019 To The Various Divisions Of The Village Government For Each Of The Several Objects For Which The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Has To Provide Out

11. Legislation cont'd.

Of The Monies Known To Be In The Treasury Of Said Village During The Year From The Collection Of All The Taxes And From All Other Sources Of Revenue For 2019.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that the ordinance pass second reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

B Emergency reading of an Ordinance No. 3228-18 To Amend Appropriations For 2018 To Various Divisions Of The Village Government For Each Of The Several Objects For Which The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Has To Provide Out Of The Monies Known To Be In The Treasury Of Said Village During the Year From The Collection Of All The Taxes And From All Other Sources Of Revenue For 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that Ordinance No. 3228-18 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated this simply being done due to a procedural snafu in which the last read did not have the numbers in prior to the reading so we are keeping everything on the up and up to make sure we are following proper procedure.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

C Emergency reading of Resolution No. 1803-18 For The Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor And Fiscal Officer To Enter Into A Second Amendment To Endorsement Agreement With Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to suspend the Rules of Council.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that Resolution No. 1803-18 be passed as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated this gives Constellation more flexibility instead of a procedural step we have to go through here. As soon as they get the rate under \$3.19 per mcf they can lock it in. The reason for the emergency is to give them that flexibility.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Sebastian reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$48,531.28.

I, Richard Sebastian, Fiscal Officer of the Village of McDonald, Ohio do hereby declare that the bills are true and correct and the money is in the bank to pay them.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Domitrovich thanked Council for emergency passing of the gas aggregation. This will allow Buckeye Energy to lock in a good rate for the residents. This will go into effect in February.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to enter into executive at 6:31 p. m. to discuss pending litigation with no action to follow.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to exit executive session at 6:40 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:40 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer