

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Tim Schaffner, Trumbull County Children Services

Staff: Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Fiscal Officer Lori Canada, and Office Manager Amy Cunningham.

1. The October 21, 2020 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:07 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Fisher – present
Mr. Schmidt – present

Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. DeZee – present
Mr. Joynes – 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 October 7, 2020 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the October 7, 2020 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to amend the agenda to move Mr. Schaffner to speak during the Mayor's report:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report: Mr. Schaffner spoke in regards to the renewal of the Trumbull County Children's Services levy.

Mayor Puckett wanted to wish everyone a safe Halloween. We have set up a drive-thru. Mr. Domitrovich will give more details in his report. Mayor Puckett stated that if you choose to participate in Trick-or-Treat, he hopes that everyone is safe and following guidelines.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that we received boxes today from Oh Wow and One Hot Cookie. He thanked Ralf Urbach who prepared 500 packages of toys and educational literature for the kids. Bergen Giordani from One Hot Cookie prepared the treat bags for the kids also. We will get them to our youth as they drive thru and pick them up. Mr. Domitrovich thanked Chief Stitt for his employees that helped get all the packages in a safe and locked up area until we deliver them on October 31 between 5-7 p.m. He gave a special thanks to Joe Danko, Dan Jamison, and Larry Manaro who were present to help with all the boxes. Mr. Domitrovich also thanked Sarah Lown from the Western Reserve Port Authority for communicating all these orders from Oh Wow and One Hot Cookie and the Mayor's Association for working to get this paid for and distributed safely to our kids. We are looking to do this giveaway to the kids as they drive thru with the adults on Pennsylvania Avenue in the 500 block in front of the park. We will be allowing them into that block from Sixth Street and we'll probably have two lanes that will drive thru to the end of the block at Fifth Street. We will have a flyer going out to the schools describing everything in more detail.

Mr. Domitrovich stated that the Street Department is picking up leaves. Residents may bring them down to the curb and we will pick them up. Right now, we are picking everything up with the street sweeper. Our vac machine will be assembled and ready to go out on the roads the first week of November, at which time we will conclude our branch pickup. If there is an emergency or storm concern where we have to pickup branches, please call the Municipal Building.

Police Chief Bill Woodley submitted his monthly activity report and it is as follows:

For the month of September, the Police Department received 170 calls from the 911 center. They investigated 28 formal complaints, and made 28 traffic stops resulting in 8

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

traffic tickets. They conducted 4 bank drops, 5 criminal arrests, and issued 6 parking tickets. The Police Department also responded to 2 traffic crashes. The department Completed their DTBs for the month of September.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt stated no report.

Solicitor Ross stated no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis stated that Caucus met this evening and the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, Halloween boxes, and November meetings. Our November Committee meetings will be held on Monday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We traditionally do not have meetings on Election Day. Our Council meetings will be held on November 4 and 18.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated that the drive-thru Halloween will be on October 31 from 5-7 p.m. The Village has put up another trash container on Pennsylvania Avenue. We are waiting for the Governor's recommendation on the best ways to reopen the Community Room. Mr. Domitrovich has been working on this. We are looking forward to getting the room reopened. We just don't know when this will happen. Mr. Domitrovich stated that the regulations are constantly changing. There have been communications between himself and Millie Ritz, the director, on how we need to structure things.

Mr. Harvey stated that there will be a parking lot put in where the old house was on 452 Pennsylvania Avenue. We are looking forward to passing the legislation so we can move forward with that. Mr. Harvey stated that we are waiting on the health department's suggestion on how we should handle Christmas In the Village. He stated that a lot of what we normally do won't be done this year.

Safety Committee Mr. Fisher stated no report.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis wanted our residents to know that the 1.5 Mil Renewal Levy will be on the ballot November 3. He wanted to remind Village residents that this is a levy that has been on the books for over 40 years based on property values assessed from 1976. It generates about \$28,000 annually to the Village. This is an operational expenses levy. It is the only levy collected by the Village and independent of any other levies that have been voted on in the past few years. This is the only levy that is collected by the Village. It costs the average homeowner about

7. Committee reports cont'd.

\$22 annually for that renewal. Mr. Lewis is asking residents to vote "Yes" on the renewal to help out the Village.

Service Committee Mr. Schmidt stated that we have been in direct contact with the school board ever since this Facilities Use Agreement has come up. He wants everyone to understand that there have been private conversations this entire time. There is a perception that the Village isn't doing their part to reciprocate with the school board in moving forward with this. That is a false statement. There have been a lot of positive discussions. We are moving forward with potentially coming to a new agreement with the school.

Planning Commission Mr. Fisher stated that the legislation this evening is for the zoning change of 452 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee stated no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none.

9. Old Business: none.

10. New Business: none.

11. Legislation:

A. First Reading Of An Ordinance Rezoning A Certain Parcel In The Village Of McDonald, Ohio From A Zoning Classification Of Residential "RA" To A Classification Of Commercial "CA" And Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher that the Ordinance pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated that this has been an ongoing discussion for at least a year. It finally entered talks in Planning Commission. We did hold a public hearing where nobody appeared in opposition to that. Planning Commission's approval was moved onto Council where this was discussed again. We also held a public hearing with the Council and nobody appeared in opposition. It looks like a common sense point to move this forward to rezone from "RA" to "CA" so we can make further developments on the property.

Roll call:

11. Legislation cont'd.

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. Canada stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$28,145.79.

I, Lori Canada, 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. Lewis to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Schmidt – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Joynes – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Harvey thanked everyone that had anything to do with the baseball camp going on at the ballfields.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:37 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer

