

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Ken Miner, Cliff DeZee, Scott Merola and Joe Dugan

Staff: Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

Press: Bob Coupland, *Tribune Chronicle*

1. The March 20, 2019 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by President Pro Tem Ray Lewis at 6:05 p.m.

The roll was called by Office Manager Char McCracken

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz – absent
Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. Lewis stated that Mayor Puckett is absent due to a death in his family and Mr. Seitz is absent due to his work schedule.

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 March 6, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the March 6, 2019 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to accept the agenda as presented with the following amendment:

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

13. Miscellaneous – add an executive session for the purpose to consider the appointment of a public employee or official namely a replacement for Mr. O'Brien with no action to follow.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mr. Lewis apologized for his attire. He just came from a baseball scrimmage. He also stated that they amended the agenda to add an executive session to discuss the candidates for the vacant council seat. He appreciated everyone's letters of intent and will do their due diligence to fulfill the position at the meeting on April 3.

Mr. Lewis stated with the exit of our Fiscal Officer Rick Sebastian, we have brought on board, as discussed at a prior meeting, Fluent & Ricciardi, who will be helping us to handle our bills in the meantime. At this point he asked council to delegate the authority of the fiscal officer's position to Fluent & Ricciardi, Certified Public Accountants until a new fiscal officer is appointed.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to delegate the authority of the fiscal officer's position to Fluent & Ricciardi, Certified Public Accounts, until a new fiscal officer is appointed.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated the street resurfacing bids are out for 2019. The bids will be opened on April 3.

The garbage contract is out to bid and will be opened on March 26.

The curbside Spring clean up is being advertised. The dates are April 9 and 10. Residents

6. Report of Village Officials cont'd.

will be allowed to bring items to the curb. If there are any questions, they can contact the front office.

Mr. Domitrovich stated he was successful in applying for a scrap tire grant through Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District. Tire pickup will be July 15 through July 26 at the curb. The grant is in the amount of \$1437.

The VA stated he picked up the Senior Levy grant for the senior programming. It is potentially a \$36,000 grant. It is due April 12.

He also spoke on a sidewalk grant from Eastgate. He will contact GPD, our engineers, and will have a full report for committee meetings next month. The application is due at the end of August.

Police Chief Bill Woodley distributed his end of the month report for February and it is as follows:

For the month of February 2019, the Police Department received 211 calls from the 911 center. They investigated 27 formal complaints, conducted 69 traffic stops resulting in 26 citations. They issued 4 parking tickets and 3 parking warnings. They responded to 7 Alarm drops, issued 8 Mayor's Court Summons, responded to 4 private property crashes, 22 medical calls, 3 lockout calls, 2 noise complaints, 4 parking violations, 1 call for suspicious activity, 1 call for suspicious person, and 4 calls for suspicious vehicle. They also conducted traffic control 6 times. The department continued and completed their DTB training as well as one hour of drug-free workplace training for the month of February.

He also stated that the SUV's were delivered last week and were taken to the mechanic to have them outfitted.

Mr. Bradley asked when the new vehicles are put on the road, what will become of the older cruisers. Chief Woodley stated they are going to take the worst two off the road. Mr. Bradley asked if they will be auctioned/sold. Chief Woodley stated he doesn't believe they will be suitable for auction.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt – Mr. Lewis stated that Chief Stitt is attending a fire conference this evening.

Solicitor Ross – no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis stated they met this evening for caucus and discussed the agenda, fiscal officer's report, council minutes, legislation, committee meetings, which will be held Tuesday, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. here in the community room. They also discussed the letters of those interested in fulfilling the vacant council seat. It will be further discussed during executive session.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated they will meet April 2. Hannah Jones is on board for park supervisor. The Relay for Life will be held June 1. They are looking at having the merry go round coming back. There will be a full committee meeting to kick off things for the summer program.

Safety Committee Mr. Harvey stated they will meet April 2. In lieu of the Fire Chief not being here this evening, he did get a chance to go down and see the new ambulance. It will be a blessing for us. It should arrive in the next couple months. The Cascade system has been installed. They also have some new equipment for the ambulance. We have received a tremendous amount of grants. He also spoke on the new cruisers that will be put into service in a month or so. They will help cut down on the repair bills for the other cruisers. He thanked both chiefs for their efforts.

Mr. Bradley stated that the members of this community should be informed as to what this council, administration, Village Administrator, and safety people have done to supply this Village with an awful lot of things that we didn't have to pay totally for. We have taken steps to insure the safety of our officers and our firefighters. I hope the residents realize what we do down here is for the whole town.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated we have the third reading on the salary ordinance and permanent budget. He thanked everyone on council for working hard to get a budget passed the second year in a row without having to go to an emergency.

Service Committee Mr. Bradley stated we have the third reading of the Solicitor's contract, third reading of the amendment of the salary ordinance, third reading of the permanent budget, and third reading for the amendment to the rental inspections. Second reading of an ordinance amending the building inspector's salary and a second reading of an ordinance amending Planning Commission meeting dates and times and a first reading of the resolution for the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District Management plan.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley reported there is a second reading tonight to establish the Planning Commission meeting dates and times. They are planning to meet

7. Committee reports cont'd.

the second Wednesday of the second month of each quarter. Whether we have any business or not, we are going to meet to discuss with the members what we may see coming down the road. Everyone will be able to stay informed as to what is going on.

Community Chest - Mr. Lewis stated that we will be naming a new representative to the Community Chest. It is only fitting that we state – no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A. Third Reading of Resolution No. 1804-19 Engaging The Solicitor Under The Terms, Covenants, And Conditions, Of The Attached Agreement And Determining To Contract With Attorney Douglas W. Ross Of Daniel Daniluk, LLC As Solicitor For The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For Two (2) Years Commencing July 1, 2019 Through And Including June 30, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Resolution No. 1804-19 be passed as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

B. Third Reading of Ordinance No. 3230-19 For The Purpose Of Amending Ordinance Number 3218-18 (The “Salary Ordinance”) To Address The Salaries And Wages Of The Office Employees; To Provide That All Other Salaries And Wages Of Certain Officers And Employees Will Remain The Same, Reaffirmed And Ratified; And For The Final Purpose Of Repealing Any And All Other Ordinances Or Resolutions In Conflict Therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Ordinance No. 3230-19 be passed as read.

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

C. Third Reading of Ordinance No. 3231-19 To Make Appropriations For 2019 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 2019.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Ordinance No. 3231-19 be passed as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

D. Third Reading of Ordinance No.3232-19 For The Purpose Of Amending A Certain Section Of Chapter 1359 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Entitled “Rental Property,” And Specifically Section 1359.03(e).

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that Ordinance No. 3232 -19 be passed as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

E. Second Reading of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Previous Village Ordinance No. 3168-15 To Change The Compensation Structure For The Building And Zoning Inspector.

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

F. Second Reading Of An Ordinance For The Purpose Of Amending Codified Ordinance Section 1113.09 Of The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Concerning The Planning Commission Meetings.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

G. First Reading Of A Resolution Approving The Solid Waste Management Plan Of The Geauga Trumbull County Solid Waste Management District.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that the resolution pass first reading as read.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mr. Lewis stated we are currently without a Fiscal Officer. The bills total \$344,297.54.

For clarification, the State Auditor's office was called as to the wording of the Fiscal Officer's report and their recommendation for this report is as follows.

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd.

According to the work done by former Fiscal Officer Rick Sebastian the bills are true and correct and the money is in the bank to pay them.

Solicitor Ross recommended that a temporary fiscal officer be appointed to take on the duties of the fiscal office until one can be appointed.

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

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Mr. Harvey stated we are losing Home Savings at the end of this month. He commented while they were here, they were involved in this community. Their charitable donations were \$37,000 for this community. They were a \$250 donor for the Music in the Park. They were connected to us in being more than just nice neighbors. They donated a lot of money to the village and I want to say thank you to them. They will be missed not only financially, but also as a good neighbor to the community.

Mr. Bradley stated we did meet with the people from Home Savings and in addition to having been good neighbors, they reached out to us very well in trying to make some arrangement to benefit us even though they were leaving our community. I think that was very positive on their part.

Mr. Lewis stated he believes that we will still receive the same amount of charitable contributions from Home Savings moving forward not only in 2019 but 2020, 2021 and on.

A. Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to enter executive session at 6:20 p.m. to consider the appointment of a public official namely a replacement for Mr. O'Brien.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated we are going to start the vetting process. I do not think that it is proper without a full council or mayor present to make a decision. One of the situations that could potentially arise if we were to do that is there could be a tie with no one to break the tie. I think it is more proper to wait as we planned.

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Mr. Bradley stated we are still within our time window.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to exit executive session at 6:52 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Harvey at 6:52 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer