

McDonald Village Council
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
Regular Council Meeting

Visitors: Joe Dugan, Ken Miner, Dan Leskovac, Genny Costanzo, Paul Skruck, and Scott Merola.

Staff: Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, Office Manager Char McCracken, and Assistant Office Manager Amy Cunningham

1. The May 1, 2019 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:05 p.m.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz – present
Mr. Fisher – present
Mr. DeZee – 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 April 17, 2019 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Seitz – abstain
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – abstain
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to amend the agenda to add under legislation B a first reading of a resolution with R.T. Vernal for base bid and alternate bid "A":

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report- Mayor Puckett gave the monthly court report as follows: For the month of April, Mayor's court had computer fund \$220, court costs \$606, additional costs \$232, city revenue from fines \$1360, Niles Municipal court fines \$1112, parking tickets \$55, and police reports \$13 for a total of \$3598.00.

The Mayor stated that he wanted to do his due diligence in his search for a fiscal officer. We had well over 30 applicants and went through a fruitful interview process. The Mayor feels that Lori Hinchcliffe is the right choice. He would like council's approval for the hiring of Lori Hinchcliffe as the new fiscal officer.

Mr. Lewis moved to accept the appointment of Lori Hinchcliffe as the new fiscal officer.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis thanked Mayor Puckett for diligently looking at the candidates. Mr. Bradley stated that it is important that we get some solid continuity and long term commitment because it is too hard to stay abreast with everything when there is turnover.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye

Mr. Seitz – aye

Mr. Lewis – aye

Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

The Mayor would like to appoint Joe Danko to Lieutenant of the fire department. He stated that Mr. Danko works very hard and is always on-call.

Mr. DeZee moved to accept the appointment of Joe Danko to Lieutenant of the fire department.

Discussion: Mr. Bradley stated that we are very fortunate to have leadership in our safety forces. The things that this community does with the few people that they have and the leadership that it gives to the younger officers is priceless.

5. Mayor's report cont'd:

Roll call:

Mr. DeZee – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

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

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich stated that he passed out packets on upcoming projects and contracts at committee meetings. He thanked everyone for reviewing all the information in committee meetings. He looks forward to moving forward on the projects this summer.

Police Chief Bill Woodley stated no report.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt thanked everyone for the appointment of Joe Danko to Lieutenant.

Solicitor Ross stated no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis stated that caucus met at 6:01 p.m. and the following items were discussed: agenda, fiscal officer's report, council minutes, legislation with an amendment for a first reading of the street resurfacing project, Lori Hinchcliffe as fiscal officer, Joe Danko as Lieutenant, summer recess, and the beer tent.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey stated that the Memorial Day service will be May 26 at 1:00 p.m. The Relay for Life will be June 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Music in the Park is in place and we continue to get donations toward that. The second floor renovations were discussed at committee meetings and we will review that for next year.

It was moved by Mr. Harvey to authorize the Solicitor to file an application for a beer tent for June 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Discussion: Mr. Bradley stated that he does not agree with this. He believes that the community and the Firefighter's Festival over the past years have not needed this

7. Committee reports cont'd:

entity for a fundraiser. Compared to the 100-year anniversary, these are two different atmospheres in this community and he does not agree with this. Mr. Seitz replied stating that he thinks the beer tent is a fantastic idea. He thought the 100-year anniversary was a huge success. He feels this is a great idea for a fundraiser and also, for comradery. Mr. Bradley followed this by stating that the 100-year anniversary had a grand stand and live entertainment. It was a different environment than what we are looking at.

Roll call:

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

Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey stated that we will be moving forward with park attendants. Many things will be going on in the park. He also attended There's No Place Like Home, which is the Trumbull County Children's Services. It was a very informative luncheon at Ciminero's.

Safety Committee Mr. DeZee stated the fire department would like to purchase a heart monitor. The one we have now is used. A new heart monitor would cost \$32,000 and a refurbished one would cost \$20,000. The Fire Chief will look into a grant for this. Mr. DeZee did a survey on the police cruisers and residents appear to like the look of them. The new ambulance is a lot safer for our EMTs. The seatbelts have a four-point harness. Also, the gurney can be automatically picked up which protects our EMT's and paramedics. He stated that with all the distracted driving, he is glad to know that our EMT's and paramedics will be safer.

Mr. Bradley stated that he has seen the new gurney and how it works. The price that we got the ambulance for is tremendous.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis stated that the Finance committee discussed the hiring of Lori Hinchcliffe as fiscal officer. They also discussed the credit card reader from CMI. This is going to be put on hold for now. In the process of searching for a fiscal officer, it was discovered that there are other options for software. Mr. Lewis thanked Char McCracken and Amy Cunningham for their hard work in discovering this. We may be able to save the Village some funds with regard to the software that we are using. Char and Amy are looking further into this. Mr. Lewis

7. Committee reports cont'd:

stated that CMI proposed training for the new fiscal officer which was not acceptable to the Village. Char McCracken contacted Debbie Bracken at Lordstown to train the new fiscal officer at the rate of \$20/hour. This rate is eight times cheaper than what CMI presented.

Service Committee Mr. Bradley stated that there will be a second reading for the garbage contract. There will also be a first reading for R.T. Vernal bid for the Street Resurfacing project. Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Domitrovich to explain the user charge for Niles Wastewater Treatment. Mr. Domitrovich stated that the Village is looking at a decrease in our monthly expense for paying Niles to treat our wastewater. We are in a 20-year agreement with Niles for them to treat our wastewater. In the contract, is the user charge worksheet. The City of Niles is responsible to show us their administrative costs and treatment costs on an annual basis. They base their rate to us on that. Sometimes the rate goes up and sometimes it goes down. It is usually based off rain flow. The flow rate to Niles changes monthly depending on rain flow. The City of Niles charges \$1016.47 per million gallons.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley stated that the Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. The commission will be addressing a replat request.

Community Chest Mr. DeZee stated no report.

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: Genny Costanzo from NOPEC introduced herself to council and spoke of what NOPEC has to offer the Village.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. Legislation:

A. A Second Reading Of A Resolution Accepting The Bid Of Ohio Valley Waste, 1534 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509, For The Performance Of The Village's Municipal Solid Waste Collection Services Agreement And Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Execute An Agreement With Ohio Valley Waste Service, Inc.

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

11. Legislation cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

B. A First Reading Of A Resolution Accepting The Bid Of R.T. Vernal Paving And Excavating, Inc., 11299 South Avenue, North Lima, Ohio 44452, For The 2019 Street Resurfacing Program With A Base Bid Of One Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven And 30/100 Dollars (\$109,887.30) And The Alternate “A” Bid Of Forty Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Nine And 50/100 Dollars (\$40,449.50) For A Total Of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six And 80/100 Dollars (\$150,336.80); For The Further Purpose Of Authorizing The Mayor, Fiscal Officer, And/Or Village Administrator To Enter Into A Contract With R.T. Vernal Pavings & Excavating, Inc., And Execute Any Other Documents Necessary To Further The Project.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley that the resolution with base bid plus alternate “A” bid pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Bradley stated that we had allocated \$125,000 to get this job done. We received no grants for this project.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer’s report:

Mr. Lewis stated that the bills for the Fiscal Officer’s report total \$61,991.75.

Melissa Fulvi, representative of Fluent & Ricciardi Certified Public Accountants, declares that the bills are true and correct and the money is in the bank to pay them.

12. Fiscal Officer's report cont'd:

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

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Seitz – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. DeZee – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: none

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fisher at 6:47 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer