

JULY 13, 2023 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Palmer at 7:00 p.m. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Walton, Webb and Clerk Smith were present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Shalda Park Interpretive Sign and Mass Gathering Ordinance were added under Old Business. Approval of Minutes was added following the first Public Comment.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Dye, support by Walton to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Dye, support by Rademacher to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023 with several corrections. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED. Bacon opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS – An email from Roxanne Shetler regarding pickle ball was read aloud.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Palmer read a report regarding a ~~FOIA request~~ Attorney Contact, Beach Bathrooms, and issues at the outlet between public and property owners. An update on completion of BP Gas Station was noted with a projected opening of 6-25-23. There was discussion of the outlet issues and consensus that since the Village has relinquished their easement to the County Drainage District, all complaints or questions should be directed to the County Sheriff.

COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS – Dye reviewed the Parks Committee meeting of July 6th. Walton reviewed the minutes of the Disaster Preparedness Committee meeting of July 6th. Rademacher reviewed the minutes of the Wastewater Update Task Force meeting of July 7th. Bacon provided an update on the Union St. tar and chip project, with the final fogging to take place next week. It was also reported that the beetles for purple loosestrife remediation will be released tomorrow afternoon and the South Bar Lake Association meeting is July 26th.

OLD BUSINESS

RULES OF PROCEDURE UPDATES – Discussion began at Sec. 3.3 Communications. There was consensus that the title “Communication” remain. Sec. 3.4 was discussed at length regarding policy, GLVA and attorney opinion on notes or writings prepared for Village business. There was consensus to continue discussion at a future work session. Sec.3.5 was reviewed and recording retention remained at 6 months. Review will continue at the next work session.

DRAFT PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING STREET LIGHTING CHANGES – Bacon reviewed the draft provided. There was consensus to add this to the Consent Agenda at the next Regular meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE – Bacon reviewed the document she had provided. Asset Mapping may be the first charge with others to be added in the future. Bacon

will provide a draft of information to be placed on the website with the application. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

SHALDA PARK INTERPRETIVE SIGN – Dye reviewed the document provided and will follow up with suggestions to be considered at the regular meeting.

MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE – Palmer requested any questions from Council be prepared for the regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CONVERSATION WITH COUNCIL – Palmer will prepare a document for Council approval to be sent with the email blast prior to the August work session. There was discussion of the process for noticing, calling the roll, and proceeding into public interaction. There would be no requirement for Council attendance and details will be included in the document to be emailed. The previously held, Coffee with Council, held in the Village Office on Saturday mornings was discussed with rotating attendance by 2 council members. **Motion by Rademacher, support by Dye to continue the meeting until 9:30 p.m. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED. Bacon opposed.** Palmer offered to come up with a plan for Conversation with Council and asked for support. Webb, Walton, Dye and Palmer were in favor. Chase, Rademacher and Bacon opposed.

APPOINTMENT OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL – Palmer appointed Dye, Chase and Walton and asked for approval. **Motion by Webb, support by Chase to approve the appointments. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.**

OFFICIAL VILLAGE LOGO – **Motion by Webb, support by Walton to approve the red logo on the trucks and on the signs coming into the Village. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED. Bacon opposed.**

GARBAGE CANS FOR SHALDA PARK – The examples provided were discussed. **Motion by Walton, support by Dye to purchase 3 of the \$208 Glasdon trash bins.** There was discussion to add this to the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – The placement of the handicap bathroom at Shalda Park was questioned *by the Clerk*. Dye noted it has been temporarily placed and will be moved adjacent to paving.

ADJOURNMENT at ~~8:38 p.m.~~ 9:38 p.m.

Derith Smith

Empire Village Clerk