

July 11, 2024 – 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 members Bacon, Chase, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Walton, and Webb were present. Clerk Smith was also present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – June 25th Regular Meeting minutes were added under Old Business.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Rod Barnes commented on detail for agenda items.

COMMUNICATIONS – None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Office hours were reviewed as 8-4:30 p.m. M-F.

COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS – Parks meeting minutes were received. Master Plan meeting of Monday was reviewed. Educational sessions and open house dates were noted and will be posted on the website. Survey will also be available on the website, DPW/Office building and the Glen Lake Library.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVE MINUTES: Regular Meeting 6/25/24 – Motion by Dye, support by Walton to approve the minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

WADE TRIM PROPOSAL- SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS – Motion by Dye, support by Webb to approve the proposal as recommended by the Task Force and not to exceed 12K. Discussion was held over Item#3 and whether there would be a duplication of services with Renovare and if it could include M22 corridor in addition to 3 properties proposed. Cost for such would exceed the budget. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Walton, Webb. Nays: Bacon, Chase. MOTION PASSED.**
Motion by Bacon, support by Rademacher to have Renovare reach out to Wade Trim regarding how each may enhance their deliverables. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – Dye reviewed recommendations for implementation. There was consensus that these are ready for a vote at the regular meeting. There was discussion of how work on streets, sidewalks or beach park is recorded on timesheets. Signs for swimming dock were discussed and additional life rings were suggested.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS - Palmer appointed Cheryl Clark as a regular member. **Motion by Dye, support by Walton to approve the appointments. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Walton reviewed the committee recommendations. Chase noted that the GLVA describes the duties of the appointed officers (Clerk & Treasurer). Bacon noted that the DPW Superintendent position needs attention as a priority. There was discussion of a Village Manager and how the council may change. Descriptions for appointed and elected officials were discussed.

VILLAGE OFFICE TRANSITION – There was discussion regarding current plans and furnishings that have not been finalized. Sign plans have arrived and will be available for next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Steve Lewis commented on ordinances that are not being enforced by the Village or the Sheriff's department. He agrees with more life rings.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – Webb asked when beach ambassadors are working as he has not seen any over the last several weeks.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:25 p.m.

Derith Smith

Empire Village Clerk

These are draft minutes were approved at the July 23, 2024, Regular Council meeting.