

Village of Creston

Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 5, 2023 @ 7:30pm.

Mayor John Hall called the Regular Council meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Mayor John Hall Jr., Cm. Aaron Huth, Cm. Aaron Howell, Cm. Jason Balyer, Cp. Tom Phillips, Cw. Brenda Norris, Cm. Nate Berry, Chief Bryon Meshew and Pam Hostetler taking the meeting minutes

Others present: Gerri Williams, Thomas Delong

Pledge of Allegiance

Council discussion and vote on termination of current Solicitor Allan Michelson –

1. Mayor Hall asked Council if they were in agreement to terminate Allan Michelson's contract and give him the required thirty (30) day notice.

A motion was then made by Cm. Tom Phillips and 2nd. by Cw. Brenda Norris to approve terminating Solicitor Allan Michelson's contract and give him the required thirty (30) day notice.

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| Roll Call | All in favor | Motion carried |
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Council discussion and vote on new Law Director –

1. Mayor Hall advised council that Personnel met and are making a recommendation to approve Kristopher B. Immel as Law Director.

A motion was then made by Cm. Tom Phillips and 2nd. by Cm. Aaron Huth to approve Kristopher B. Immel's contract as Law Director.

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| Roll Call | All in favor | Motion carried |
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Law Director Kris Immel will write an ordinance for legal services to be passed at the next council meeting.

Approval of December 21, 2022 meeting minutes –

A motion was then made by Cm. Jason Balyer and 2nd. by Cm. Tom Phillips to approve the December 21, 2022 Council meeting minutes.

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| Roll Call | All in favor | Motion carried |
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Mayor John Hall Jr. –

1. A discussion was continued regarding having all committee meetings on the same day each month. Kris Immel explained how back-to-back meetings would work. Committee meetings can run over their advertised time. There would need to be five (5) minutes in between if meeting runs over. Next meeting cannot start early. A scheduled meeting can be cancelled. No decision was made.
2. Mayor Hall advised council that we need to nominate a President Pro Tempore.

Cm. Nate Berry nominated Cw. Brenda Norris. Cm. Aaron Howell 2nd. the nomination for President Pro Tempore.

Vote was taken

All in favor

Nomination carried

3. Mayor Hall advised Council of the need to hire a new maintenance employee. We have three (3) employees that are getting close to retirement. A discussion was held. We need to start the process to hire someone to be groomed to take over. Jason Flory said we need someone to start at the ground floor with maybe a couple years-experience and willing to learn. A CDL Class A would be helpful.

A motion was then made by Cm. Jason Balyer and 2nd. by Cm. Aaron Huth to post a Maintenance position ASAP.

Roll Call

All in favor

Motion carried

Cm. Tom Phillips –

1. Tom wanted to clear up the credit card confusion. The policy needs to be followed. The credit card must be signed out by the department head and have a purchase order number before the purchase and then the department head needs to turn in receipt with the credit card after the purchase is made.

Cm. Jason Balyer –

1. Jason reported that after traveling Creston's streets looking for street lights that are not working, he reported that we are in good shape, only a few that are not working. Jason stated that as he is plowing snow, he takes note of non-working street lights and reports them to Ohio Edison.

Cw. Brenda Norris -

1. Brenda reported that there will be a Digital committee meeting soon and asked what needs to be on the agenda. Mayor Hall stated the cameras, internet at the park.
2. Brenda asked how close Poggemeyer Design Group is on completing the Zoning project. Jason reported that it is almost completed. They will be sending a pdf file for us to review and then we can put on the website.
3. Seville complimented Creston's downtown Christmas decorations.

It was noted that the Park restroom project starts in 2023.

Supt. Jason Flory –

1. December 2022 Maintenance Report
 - Repaired CPD-2, alternator and spark plugs, needs a water pump
 - Repaired CPD-4, new timing chain set and water pump, needs motor mount
 - Repaired a water leak on Sterling Street
 - Salted the roads 4 times and plowed twice
 - Open and closed 2 graves
 - Issued one zoning violation
 - Finished the leaf pickup for 2022

Legislative Action –

1. Ordinance #23-1, 2023 employee wage rates was presented.

Cm. Tom Phillips called for 1st. reading of Ordinance #23-1.

A motion was then made by Cm. Jason Balyer and 2nd. by Cm. Aaron Howell to suspend 2nd. & 3rd. reading of Ordinance #23-1.

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| Roll Call | All in favor | Motion carried |
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A motion was then made by Cm. Tom Phillips and 2nd. by Cm. Aaron Huth to adopt Ordinance #23-1 as an emergency.

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| Roll Call | All in favor | Motion carried |
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Fiscal Officer Pam Hostetler –

1. Pam presented warrants and vouchers totaling \$28,497. 25 for Council’s approval.

A motion was then made by Cp. Tom Phillips and 2nd. by Cm. Aaron Howell to approve warrants and vouchers totaling \$28,497.25.

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| Roll Call | 5 for, 0 against | Motion carried |
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4. Pam asked Council to decide remaining January meetings & February’s Council meeting. Cm. Tom Phillips stated that he would like to be at Admin./Rules meeting with the Solicitor.
 - Finance – January 23, 2023 @ 7pm.
 - Safety – January 30, 2023 @ 4:30pm.
 - Council – February 6, 2023 @ 7:30pm.

Chief Bryon Meshew –

1. Bryon gave annual report
2. Cm. Tom Phillips asked Bryon about trip to Nashville. Bryon stated it is 2/1/23 – 2/5/23, an annual leadership conference sponsored by FOP. There are a lot of us going and we might need an additional car. All of the cost will come out of Training.

A motion was then made by Cm. Aaron Huth and 2nd. by Cm. Aaron Howell to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call

All in favor

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela J. Hostetler, Fiscal Officer