

Village of Creston

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 7:30 P.M.
at the Municipal Building

Mayor Brenda Norris called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Brenda Norris, Council Members: Jason Balyer, Nate Berry, Josh Heiney, Aaron Howell, Randy Minor II, Brad Olenik, Police Chief Bryon Meshew, Solicitor Kris Immel, Administrator Jason Flory and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Webb taking the meeting minutes

Others present: Beck Croft, Linda Sachara, Marsha Moniger

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to the agenda: Jason Balyer made a motion to add ordinance 2024-13 to the agenda, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas.

Aaron Howell made a motion to approve the March 4, 2024 regular council meeting minutes as written, 2nd Brad Olenik, approved six (6) yeas.

Mayor's Report:

a. Mayor Norris reported the upcoming events:

Park Clean up on 4/6/24 from 9 AM -12 Noon

Touch a Truck – April 20, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 PM

b. Mayor Norris met with the Boys & Girls of America and will be meeting with Norwayne Superintendent about using the Community Center for after school programs.

e. Mayor Norris is working on securing park grants and Murray Hall renovations are almost complete.

Committee Reports:

Zoning: No comment

Finance: Aaron Howell reported that Finance recommended the digital sign purchase and legislation is prepared for Council to vote on.

Cemetery: Joshua Heiney reported that he is trying to get a meeting scheduled. He contacted Veterans Services and they have flags available for the graves. Jason Flory informed that the

Legion takes care of getting and placing the flags but if Joshua would like to get more, the Village can replace any that break.

Fiscal Officer Jennifer Webb: Jennifer that the bank statements were not available in order to reconcile March.

Jennifer presents Council with the invoices/vouchers for March totaling \$88,968.90 and that amount might change. Aaron Howell made a motion to approve March's invoice and vouchers totaling \$88,968.80 , 2nd Joshua Heiney approved six (6) yeas.

Jennifer would like to recognize Mayor Norris for four (4) years of service. She was appointed on Council back on 4/1/2020.

Jason Flory: Jason reported that Murray Hall renovations are in process and water meters were read.

Chief Bryon Meshew: Chief reports that calls were of normal volume and they are still looking a full time Officer.

Legislation:

1. RES 02-2024 A resolution rejecting the bid from Dirt Dawg for Factory Street and declaring an emergency. Aaron Howell moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Jason Balyer, approved six (6) yeas. Joshua Heiney moved to pass the resolution as an emergency, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas
2. RES 03-2024 A resolution rejecting the bid from TK Excavating for Factory Street and declaring an emergency. Aaron Howell moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Brad Olenik, approved six (6) yeas. Aaron Howell moved to pass the resolution as an emergency, 2nd Joshua Heiney, approved six (6) yeas
3. ORD 2024-09 An ordinance establishing a supplemental appropriation in the General Fund (1000) of \$15,550.00 for the purchase of supplies and declaring an emergency. Jason Balyer moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas. Aaron Howell moved to pass the ordinance as an emergency, 2nd Brad Olenik, approved six (6) yeas.
4. ORD 2024-10 An ordinance establishing a supplemental appropriation in the General Fund (1000) of \$21,665.00 for the purchase of the digital sign and declaring an emergency. Aaron Howell moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Joshua Heiney, approved six (6) yeas. Aaron Howell moved to pass the ordinance as an emergency, 2nd Nate Berry, approved six (6) yeas.

5. ORD 2024-11 An ordinance approving the Farm Land application for Rudy and Barbara Maibach and declaring an emergency. Aaron Howell moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Nate Berry, approved six (6) yeas. Brad Olenik moved to pass the ordinance as an emergency, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas.
6. ORD 2024-12 An ordinance accepting the bid from Palmer & Sons Excavating LTD for Factory Street and declaring an emergency. Nate Berry moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas. Brad Olenik moved to pass the resolution as an emergency, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved six (6) yeas
7. ORD 2024-13 An ordinance adopting a revised zoning code and repealing any prior zoning codes and amendments and declaring an emergency. Nate Berry moved to suspend the rule, 2nd Aaron Howell, approved five (5) yeas, Randy Minor II voted nay. Aaron Howell moved to pass the resolution as an emergency, 2nd Nate Berry, approved six (6) yeas

Old/New Business: Jason Balyer asks about the Police Levy funds and Jennifer reports that they came in around what was expected. Randy Minor II wanted to know if there was any follow up to Helen Gray and Cathy Stanley. Chief Meshew stated he felt he followed up with Helen at the meeting and has not had contact with Cathy Stanley. Randy also apologized for speaking out of turn regarding the Police towing company selective. Mayor Norris informs that the tornado siren will be inspected in conjunction with the Fire Departments inspection.

Public comments: Randy Minor II wanted to know if there were any provisions regarding the eclipse and the Village has none.

The next Finance meeting will be on April 15, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. and the regular Council meeting will be on May 6, 2024 at 7:30P.M.

Jason Balyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M., 2nd Nate Berry, approved six (6) yeas.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer Webb, Fiscal Officer

Brenda Norris, Mayor