

Bowerston Village Council

Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Village Officials Attendance: Karen Donovan, Polly Wolfe, Juliet Bryant, Chase Bryant, Jon Humphrey. Paula Beamer, Janeen Scott, Bart Busby, Jeremiah Warner, Jacquie Humphrey and JJ Ong.

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Public Comments No Visitors

Approval of regular October minutes Jon moved, Julie seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

1. Recommendation Julie reported that the finance committee had met and recommends passing the cost of living raises for 2025, as presented in Ordinance 13-204.
2. Jon made a motion to increase Janeen's base pay to \$428.75 for income tax work, bi-weekly. JJ will make this adjustment, advised that council can proceed with Ordinance.

Pending and/or New Legislation:

1. Ordinance 13-2024, pay increases and wages for 2025, Chase moved to suspend the rules, Karen seconded. Julie made motion to pass resolution, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote
2. Resolution 22-2024, supplemental appropriations, Karen made motion, Julie seconded, unanimous
3. Resolution 23-2024, temporary appropriations for 2025, Julie made motion, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
4. Resolution, 24-2024, authorizing Mayor to enter into agreement(s) for Sewer line replacement, Julie made motion, Chase seconded, unanimous.

5. Resolution 25-2024, authorizing Mayor to enter into agreement(s) for water distribution system upgrade, Julie made motion, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Loan/Grant Status Reports:

1. Need approved for agreement with Quicksall, Paula reported that she and Bart had met with Quicksall who presented the agreement and explained that Quicksall has proposed the agreement of \$35-40K, not to exceed the \$40K. Julie made motion to accept, Polly seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Mayor's Report:

1. Water theft reported to Carroll County, Paula explained that the person in question had turned the water back on multiple times.
2. Report attached, Karen made motion to accept, Julie seconded, unanimous

Village Administrator's Report:

1. Report Attached, Chase made motion, Karen seconded, unanimous.
2. Bart advised that at new tornado siren will be put in on Thursday, Main may be shut off part of the day while the pole is installed. Bart has advised the FD that they may not wash personal vehicles at the FD.
3. Paula inquired of JJ how to enforce the agreement with the FD that their water usage be reported monthly. JJ said that he will issue them a letter advising that if this is not done an estimated bill will be issued. Paula asked Bart to advise the FD one more time before a letter is issued by September.
4. JJ reported that the meeting with Metropaltion housing went well

Utility Clerk's Report:

1. Janeen updated Council on monthly billing, no issues, Polly made motion to approve, Julie seconded

Income Tax Administrator's Report:

1. Janeen reported that 79 letters have been issued, there are over 40 who have not responded, she will follow up with certified letters.

2. Some people have been set up on payment plans. Chase made motion to approve, Polly seconded, unanimous.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

1. Motion to approve bills, as presented, Julie made motion, Chase seconded.
2. Motion to accept financial reports, as presented, Julie made motion, Polly seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Solicitor's Report:

1. Leesville fire hydrant, nothing to report
2. Easement Update, nothing to report
3. Paula inquired of JJ what will happen with the property where the water theft occurred as it proceeds through probate. JJ advised to watch the property taxes and leave the water turned off until ownership is determined by the court.
4. Polly made motion to accept, Karen seconded, unanimous

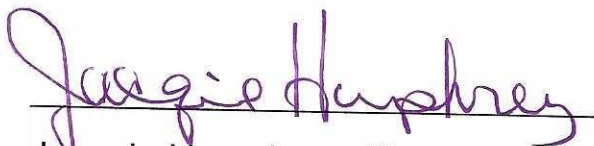
Old Business:


1. Holiday lights to go up on November 29th, 1pm

New Business:

1. Karen inquired of JJ whether or not Menard's rebate program can be used. JJ advised that they can.
2. Polly reported on a recent meeting she had attended with the Harrison County Health Department.

Adjournment: Julie made motion to adjourn, Jon seconded, unanimous.


Jacquie Humphrey, Fiscal Officer


Paula Beamer, Mayor