Monday, May 6, 2024

Greenup, Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Greenup Village Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Greenup Municipal Building. Mayor Tom Bauguss called the meeting to order with all standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Jill Kimble, those members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Bauguss, Trustees Alene Blade, April Harris, Josh McElravy, Max McCullough, Sherry Parker, and Tony Wright. Attorney Erik Peck was present at this meeting.

A motion to approve payments of bills $284,749.94 and transfer of funds $8,000.00 was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Parker.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the April 2024 Clerk’s Report and the March 2024 Treasurer’s Report was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Harris.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the April 2024 meetings minutes was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

During Public Comment, Nancy Kinsel stated that she turned off her furnace upon smelling gas in her house, later she called Village utilities for she could still smell gas inside.

Daniel Finley came, he shut the gas off and then she had Mike Henderson come and check for leaks finding none. Nancy would like for the Village to reimburse her for Hendersons invoice. Lance Holsapple asked did Finley shut off the gas or suggested shutting off the gas? Nancy’s request will be discussed at the June 2024 Village Board meeting.

DeeAnn Bauguss represented “Growing With Greenup” Committee, they are wanting to host Old National Trails Garage Sale event May 29, 2024 through June 2, 2024. Along with Garage Sales the committee is wanting to bring in Vendors and Food Trucks from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 1, 2024 and would like for the Village to consider closing the 100 block of N. Kentucky St. They would also like the Municipal Building to be open for use of facilities and the availability of electricity and water as needed for the vendors. Maps will be provided by the committee, and they ask to place the maps inside the Municipal Building for pick-up.

DeeAnn Bauguss also informed the Village Board that the “Growing With Greenup” Committee is planning on having Homesteaders Markets on the first Saturday of each month beginning June 1, 2024 through October 2024.

A motion was made granting Growing with Greenup’s request to close S. Kentucky St. (100 block) and use of the Municipal Building lawn & facilities on June 1, 2024 was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Julie Pointer requested the Village Board to create another Restaurant/Lounge Liquor License for he establishment that will be opening within the next 3 months. With the help of her sons, Julie intends to open a Restaurant (Greenup Mill Café) serving breakfast, brunch, and lunch offering craft coffees and craft cocktails. Julie stated that she does not want package alcohol sales and is not interested in a Video Gaming permit.

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A motion was made to create a Restaurant/Lounge on premises Liquor License with a fee of $600.00 by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Wright reported from the April 29, 2024 Water Committee meeting stating that the committee met with Makenzie Healy (Farnsworth Group), Mike Ryder, Lance Holsapple and Kay Hornbeck. Makenzie gave an update on Well Cleanings; Well 6 is up and going before it was pumping 92gpm and after it is now pumping 280gpm. Pumping equipment will eventually need to be replaced. Well 5 is seized together, it will be acidized to loosen the well head and pull the pump with the outcome of the well result in additional funds to rehabilitate. Reference the Water Main on IL RT 130; Embarras Area Water District is interested in an interconnect with Greenup. The IEPA is aware of the undersized main and Cross-connection was listed on Notice of Deficiencies and must be addressed. Farnsworth is working on the design of the Water Treatment Plant (12-month water usage, well pumping rate and plant capacity. Recommendations of Farnsworth regarding Sewer; runoff and groundwater connections need to be addressed and enforced.

 It was agreed upon to hold off on Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance for 2024, though there are a couple of intersections that are rough, and Elizabeth St. needs some work done in areas worked over last year.

A motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel (appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body), Section 2(c)(1), Personnel (Salary Schedules for one or more classes of employees), Section 2(c)(2) and Sale of Property, Section 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

This Open Session of the meeting closed to the public at 6:30 p.m.

At 7:47 p.m., the Village Board returned to the Open Session of the meeting, Roll Call was taken by Clerk Kimble, those members of the Board answering Roll Call were Mayor Bauguss, Trustees Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, and Wright.

Per Mayor Bauguss no action was taken in Executive Session.

A motion to approve payment to Cumberland County Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2024 Sheriff L.E.A.D.S System in the amount of $2,497.70 was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Parker.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Wright questioned how/who the Village was selling the surplus property, mentioning using Schmid in Teutopolis. Michael Ryder stated the last time the Village used Bauer Auction for on-line auction services and the Village did very well.

A motion to approve An Ordinance Authorizing The Disposition Of Surplus Village Property was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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Trustee Kingery presented pictures of Digital Message Boards with the prices for each to be placed on the lawn of the Municipal Building. For the Digital Sign liked by mostly all of the Village Board the quote is $27,420.00 and there is brickwork to be done at an estimated cost of $13,570.00, this does not include any electrical work to be done and is a lifetime quote for software and support. The sign is also a 2-sided digital sign. Discussion was had between the Village Board, Michael Ryder and Lance Holsapple regarding brickwork being done by local gentlemen. Ryder and Holsapple will check with G. Tincher and D. Button to see if they would be interested.

Directional Signage out at the east end of the Village was not discussed for Bonnie Starwalt who requested the signage was not at the meeting.

Trustee Parker reported from the April 15, 2024 Street & Alley Committee meeting held, stating that that Jessie Pointer has purchased the café building. Before re-construction can begin the sidewalk needs to be torn out and replaced due to slanting toward the building. The committee recommends having the utility department tear out the sidewalk except for the area next to the building currently standing and the Village will have the sidewalk replaced after construction of the rest of the building is completed. Estimated cost of $3,600.00 for concrete, $4928.00 for replacement/labor.

Trustee Parker contacted all board members for their verbal approval to move forward.

Trustee McCullough reported from the April 22, 2024 Gas Committee meeting. The committee is recommending adding to the Gas Ordinance a policy on giving customers reimbursement for parts, labor, or any other expenses related to gas service failure when such failure is determined to be the result of a failure in Village of Greenup equipment or supply.

Trustee McCullough reported from the April 22, 2024 Electric Committee meeting. The committee is recommending adding to the Electric Ordinance a policy on giving customers credit against electrical services charges due to overages or overcharges related to electric meter failure or malfunction when such overage or overcharge is determined to be the result of a failure in Village of Greenup equipment or supply. The committee is also recommending proceeding with abandonment of the IL RT 121 Electric line feed and to provide a no charge two (2) electric poles for a proposed Fairgrounds electrical upgrade should they occur.

Trustee questioned the cost of the poles with Michael Ryder stating $250.00 to $300.00 each pole.

Clerk Kimble informed the board that before they move forward approving the next ordinance, she wanted all to know of recommendations pertaining to customer seasonal shutoffs that were placed in the ordinance and that there were a couple of items needing to be taken from the ordinance after having discussion with Attorney Peck.

A motion to approve with corrections An Ordinance Amending Title 13 Of The Village Code With Respect to Utilities was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve installation of 75’ chain link fence in amount of $2,600.00 by Dasenbrock Fence Company was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Harris.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve painting of two (2) Pickle-ball courts and have cleaned in the amount of $3,100.00 by Courts and Cracks was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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A motion to approve wage schedule with the exception of those holding certifications and licenses and that will be reviewed 2024-2025 fiscal year, Police Take vehicles home as seen fit, Jason Reisner will be over the Street & Electric, Lance Holsapple over Gas, and Michael Ryder over Water & Sewer by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Blade.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to hire the 5 applicants for summer employment at $14.00 an hour, May 28, 24 to July 31, 24 was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee Wright.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Trustee McCullough checked into pricing for new benches and tables for the Municipal Building lawn and Park after receiving request from employees and the public, doing so at this time to hopefully get them purchased, delivered and installed before the Festival in October.

A motion to purchase two (2) 15” wide seat 6’ long benches, two (2) square ADA compliant tables, and two (2) four seat tables, with no umbrellas in the color of Grey using Hotel/Motel funds was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

There were no reports from Attorney Peck, Treasurer Hornbeck (absent) or Chief of Police Wicke.

Clerk Kimble informed the Village Board that she had received an email from Kyle Bergbower regarding the possibility of the board applying for a DCEO Downtown Mainstreet Grant. Makenzie Healy stated that she and Susie Beaumont will be meeting the next day to begin review of the grant for the Village.

Trustee Blade thanked the Village for the Lantern in memory of her mother who had recently passed away and she thanked the Village workers.

Trustee Harris gave thanks to the Police Department for their good work during the Solar Eclipse, to the Utility Department coming out and working through the Gas mishap and the office for taking all the calls, stating that they all represented the Village of Greenup well.

Trustees Kingery and Parker thanked all the employees for their time and work lately.

Trustee McCullough too gave his thanks to the employees and requested to have on the June agenda the dugouts at Haughton Park and would like a bigger table for the counsel room.

Trustee Wright mentioned that while at Haughton Park he saw a lady with a walker fall at the end of the sidewalk and asked for the utility department to check into possibly extending it further and he suggested that PVC drainage pipe be installed over the fencing in areas. Trustee Wright also reported from the Fire & Ambulance Dept. that the newest Ambulance was total the week before and a request for the rest of the Ambulance Fund had been made. Clerk Kimble informed Trustee Wright that a check has been cut and is waiting for signatures.

A request has been made to replace trees within the community that have been taken down lately.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Wright, second by Parker.

Yeas: Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, Wright

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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This Village Board meeting was Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Jill Kimble

Village Clerk

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