Monday, May 5, 2025

Greenup, Village Board Meeting Minutes

The Greenup Village Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Greenup Municipal Building. Mayor Tom Bauguss called the meeting to order by 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 Thomas Bauguss, Trustees Alene Blade, April Harris, Josh Kingery, Max McCullough, Sherry Parker, Tony Wright. Attorney John O’Driscoll was present at the meeting.

A motion for agenda items I1, I3, I4, I5, and I10 to be discussed and voted on prior to Oaths of Office was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Blade.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve payments of bills ($380,686.70) 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 2025 Clerk’s report was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee Harris.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion to approve the April 2025 Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Kingery.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Trustee McCullough mentioned that he has concerns regarding amending utility deposits stating that he does not like the fact that landlords/businesses are having to pay up to $2,500.00 when not expecting it, as well as their tenants. Discussion was held with Trustee Blade inquiring if the deposits are high enough and Trustee Parker questioning other avenues.

Per Clerk Kimble and Treasurer Hornbeck the deposits can take care of bills other than winter months and yes, there are other avenues such as tenants not putting deposits into their names and having the landlords paying for all bills to the Village.

A motion to approve An Ordinance Amending Title 13 of the Village Code With Respect To Public Utilities was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Parker.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: McCullough.

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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) of the Open Meetings Act was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee Blade.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

This Regular Session of the meeting closed to the public at 6:13 p.m.

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At 6:55 p.m., the Village Board entered the Regular Session of the meeting. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Kimble, those members of the Village Board answering Roll Call were Mayor Bauguss, Trustees Blade, Harris, Kingery, McCullough, Parker, and Wright. Attorney O’Driscoll was present as well.

Ordinance #740 was not accepted by the Illinois Department of Revenue, revisions required to be made for them to accept.

A motion to approve An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 740 And Amending Title Three Chapter 3.08 Of The Code With Respect To The Municipal Retailers Occupation Tax And The Municipal Service Occupation Tax was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee Blade.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

A motion to follow the schedule of wages determined during Executive Session, beginning May 1, 2025, was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee Parker.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Out-going Trustee Harris, thanked the public and Trustees, stating that it has been an honor to serve the Village. Trustee Harris congratulated Trustees Blade, Marti and Wright along with wishing good luck to Trustee Marti, he will need it.

Next was the Oaths of Office and change-over of seats. Attorney John O’Driscoll performed the Oaths of Office of Mayor Thomas Bauguss, Clerk Jill Kimble and Trustees Alene Blade, Paul Marti, and Tony Wright. Trustee Harris said her goodbyes to the board and the public.

At 7:04 p.m., Roll Call was taken by Clerk Kimble. Those members of the board answering Roll Call were Mayor Bauguss, Trustees Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, and Wright.

During Public Comments DeeAnn Bauguss thanked everyone for their service and time, it is very much appreciated.

Makenzie Healy (Farnworth Group) was present to update the board on different items.

An application has been made for a $1.2 million Community Project Funding Grant for lining of sections of the Sewer. The EPA loan application for the new Water Treatment Facility and Water Line along IL Rt 130 has been submitted and the income surveys will be sent out once again to those customers who did not return surveys received in February. Per Healy, the State of Illinois Department of Transportation planned replacement/updates of IL RT 121 have been postponed to 2026, so she has spoken with Hornbeck and Ryder of the Utility Department regarding possible Village Motor Fuel Tax street work to be done this summer.

Per Hornbeck, Water/Street Lead person M. Ryder is checking on roads to be oiled, chipped etc.

M. Healy presented A Master Services Agreement and Task Order for professional services associated with the replacement of approximately 1,100 LF of water main on N. Mill St. from Cumberland St. to Ohio St.

A motion to approve the Farnsworth Group N. Mill Main and Hydrant Replacement Master Service Agreement for Professional Services at $218,543.80 was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Wright.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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A motion to approve an Ordinance Implementing A Municipal Grocery Retailers Occupation Tax And A Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax was made by Trustee Blade, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

The Municipal Grocery Retailers Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax ordinance will implement a 1% tax of gross receipts. This tax will begin January 1, 2026, once the sales tax paid to the State of Illinois ends.

A motion to approve and Ordinance Amending The Payment of Cable Television Franchise Fees In The Village Of Greenup, IL was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Currently the Village receives Franchise Fees from Mediacom in the amount of 3% of services, the amending ordinance will increase the fees to 5%.

Trustee Marti questioned the L.E.A.D.S. billing from the County Treasurer, stating that back when he was on the board many years ago he thought that the agreement was for only so many years. Clerk Kimble is to check into the L.E.A.D.S. Agreement with the County.

A motion to approve payment to Cumberland Co. Treasurer for 2024 Sheriff’s L.E.A.D.S. system in the amount of $2,768.38 was made by Trustee Wright, second by Trustee McCullough.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Chief Wicke presented a quote from Team IT’s for a new laptop computer stating that one needs replaced due to age and falling apart.

A motion to approve purchase of Rugged Laptop with Care Protection & Support in the amount of $4,480.43 was made by Trustee Parker, second by Trustee Kingery.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Attorney O’Driscoll congratulated newly elected Mayor Bauguss, Clerk Kimble, Trustees Blade, Marti and Wright.

Clerk Kimble informed the Mayor and Board that the Auditors will be here beginning May 12.

Utility Coordinator/Village Treasurer Hornbeck updated the board on the Vac truck stating that it is not back yet, so they are unable to clean out culverts. The Electric Dept. is beginning to replace streetlights with LED lighting using (incentive $ from IMEA). Hornbeck, Lead Ryder, and Lead Reisner will be attending IMEA meetings on May 15 & 16, and Hunter will be attending Tree Trimming classes. Gas modules are being installed. Hornbeck requested the Park Committee to review the Park designs received from the Farnsworth Group and bring their thoughts and recommendations back to the board at the next meeting.

Trustee Blade stated that she has been taking complaints on the condition of the Prairieview Drive St., and she has been speaking to the complainants regarding the need for Water and Sewer, Gas improvements before Streets.

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Trustee McCullough requested that the packet Sarah Ruholl has provided to the Clerk be put on the June agenda for discussion and possible action.

A motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee McCullough, second by Trustee Parker.

Yeas: Blade, Kingery, Marti, McCullough, Parker, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

The Village Board meeting Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Jill Kimble

Village Clerk

Greenup, IL