

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Tammy Drobina called the meeting to order with pledge to the flag.

At roll call all members present were: David Cotner, Carolyn Davis, Don Deuschle, Carole Dreier, Clarence Thomas and Bill Meyer.

Also present were Clerk Mary Dawson, Police Officer Tom Romine, Zoning Inspector Dennis Rose and Village Solicitor Jeff Feyko.

Visitors present were village resident Pat Thomas and Holly Mattei from Fairfield Regional Planning to speak to council on Fair Housing.

Holly had a packet put together with 3 different brochures, each one explaining different steps to take depending on the circumstance. She left brochures here at office for people to pick up that are interested.

Under visitor comments, no comments at this time.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve minutes from Council meeting on July 14, 2015. Bill Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes as written, 2nd by Clarence Thomas; roll call vote was all in favor.

Each member received copies in their packet of computer generated Management Reports for end of July (original to be signed by Council and Mayor); Primary Checking Account Reconciliation (to be signed by Mayor and Council); Paid and due bills presented to council on a spreadsheet. Then and Now P.O.'s this month to be signed by the Finance Committee.

Council was given a spreadsheet with all bills paid or to be paid to be approved, Also included was the Mayor's monthly statement for July and Mayor's Court activity with breakdown attached.

Don Deuchle made a motion to pay any and all bills and accept the end of month reports, 2nd by Bill Meyer; roll call was all in favor.

No Committee reports.

Police report for July was given by Officer Tom Romine. Bill Meyer asked if he had a Body Cam, Romine stated he has one he purchased himself but each officer in the department has one the was purchased with donations, and we have a spare.

Dennis Rose reported on Zoning and Code Enforcement, Mr. Rose reported on variances etc.

Under Code Enforcement, it was reported that our solicitor will be the prosecutor for Mayor's Court on the cases the will be brought before the Magistrate at Mayor's court.

Mayor Drobina gave her report:

*Mayor reported on the water bills, they were finally sent out on July 16 which was for a 7-8 week period. The next bill is for a 3 week period and then we will be back on track and bills will be done as of the first each month.

*Mayor reported on all the work that the Crossroads did for the village, painted the shelter house, sign posts, fire hydrants. Everything looks great and she wanted to thank the volunteers from Crossroads Church.

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*Mayor stated the Old Timers Festival begins this weekend and she hopes all will participate and support it.

(Mayor's Report is available in its entirety at the clerk's office.)

Old Business: Bill Meyer reported on the Summer Playground Program. It was a great success and he thanked all who helped. Mayor added that she has heard nothing but good comments and also thanked those who made it possible.

Mayor reported the sidewalk on High St. was delayed, AT&T was supposed to move the pedestals but did not; they are supposed to do it this week. She stated that two railings will need to be installed, one near the school and the other on the Johnson property side as there are drop-offs so they are needed for safety.

New Business: Under new business, Mayor stated she received a letter from the school, they are in the preliminary stages of planning new school facilities and are interested in the possibility of building two new elementary schools on the sites of the current primary and intermediate schools, but Roller Field and Carroll Eastern properties are options. The superintendent would like a formal proposal from us and one from Lithopolis stating what we can do for them.

Mayor Drobina said she is not going to do a proposal. The letter said it was not to pit one village against the other, and the Mayor said she is sure that is the case, but that is how it feels.

She sent a letter to the superintendent and said the Village will cooperate with their plans as much as possible, but felt the school board should make the decision based on what is best for students and taxpayers. She said she will not compete with another village in the same school district.

Bill Meyer asked what they expected. Mayor feels maybe tap fees, building fees etc. waived or discounted, she asked council how they felt. Meyer said he thinks the Mayor is right by taking the high road. Clarence Thomas asked what if Lithopolis does a proposal, would that leave Carroll out? Mayor said they could submit one, but she won't. She sent a copy of the letter to Mayor Sandine in Lithopolis so he'd have it. Council agreed we should not be competing between villages in the same school district.

Clerk gave a short report on past due utility bills.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M., by a motion made by Carole Dreier.

Next meeting of Council is September 8, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S APPROVAL: _____

CLERK _____

Meeting was recorded