

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Tammy Drobina called the meeting to order with pledge to the flag.

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

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, John Reef (Greenfield Twp Trustee), Kevin Yeamans (Greenfield Twp Zoning Inspector), and Corey Schoonover of the Fairfield Area Humane Society.

Mayor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2-15 for Fairfield County Auditor. Bill Meyer made a motion to amend, 2nd by David Cotner, roll call vote was all in favor.

Under Visitors Comments, Kevin Yeamans invited everyone for pulled pork at 53 S. Beaver St. on October 24th.

Corey Schoonover spoke to council on shelters for outside animals. What is on the books now is very hard to enforce, it needs spelled out in detail. Each council member had a copy of the Ordinance that Lancaster passed, he stated the State Ordinance is not much help. It was discussed at this time.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve minutes from Council meeting on September 08, 2015. David Cotner made a motion to accept the minutes as written, 2nd by Don Deuschle; roll call vote was all in favor.

Each member received copies in their packet of computer generated Management Reports for end of September (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 September and Mayor's Court activity with breakdown attached. Clarence Thomas 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.

Bill Meyer asked about us paying bills that were for the grant, Mayor explained that the grant pays them not us.

Service Committee report given by Dave Cotner. They met Oct. 6 to several items. The committee recommends that tap fees go to the cost set by Fairfield Utilities, plus 20%. The committee recommends that both the water and sewer rates be raised by 3%, due to the fact the Village will pay 3% more on January 1. The committee recommends that an ordinance be made concerning dog shelters and care. They also recommend that overnight parking for trucks over 26,001 pounds be prohibited. This will get the bigger trucks off the streets where they are damaging the pavement. All these items will be discussed in new business.

Police report for September was given by Officer Tom Romine.

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Dennis Rose reported on Zoning and Code Enforcement. Mr. Rose reported Shirky's turned in their zoning permit application.

Under code enforcement, three properties have property maintenance code violations in progress.

Under Solicitor Report, Jeffrey Feyko stated there were two pieces of legislation for first reading and two for second reading. He discussed the new legislation RITA asked for with the changes to the municipal income tax and felt it was a good idea to keep the same language they suggested.

Mayor Drobina gave her report:

*Mayor reported the High Street sidewalk project started again after AT&T finally moved the pedestals that were in the way. The new curbs and gutters are being installed on Center Street and the new basketball court is done, with only painting the foul lines left.

*Mayor had lunch with the ODOT District 5 Deputy Director and the public affairs liaison to discuss the Carroll Interchange. Mayor Drobina was honored to be asked to be a guest speaker at ODOT District 5's annual meeting on Oct. 6.

*The Fillin' Station recently donated \$1,000 to the village, had already been used for a scanner for the police department, as needed to submit reports. Dave Cotner noted the funds came from patrons, not the game that was held there.

*Mayor said she was asked by Regional Planning if the Village would give \$4,000 of our allocation grant funds to Walnut Creek Sewer District, who need that amount to complete their project. Carroll's projects came in under budget and we will still have some excess funds. Mayor said we would be glad to help and approved the fund transfer.

*A 5K is being planned for Nov. 14 in Carroll, it is being organized by BCHS senior Natalyn Landis, who was also just named the 2015 Junior Fair Queen.

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

Old Business: Mayor reminded Council that a three member tax appeals board needs to be in place by January 1 so they should be thinking of people to do it. They will meet as needed, and probably rarely.

New Business: Under new business, water and sewer rates were discussed. Mayor said she has been looking at the numbers and wanted to give the new meters a little more time to see the totals before making any increases. Clerk Mary Dawson explained that the water fund is still not in good shape. Council discussed it and felt the fact that Fairfield Utilities would be raising our rates by 3% meant we should do the same in order to not go any deeper in the hole. However, they would put off the sewer increase at this time. Both rates will be reviewed again next year for adjustment, if needed.

Dave Cotner made a motion to have legislation prepared to raise the water rates by 3% (minimum will stay the same) effective 1-1-16, 2nd by Bill Meyer; roll call vote was all in favor.

Utility connection (tap) fees were discussed, motion to have legislation prepared to charge 20% over the cost charged by Fairfield Utilities for both water and sewer made by Bill Meyer, 2nd by Dave Cotner; roll call vote was all in favor.

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Council next discussed the animal treatment ordinance. Corey Schoonover asked about the three readings and that it would be the middle of winter by then. Mayor said we could include emergency language so it would take effect sooner. Dave Cotner made a motion to have legislation drawn up for minimum standards of care for companion pets, 2nd by Bill Meyer; roll call was all in favor.

Overnight truck parking was discussed. A weight limit was decided; a motion to have legislation prepared making it illegal for anything over 26,001 pounds to park on a public street overnight was made by Bill Meyer, 2nd by Don Deuschle; roll call vote was all in favor.

Mayor explained there is a user agreement with Zenner that contains an extended warranty for the equipment, did Council want to go with the warranty or decline it? The cost of the handheld, collector, and repeater was presented and although no one really like the idea, it was decided to go ahead with the extended warranty for \$670 annually "just in case." Motion from Bill Meyer, 2nd by Dave Cotner; roll call vote was 3-1, with Clarence Thomas voting no.

First reading held on Resolution R1-15, accepting the rates set by the Budget Commission. This needed to be passed tonight to get it submitted in time but Council did not have enough members present so a special council meeting will be needed.

First reading held on Ordinance 2015-10 amending the Traffic Control Map for an additional handicap parking space for First Baptist Church.

Second reading held on Ordinance 2015-07, an agreement with the County Engineer to plow snow on Winchester Road.

Second reading held on Ordinance 2015-09 to amend the municipal income tax ordinance.

Clerk did not have a report.

At 7:55pm, Mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Motion made by Dave Cotner, 2nd by Bill Meyer; roll call vote was all in favor.

At 8:18pm, Dave Cotner made a motion to reconvene, 2nd by Bill Meyer; roll call vote was all in favor.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:18pm., by a motion made by Bill Meyer.

Next meeting of Council is November 10, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR'S APPROVAL: _____

CLERK _____
Meeting was recorded