

Tuesday, January 9**24**

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Preston Barringer called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members of Council present were Linda Dattilo, Will Burns, Kenny George, Shelly Squibb, and Adam Tippet. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Jeff Feyko, and Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts. Dennis Rose (Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector) was absent.

Amend/Approval of Agenda

Will Burns made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Rules Committee meeting report to the start of the meeting, in order for them to give their recommendation to council for the vacant council seat, seconded by Adam Tippet, roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippet made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Chairperson, Linda Dattilo, for the Rules Committee gave the report for the meetings they had on January 2, 2024 and January 8, 2024. The January 2nd meeting was for the committee to go over the letters of interest for the vacant council seat that was presented before them. The January 8th meeting was to pick a candidate to recommend to council for a vote. The committee felt that both candidates Bill Moore and Kevin Rinehart were great choices to fill the vacant seat. The committee was undecided at the January 8th meeting and decided to bring both candidates to the council for a vote.

Will Burns asked the Chairperson and the committee to explain why they came to this conclusion and wanted the committee to state which candidate they felt was best for the vacant seat. Each member, Linda Dattilo-Chairperson, Adam Tippet, and Shelly Squibb stated who they felt was best for the position and why. After the explanation Adam Tippet made a motion to do a secret ballot to select a candidate, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor. Solicitor Jeff Feyko collected all the ballots, the results were two votes for Bill Moore, and three votes for Kevin Rinehart. Kevin Rinehart was appointed to fill the vacant council seat of newly elected Mayor, Preston Barringer. Kevin was unable to attend the council meeting. The mayor will swear him in at a later date.

Visitors

Mayors Edward and Tammy Drobina, Bill Moore, Jeff Craig, Angie Caplinger, Marlene George, Dawn Wyne, Allen and Garrett Wilson.

Visitors Comments

Dawn Wyne requested a copy of the referendum. Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts requested she leave her email with her at the end of the meeting and she would send it over to her.

Approval of Minutes

Adam Tippet made a motion to approve minutes from council meeting on December 12, 2023, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

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Each member received copies in their packet of computer-generated Management Reports for end of December (original to be signed by the Council and Mayor); Primary Checking Account Reconciliation (to be signed by Council and Mayor); paid bills and/or due bills. Also, included was the Mayor's Monthly Statement for the month of December.

Adam Tippet asked about the appropriations. He noticed that some of the percentages spent were higher than others. Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts stated that all the appropriations are not necessarily 100% spent by the end of the year and the council will receive new appropriations for 2024.

Linda Dattilo made a motion to approve, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Elect President Pro Tem

Solicitor Jeff Feyko handed out pre-printed ballots with all the council members names on them, excluding Kevin Rinehart, due to him not being in attendance and sworn in, yet. Jeff collected the ballots after everyone had a chance to vote. The results were; Kenny George-1 vote, Will Burns-3 votes, Shelly Squibb-0 votes, Adam Tippet-1 vote, and Linda Dattilo-0 votes. Will Burns was voted in as the President Pro Tem of council for 2024.

Motion to Approve the Committee Assignments

The mayor requested a motion to approve the committee assignments. The solicitor asked about the vacant spots on the committees. The mayor stated that the newly appointed council member will fill those spots. The solicitor verified that the finance and rules committees stay the same as written. The safety and service stay the same, but adding Kevin Rinehart on these two committees. The mayor replied "yes".

The mayor again asked for a motion to approve the committees. Adam Tippet made a motion to approve the committee assignments as written, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Safety committee set a date of January 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., to select a chairperson and any other business brought before the committee.

Service committee set a date of January 16, 2024 at 6:15 p.m., to select a chairperson and any other business brought before the committee.

Finance committee set a date of January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., to select a chairperson and any other business brought before the committee.

Rules committee set a date of February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., to select a chairperson, review employee handbook, and any other business brought before the committee.

Reaffirm Council Rules

The mayor asked for a motion to reaffirm council rules. Linda Dattilo made a motion to reaffirm council rules, seconded by Shelly Squibb.

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Committee Reports

Finance: Did not meet.

Safety: Did not meet.

Rules: Met January 2nd & 8th, 2024, report given above.

Service: Did not meet.

Police Report

No one from the police department was present to give the report. The mayor gave the police report.

Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector

Dennis Rose was unable to attend the council meeting, however, he let the mayor know that there was nothing new to report.

In Zoning: Nothing new to report.

In Property Maintenance: Nothing new to report.

Solicitor's Report

There are two new pieces of legislation for first read this evening and one piece of legislation up for a second read.

Ordinance 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2024 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF CARROLL, OHIO, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN VILLAGE EMPLOYEE POSITIONS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Fiscal Officer's Report

- Updated copy of delinquent bills at the end of December, 2023, total of \$6544.85. There are 48 delinquent customers. Customers that have not paid by the due date for delinquent bills will receive a tag on their door for shut-off. They have until 11:00 a.m. the following day to get their account up to date. Current dates for due date/tag/shut-off are updated monthly on the Penalty Transaction Log received the evening of council meetings. Attached is copy of updated payments.
- Each member has a report for December, 2023 for R.I.T.A.
- Continuing work on the final appropriations.
- Attended the Safety Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.
- Wi-Fi has been installed at the Carroll Civic Center and updated at the municipal building.
- Continue work on year end and beginning of the year procedures.
- Preparing paperwork for Hinkle Notes that are required to be submitted to the state for the year-end procedures.

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Mayor's Report

- Mayor Preston Barringer thanked everyone that voted for him and felt that he was the right person for the job.
- The mayor knows that there are small projects that need to be done to continue sprucing up the village. Some examples are getting funding for a landscape project that council member Squibb would like to get started, and the sidewalk between the Barrel Bar and Burger and the Carroll Civic Center needs redone, it's currently all brick.

Mayor's Annual Report for 2023

- Fiscal Officer position was created.
- Elaine Moore retired and her position was filled with Debbie Henry.
- Shelly Squibb was appointed to fill the vacancy of the late council member Conda Jones.
- Connected the village to the gravity sewer system.
- Started the process of updating the utility billing system.
- Began to offer ACH payments for utility customers.
- Installed the flagpole and lighting at the welcome sign on High Street.
- Applied for 3 million dollars in grants for the gravity sewer system. It appears we may receive 2.75 million dollars in grants, awaiting final notification.
- Mayor submitted application to council to begin the process for the DORA application.
- All community events were well attended and went well.
 - *AGVenture Camp
 - *Carroll Community Festival
 - *Trick or Treat
 - *Christmas Carroll

Old Business

Will Burns wanted to know if they were going to continue to look into funding for a backhoe. The mayor stated yes and asked the solicitor about purchasing options. Shelly Squibb asked about the speed limit radar signs. The mayor stated they are looking into options on how to attach them properly, and making sure they are movable. The Chief of Police was thinking around March, 2024, however, the mayor stated that the village spent the money for them and he doesn't want to wait that long to get them up.

New Business

None

Ordinances/Resolutions**First Read**

Ordinance 2024-01

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- Will Burns made a motion to bypass the committee, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.
- Will Burns made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Adam Tippet, roll call was all in favor.

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- Discussion was made; Will Burns asked the solicitor if the village would receive any updates if the Supreme Court passes updated through the year. The solicitor has never seen that before, but that doesn't mean that couldn't happen.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-01, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Ordinance 2024-02

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN VILLAGE EMPLOYEE POSITIONS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-02, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Second Read

Ordinance 2023-14

PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CARROLL, OHIO, FOR 2024

Third Read

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no other business before council Adam Tippett made a motion to adjourn, roll call was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts Fiscal Officer

Preston M. Barringer, Mayor

Tuesday, December 12

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