



VILLAGE OF LAWTON

Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was held in person and remotely

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MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** President Knudstrup called the April 27, 2021 Meeting of the Lawton Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present: President Knudstrup. Trustees: J Appleby, E. Dudek, G. Dudek, N. Smith, J. Peterson, and R. Turner. Absent: None. Others present: Village Manager Imus, 2 other guests.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda includes the approval of the April 27, 2021 Council Agenda. J Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with support from E. Dudek. A voice vote was taken with unanimous approval.
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- VI. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** None
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None
- VIII. **EXISTING BUSINESS:**
 - A. Discussion on the Wightman Proposal for GIS Services with Paul Harvey was held. There are three components to this proposal. Component one is to create an interactive online zoning map that would show Parcel Number, Zoning Class, Ownership, Property Address, Tax Address of parcel and other useful information. This would be beneficial to staff, property owners and potential developers. This would also be progress toward our Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) accreditation. The second component is the development of estimates. Manager Imus made comment that we need to complete the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) we are working on with Wightman. The CIP should be complete in August/September, this would give us a better vision on where new development should go. The third component is digitizing the water plans. We already have the sewer lines digitized and is very helpful for DPW. The State will be requiring us to have this information on upcoming reports (Asset Management Plans) and this is something we need to get done.
 - B. Water and Sewer Rates: Imus reviewed the status of the Water and Sewer Rates. She reported that she had found discrepancies in the calculated income based on current rates and the actual

income. She is recommending that the Village take more time to research the discrepancy and complete the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which should be finished by September. With a new CIP finalized, the rates will have a more complete basis for estimation.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Market Van Buren's Mark O'Reilly gave a presentation to council on the benefits of the Village becoming a member. Council's discussion was favorable noting the Blueberry Hill project, and for future economic development and the Village's exposure to potential development and new business opportunities.

X. BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND STAFF REPORTS: None

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS: Manager Imus commented she was able to speak with Horizon Broadband regarding the camera(s). The camera on the Fire Hall has been reconnected, and Horizon Broadband will keep it in service through August 2021 due to the failure of the camera since August 2020. The camera ordered for Lewis Park was never installed due to lack of internet at site to broadcast service. None of the camera equipment is owned by the Village. It is all under contract which will need to be renewed in August. Quoted cost was \$150 per month or \$1,200 per year. The Demo Permit for the Laundromat expires on May 16, 2021. Imus spoke with the demolition Contractor in early April, Moore Excavating said they had the go ahead and it should be down by the end of April. Imus is meeting with Realtor Blaine Allen and councilperson G Dudek at the Tech Center House on Hamilton and Second on Wednesday, hoping to have it listed by the end of May. On a good note, the Liability Insurance renewal came in with only a \$14 increase for the year!

XII. ADJOURNMENT: G. Dudek, supported by E. Dudek, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous. The next regular scheduled meeting is for May 11, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted by Joni Bell, Village Clerk