

VILLAGE OF RUSSIA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Russia council was held Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Village office at 232 W. Main St. Mayor, Terence Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Jo High
Brandon Simon
Greg Borchers
Adam Barga
Cindy Goubeaux
John Grogean

Non-members present: Mark Shappie, Mary Jo Voisard, Craig Albers, Matt Hoying of Choice One Engineering, Kyle Siegrist of Choice One Engineering, and Sheriff John Lenhart.

- The minutes of the April 10, 2019 regular meeting were read, and a motion was made by Barga, and seconded by High to approve the meeting minutes. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Borchers and seconded by Simon to approve the bills as presented. All ye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Goubeaux and seconded by Barga to approve the financial reports for the previous month. All ye, motion passed.

Police

Shelby County Sheriff John Lenhart gave the Law Enforcement report for the previous month. He said that activity was routine.

2019 Paving

Shappie said that the preconstruction meeting was held with Barrett Paving, and work should begin in June. They also walked Liberty Street to assess the condition of the pavement done in 2017. They agreed that the area North of Park Street should be repaired. They offered to give a 25% discount on the paving part of that project which would be applied to the 2019 project. The discount would be \$9,592. Grogean said he felt that they should give a 25% discount on the entire cost of the project since it will probably have to be repaved sooner than it normally would. This would be about \$20,500. Shappie will discuss this with Barrett.

Recycling

The consortium will be converting to carts for recycling rather than the current bins. A rolling cart will be provided to all homeowners, and no sorting of recycling will be required. This change will take place July 1, 2019. The price will be \$3.52 per month.

PIRG and CRA-Russia Inn

Craig Albers explained that the Village had approved a PIRG Grant (Property Investment Reimbursement Grant) in 2017 to Todd Francis for the Russia Inn LLC. Since Francis did not move forward with the project in the allotted time, that agreement is no longer valid. The Inn was later purchased by Russia Rentals LLC, and an application has been received from them requesting a new PIRG Grant. Council unanimously agreed that this was a worthwhile business that will be an asset to the community.

A motion to cancel the 2017 PIRG to Russia Inn LLC was made by Borchers and seconded by High. All ye, motion passed.

A motion was made by Barga and seconded by Simon to approve a PIRG with Russia Rentals LLC. The Grant will be \$15,000 immediately, and an additional \$15,000 upon completion and final inspection. Completion must be by December 31, 2019, or the initial \$15,000 must be repaid to the Village. All ye, motion passed.

Shappie said that the Village owns the property directly to the West of the building. It is currently one parking spot, and a flower bed. Goubeaux suggested that the parking spot be removed, allowing for a sidewalk around the corner,

with the rest to be used for landscaping. Shappie said he would discuss it with the owners and make a decision at the next meeting.

Albers said that the CRA (Community Reinvestment Agreement) that was passed in 2017 will also have to be amended due to the property transfer. This will be done at the next meeting.

Philipot Annexation

Craig Albers said that the Annexation is now complete with the exception of the Ordinances.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by High and seconded by Grogean. All yea, motion passed.

Barga moved and Simon seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 19-06 Annexing 1.76 Acres to the Village and declaring the same to be an emergency**. All yea, motion passed.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Borchers and seconded by Simon. All yea, motion passed.

Barga moved and High seconded the motion to approve **Ordinance 19-07 Amending the official zoning map, and declaring the same to be an emergency**. All yea, motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Choice One Engineering presented two concepts for additional parking in the park. Both concepts added additional spaces to the current parking lot. High said she felt that the need was greater on the other side of the park, as that would be closer to all of the diamonds with the exception of diamond 3. After more discussion, council decided to try to direct people to the school parking lot during large events, to see if that alleviates the overflow in the current parking lot. Signs will be used during tournaments.

Shappie said Hydrant flushing will begin May 20th.

Shappie said he is working on the NatureWorks grant for the new concession stand and restrooms in the Park.

Barga showed a drawing of the building in the Versailles Park which is similar, but also had a shelter attached. Since the NatureWorks grant is only \$29,000, Shappie asked how much the Village was willing to put toward the project in addition to the grant. It was decided that if the Grant is approved, a decision will be made at that time to decide the scope of the project.

Mayor Daugherty said that the Shelby County Bicentennial Committee has requested donations to help fund the Bicentennial celebration taking place in 2019. Simon moved and Goubeaux seconded the motion to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Committee.

All yea, motion passed.

Barga said he felt that the Village could use a summer student worker to help with odd jobs, such as painting, curb sweeping, mowing and mulching. Shappie said that several years ago, Bob Simon was hired to replace student workers, as it was felt that an adult worked with less supervision and was more skilled. He said he didn't want to take hours away from our current employee. He suggested that if street sweeping was an issue, he would check for pricing to have it done. No action was taken.

Goubeaux questioned the cost of a tree that was planted in the Veterans Memorial Park. Shappie explained that the tree was hit by a car, and had to be replaced. Goubeaux said she felt that since the bill was \$700, it should have been approved in advance by Council. Grogean said that when the replacement was ordered, he was unaware that it would be that expensive. He said he would contact the landscaper about it.

Grogean said that the Flag Raising dedication of the Veterans Memorial Park will be held on Memorial Day at 7:30 a.m.

Daugherty said that he had contacted Palmer Solar Energy to see if it would be feasible for the Village to install solar panels. He said he was told that unless the Village had their own power plant, it would not be cost effective.

Grogean moved and Borchers seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss the sale of land. All yea, motion passed.

Goubeaux moved and Grogean seconded the motion to leave executive session. All yea, motion passed.

Council decided that the Village would agree to offer for sale approximately one acre of land to Bohman Trucking for additional parking at the cost of \$10,000 per acre, plus any cost the Village incurs for the transfer of the land.

During Executive session, Shappie told Council that CEMLEB Properties, LLC wants to build two spec. buildings: A 6,000 square foot building at Industrial Drive, and a 12,000 square foot building at Commerce Drive. Council agreed that there would be no cost for the land at Industrial Drive. After discussing, Council agreed that it is important to get the first building in the Commerce Drive Park, so they decided that there would be no cost for 2 acres of land on Commerce Drive, but there would be restrictions on the type of building.

Goubeaux moved and High seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All yea, motion passed.

Council President, Mary Jo High _____

Clerk, Mary Jo Voisard _____