

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held _____

**VILLAGE OF HEBRON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2023
6:00 PM**

This meeting was held both remotely and in person.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Layton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Layton asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers in attendance: Council President Dr. Valerie Mockus, Councilmembers Stacy Stoner, Annelle Porter, Kenney Nauer, Paige Seymour and Randy Wolf.

Others in attendance: Mayor James Layton, Public Works Superintendent Cliff Ward Jr. Tax Administrator Mindy Kester, Village Solicitor Wesley K. Untied, Attorney Jarod Rose, and Clerk of Council/Administrative Assistant Christina Furbee.

Others in attending remotely: Village Fiscal Officer/Interim Administrator Deborah Morgan, Community Development Assistant Brigette Rose

Visitors in attendance: Doug Lowe, Rick Haynes, Chris Annett, Sarah Annett

ACKNOWLEDGE VISITORS

Mayor Layton acknowledged the visitors in attendance.

NOTICE: MEETING DOCUMENTATION

Mayor Layton said the minutes for this meeting are being recorded and a written summary will be available by request at a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 15, 2023 Combined Council Committees Meeting
Dr. Mockus moved to approve the March 15, 2023 Combined Council Committees Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

March 22, 2023 Public Hearing

Mrs. Seymour moved to approve the March 22, 2023 Public Hearing minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Mockus. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

March 22, 2023 Council Meeting

Dr. Mockus moved to approve the March 22, 2023 Council Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Seymour. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Rick Haynes, 3523 National Road, asked why the Village decided to cancel the Waterline West Project. Mayor Layton said there were concerns about processes, and after much review the Village decided not to pursue it. He said West Licking was already in the process of pursuing a waterline project and the Township was not interested in the Village doing the same. Mr. Haynes asked how much the Village might have spent on the project before it was cancelled. Mayor Layton said a lot of money has been spent. Dr. Mockus said the decision was also based on a lack of residents' support in the Township. She said initially there was a lot of interest but that eroded over time and it didn't make sense to continue the project. Mr. Haynes asked if anything from the state or Union Township discouraged the Village. Dr. Mockus said she is not aware of anything from either, though Union Township did make their feelings known.

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Mr. Lowe said he is at this meeting to listen to the first reading of Ordinance 13-23.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT- Tax Administrator

Tax Administrator Mindy Kester said the deadline to file taxes is April 18th. She said she is offering extended hours this evening for filers who cannot come in during the day. Mrs. Kester said income tax revenue is up by almost \$13,000 for the year. She added the year 2022 closed with nearly \$3 Million in revenues, which is close to \$1 Million more than the year 2020.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 07-23-AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 25-22 TO PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENTS OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY-Third Reading

Mrs. Morgan said this ordinance is not the updated ordinance and no action needs to be taken. No motion was made. The legislation did not pass.

ORDINANCE 08-23-AN ORDINANCE INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON WILL PROVIDE TO THE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED AS PER THE PETITION FILED BY CONNIE J. KLEMA, AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS-Second Reading

Village Solicitor Wesley Untied said based on conversation at the last Council Meeting, there is no need to act on these three ordinances as Council is not in favor of approving an Expedited Annexation. He said Connie Klema, agent for the petitioner, said she withdrew the application and the petitioner plans to resubmit as a regular annexation some time in the near future.

ORDINANCE 09-23-AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ZONING FOR A 21.43 ACRES PARCEL ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON LOCATED AT PARCEL NUMBER: 073-330558-00.000 UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ITS ANNEXATION INTO THE VILLAGE OF HEBRON -Second Reading

ORDINANCE 10-23-AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO AN EXPEDITED TYPE II ANNEXATION PETITION FILED WITH THE BOARD OF LICKING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY CONNIE J. KLEMA, AGENT FOR THE PETITIONER -Second Reading

ORDINANCE 11-23- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 25-22 TO PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENTS OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- First Reading

ORDINANCE 12-23- AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE HEBRON CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY- First Reading

ORDINANCE 13-23- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE ZONING MAP AND RE-CLASSIFY THE ZONING FOR A 1.797 ACRE PARCEL KNOWN AS 3272 HEBRON ROAD, HEBRON, OHIO 43025- First Reading

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

March 2023 Bank Reconciliation

Dr. Mockus moved to acknowledge receipt and review of the March 2023 Bank Reconciliation, seconded by Mrs. Stoner. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Public Works Dump Truck

Public Works Superintendent CJ Ward said this item was discussed during the last budget process. He said the current F450 dump truck has a rotting floorboard, issues with the transmission and hydraulic system, etc. He said Fiscal Officer Morgan agrees American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds can be used for this purchase. Mr. Ward said was unable to find a dump truck under state bid, but he has received two quotes for a Chevy for \$84,652 after trade-in, and a Ford for \$127,000. He said the Ford representative said it could take at least 6 months to get a vehicle in, but the Chevy is already on the lot and the upfit is included in the price.

Mrs. Morgan said the money is already appropriated in the ARPA fund but a motion from Council is needed to approve the purchase if they so choose.

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Dr. Mockus moved to approve the expense of up to \$85,000 to Jeff Wylter Columbus Auto Mall to purchase a 2023 Chevy Silverado 5500 Medium Duty dump truck for the Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Fiscal Officer/Interim Administrator Deborah Morgan said Brigette Rose was recently hired and comes to Hebron with 14 years of service credit for prior public service. She asked if Council is interested in approving the service credit, meaning after her first year of service, Mrs. Rose would then accrue vacation time based off of 14 years rather than one year. Dr. Mockus said she is in favor of this.

Dr. Mockus moved to approve 14 years of service credit for Brigette Rose, seconded by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Mrs. Morgan said items from a previous Council Meeting were brought back to the Planning & Zoning Board to be discussed. After the Planning & Zoning meeting, Attorney David Mosher asked if Council would send requests to the Planning & Zoning Board to consider adding them to their agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS

Mrs. Porter said the yellow frames on the stop lights at SR 79 and Enterprise make the lights more visible at nighttime. There was some discussion about the age of some traffic signals in the Village.

Mr. Wolf said he sent the West Licking Fire District report to all Councilmembers. He said the next Fire District meeting is tomorrow night. He said a generator has been ordered for the Hebron Fire Station, to replace a generator that is in disrepair.

Mrs. Stoner said she previously mentioned fencing in the Lake Forest subdivision along SR 79. She asked who will maintain the fence and weeds. Mayor Layton said he will have Community Development Coordinator Bonnie Miller look into it with the Home Owners' Association. Mrs. Morgan said the Village has been having meetings with Pulte Group and this is on the list to discuss with them.

Mrs. Stoner asked the status of drainage repairs on Hamilton Road. Mr. Ward said he discussed this with V3 Companies Ltd. yesterday. He said still needs to make contact with the homeowner he is working with to obtain an easement and see the status, as the line goes across the homeowner's property.

Dr. Mockus asked Mr. Nauer to expand on an email he sent out about selling water to Licking County. Mr. Nauer said we treat the water and he feels the Village should look less kindly at selling it to someone else. Dr. Mockus said she is trying to figure out if there is any grace as Licking County is kind of a distributor for the Village. Mr. Nauer said Licking County is looking to expand but the Village is not. Mrs. Porter said her response to Mayor Layton was that a 10-year contract is a long time. Mayor Layton said the contract is still in rough first draft form, but it states that the contract will be reviewed every year. Also, if their usage reaches 200,000 gallons a day, it will prompt further review. Mrs. Porter said she would like to see Hebron in the driver's seat on this, but it doesn't feel like we are. There was some discussion about the agreement and the cost to treat and sell the water compared to the amount of payments to be received. Mayor Layton said they have been a good customer and they pay on time every month. Mrs. Porter said she wants to ensure the Village does not lose money or find something was overlooked in the contract that we did not anticipate at this juncture. Mayor Layton said the Village is looking at our processes compared to costs and other areas. Mayor Layton asked any Councilmembers with concerns or issues to send him an email and he will address the concerns with Licking County.

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Dr. Mockus said the Planning & Zoning Board heard about putting a fence along the South side of Hendrickson's second building, and information about development options for a lot on East Main Street. She said other items discussed included pocket parks and road stubbing, AirBnb and farm animals. She said Code Enforcement is in progress.

Mr. Ward said is addressing the condition of the flags on Village properties. He said the flag at the cemetery has been replaced.

Dr. Mockus said there is an LCATS Focus on Fatalities meeting at 9:30am on April 27th. She said the last of the Lakewood sessions is this Monday.

Dr. Mockus asked if anyone has talked to Village residents about the concept of creating a stormwater utility, and what feedback has been received. She said after the floodplain discussion, she would like to speak in favor of a stormwater utility, which she feels would make a difference in helping to mitigate flooding in the Village. She said she will be speaking to residents about it to see what kind of feedback they give. Mayor Layton said he asked V3 Companies to hold off on the stormwater utility project as we worked on the Waterline West project, but he will ask them to restart it and bring some information to Council soon.

Dr. Mockus said a resident reached out to her and said the electricity on the west side of the Village frequently goes out. She asked if there is anything the Village can do. Dr. Mockus said many people work from home and electricity is a big deal. Mrs. Morgan said she received a complaint and made calls to AEP. She said they were not very responsive but they did say they will look into it. Mayor Layton said if information about specific incidents can be forwarded to him, he will put together a letter to send to AEP. Mr. Nauer said years ago, a company was working on electrical lines on Refugee Road and bringing in big equipment. He said he asked why the big equipment was being brought in at that time, and he was told the current equipment was antiquated.

Dr. Mockus said other area communities have chosen to partake in an energy aggregate opportunity. She said a resident asked why Hebron is not on that list, and she would like to know as well. Mrs. Morgan said the information was sent to the previous Administrator and she is not sure why he did not choose to pursue it. Mayor Layton said he will check to see if the Village can still join in.

Dr. Mockus said a food truck that parked at the Chouse on Saturday was successful and there were no complaints. She said they will be back this Saturday and she hopes more food trucks will come to the Village in the near future.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Layton said everything he is working on is on hold right now, waiting for answers.

He said there are a lot of meetings coming up soon and he will keep sending the information to Councilmembers.

Dr. Mockus said she thought there was previously a place for visitor comments at the end of the agendas. Mayor Layton said it will be added to future agendas.

REVIEW OF EXPENSES

Councilmembers acknowledged review of the list of expenditures. There were no questions or concerns about the expenses.

MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE

April 19, 2023-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers
April 22, 2023- 10am-2pm, Rx Take Back, Hebron Police Department
April 26, 2023-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
May 6- 8am-12pm, Village Clean Up, Village of Hebron

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May 6- 9am-12pm, Community Shred Event, Hebron Municipal Building Lot
May 8, 2023-6:30pm, Planning & Zoning Meeting, Council Chambers
May 9, 2023-Chipper Day, Village of Hebron
May 10, 2023-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
May 17, 2023-6pm, Combined Council Committees Meeting, Council Chambers
May 24, 2023-6pm, Council Meeting, Council Chambers
May 29, 2023-CLOSED for Memorial Day

ADJOURN

Dr. Mockus moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm, seconded by Mrs. Porter. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers present voting in favor.

Attest:



Deborah Morgan, Village Fiscal Officer



James Layton, Mayor