

VILLAGE OF SOMERSET COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 2016

Council Members present were: Dave Snider, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Eric Emmert, and Mike Lally. Others attending were Mayor Johnson, Stacey Hicks and Chief Jeremy Vandermark.

Guests: Casey Fulk (Perry County Tribune)

Mayor led the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: The minutes from August 2nd, 2016 were sent to members. Dave Snider motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Eric Emmert. All voted Aye.

Tom asked for a motion to suspend rules to go into executive session regarding personnel issues. Eric Emmert motioned and Dave Snider seconded. All voted Aye.

Council returned from executive session at 8:18pm. No action was taken.

Mike Lally motioned to return from executive session, Dave Snider seconded. All voted Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

STREETSCAPE: In September the amount of funds will be known and streets can be prioritized for renovations. Tom suggests North Columbus Street and Doug Ferhman suggested West Sheridan Avenue. Phase 2 will cover from Somerset Elementary to the square, from Holy Trinity to Nick's Pizza.

NEW BUSINESS:

RETIREMENT OF POLICE K9: Bowie (Chief Vandermark's K9 partner) needs to retire due to seizures. Chief Vandermark would like Bowie to continue to reside with him. Possible motion next meeting to transfer ownership of Bowie to Chief Vandermark.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Doug Fehrman walked the village with Wichart Insurance to produce a list of ways to reduce liabilities. Wichart Insurance will attend a council meeting once it is complete.

The Summer Interns last day is tomorrow (8/17/16). Tom completed evaluations.

The purchase of the CSX Railroad is progressing.

The orb & louvers need repaired on the Courthouse steeple.

The Historical Society project was approved.

The OU Innovation Center Application for the SLC was approved and sent to Washington.

Ron re-opened the alley off of High street to provide access to the home that is for sale at 202 E Main Street.

Lines were re-painted on the streets but not the square. We are working with engineers on the square.

Saturday 8/13/16 there was a tree removed from in front of Jacob's Tavern. Ann Bonner identified the tree as vulnerable. It was appreciated the Somerset Police Department assisted with guiding traffic during the removal of the tree.

Eric Emmert asked Chief Vandermark about the recent break-in at McGaughey's on Friday night. Jeremy said he was not aware, the Sheriff's office must have been called. There were several cars broken into and those suspects have been caught.

PAY ORDINANCE: The board reviewed the pay ordinance. Eric Emmert motioned to approve the pay ordinance, Eric Houston seconded. All voted Aye.

Tom requested to suspend rules to go into executive session regarding a real estate transaction, Doug Fehrman motioned to approve, seconded by Mike Lally. All voted Aye. Executive session began at 8:41.

Council returned with no action taken and the meeting adjourned immediately afterward.

Mayor Tom Johnson

President David Snider

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem