

WORK SESSION COUNCIL MEETING  
VILLAGE OF GREENFIELD – March 6, 2023

Council Vice-Chairwoman Brenda Losey called the March 6, 2023 meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members answered to roll call: Mary Ellen McMurry, Jessalyn Hunter, and Brenda Losey. Also, in attendance was: City Manager Todd Wilkin.

MINUTES: Mrs. Hunter made a motion to accept February 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 3, nay 0. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: James Morris, Extension Educator at the Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, offered a small presentation on the benefits of Carbon Marketing. A couple of hand outs were given to all Council Members. Mr. Morris explained that carbon credit is created from a carbon offset, which is an activity that prevents the emission of carbon dioxide or another greenhouse gas to the atmosphere that would otherwise be omitted. Mr. Morris provided an example that if you would farm approximately 450 acres in Highland County you could ultimately receive an average carbon payment of \$9,577 each year depending upon factors. A short discussion followed.

Village Solicitor Hannah Bivens arrived at the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

A Proclamation was presented to Nathan Boatman, Community First Coordinator for the Highland County Board of Developmental Disabilities, in recognition of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

COMMUNICATIONS: City Manager Wilkin mentioned that we have a new business going into our downtown that claimed to be an after-hours school center for teens, but we have since found out that the new business will actually be a drug rehabilitation center. The owner/operator of this rehab center also plans to go after Appalachian Grant Dollars and would like to make Greenfield a “Rehab Place.” City Manager Wilkin is concerned that a rehab center is going into our downtown Area as he believes that rehab is needed, but should not be located in our downtown area. We are planning to hold a Planning Commission Meeting soon as we just appointed our last Planning Commission Member today. Discussion was held.

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City Manager Wilkin noted that he has had a couple of people reach out to him recently about building storage units in Greenfield. Storage Units are not a permitted use according to our zoning, so we will need to go through our Planning Commission, Committee, and a recommendation will need to be made to Council for any change in our zoning. A short discussion was held.

READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: Mrs. Hunter provided the first reading of Resolution No. 5-2023 – A Resolution authorizing the acquisition of two trucks for use by the Police and Street Department, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Losey moved to receive Resolution No. 5-2023. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 3, Losey, McMurry, and Hunter; nay 0. Motion carried. A lengthy discussion was held.

Village Solicitor Bivens provided a few updates. We did get the receivership for the 1065 Lafayette St., and we should be able to rehab the home. We are going to court on Monday to get permission from the court to demolish 602 N. Fifth St. as long as no one contests. We have also identified three or four more properties that we are going to put in receivership. There are two on McClain Ave. and one on Pine St. We also did have a community member purchase a home through an estate proceeding on Lafayette St. that has been an eye sore for some time. A short discussion was held.

OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Losey asked about an update on the Elliott Hotel. City Manager Wilkin stated that the structural shoring is complete, and the demolition is scheduled for Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Although, this date will need to be verified as demolition may in fact take place this Friday.

City Manager Wilkin also noted that there is a property down by Subway on Jefferson St. where the owners are looking to demo, and they are looking at Brownfield money to help them with the cost of the demolition.

Mrs. Losey asked how the G3 Souper Bowl Event went on Saturday. Village Solicitor Bivens noted that she was able to serve soup during the fundraising event and noted that they had a decent turnout with a lot of people attending from out of town. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS: City Manager Wilkin mentioned that we have been receiving a number of phone calls about the new water & sewer bill. A short discussion was held.

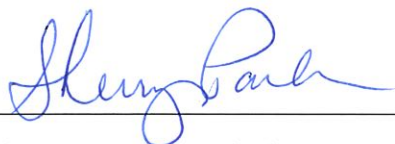
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AJOURNMENT: Mrs. McMurry moved to adjourn. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote  
– yea 3, nay 0. Motion carried.

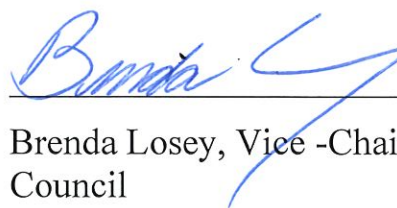
The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 2023



Sherry Parker, Clerk of Council



Brenda Losey, Vice -Chairwoman of  
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