

Minutes
City of Pottersville Council

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – Pottersville City Hall, 319 N. Nelson Street

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ross at 7: 00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll Call: **Present:** D. Hartson, R. Ross, K. Schmidt, J. French, L. Amey
 Absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist

Agenda Approval: Motion by K. Schmidt to approve the agenda as presented, with the recommendation of moving up Eaton County 911 presentation and the corrections, seconded by D. Hartson. Motion carried. (5-0/2 absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist).

Eaton County 911: Michael Armitage as the representative for the Eaton County 911 ballot proposal presentation. M. Armitage reviewed the development of the proposal and what the monthly surcharge will go towards. Members asked if there will be a charge per phone line or per phone bill; M. Armitage confirmed that yes per phone line. M. Armitage expressed the concerns with the procedures now and how the proposal will affect the county/officers. M. Armitage discussed where the towers will be placed through out the county; also reviewed how other counties are using this equipment and how its effecting them. M. Armitage invited members to dispatch if they are wanting to see behind the scenes to get a better understanding. Members questioned what counties are already using this equipment; M. Armitage listed the participating counties. Members asked the actual project cost, M. Armitage stated that the project cost is in the packet that was provided. Members wanted clarify that after the project timeline, will the cost stay on the phones as long as the Act is in effect; General discussion took place on the how long the phone charge can take place and the effects with it passing and not passing.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by J. French to approve the minutes from meeting September 21, 2017, seconded by D. Hartson. Motion carried. (4-0/2 absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist /1 abstention; K. Schmidt).

City Manager's Report: The City Manager reviewed the bills for council members. Manager stated there was a surprise MML audit today and the city passed, coming in under the estimated amount for workers compensation; report will be received in a few days. Manager stated that there was a DPW meeting and review the recent water tower and the water main breaks, she also stated that she has been continuing to with meet with the contractor weekly, DPW is here today to explain the plans. City Manager gave review of inspections and reports of the treatment plant. After recent activities it was recommended that Vermontville now be in the project to happen this year. Manager gave review of committee meetings for this month. The City Manager stated that the city is trying to stay connected by keeping open communication with the residents. The City Manager gave a brief review of future events coming up as well as asked for time off in the upcoming week. Members questioned what kind of communication was available for the water main break and review of what happened with the water main break. Manager gave review of what happened regarding the water main break and how the communication was presented to the community. Don Stanley, DPW Supervisor, gave a detailed explanation of what happened during the water main break and the water tower inspection. D. Stanley stated that there were no bacteria that was in the water, DEQ requires a boil advisory for safety reasons. D. Stanley presented photos of the old pipes for members and public. Stanley gave an update on the water and the reason why there is rust in the water.

Authorization of Bills:

General Bills Total: \$73,937.68: Motion by J. French to pay general bills in the amount of \$73,937.68, seconded L. Amey. Motion carried. Roll call. (5-0/2 absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist).

Rural Development Bills Total: \$665,303.02: Motion by J. French to pay the rural development bills in the amount of \$665,303.02, seconded by D. Hartson. Motion carried. Roll call. (5-0/2 absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist).

Bank Recs: None at this time.

Public Comment on agenda items: Ryan Martin: 504 Colony Ct: Would like to announce to council members that he is running for an open seat on the City Council. R. Martin gave a brief background on himself and the goals he has for council.

Commission/Committee Reports: Department reports in your packet.

Department Reports: Administration- Department reports in your packet.

Unfinished Business:

Gospel Fest: no representative at this time.

150 celebration ideas: Mayor Ross would like to confirm that for the celebration there will fireworks and would like to figure out plans. Manager stated she would like to incorporate all departments and various contests to promote family activity. Members questioned where payment for the festival is coming from; Manager stated that the city will be paying for most of it and put in the budget for next year. Manager recommended to members starting a committee to start organizing. Members gave ideas on how to involve the community. Members would like Early- Mid August as the date for the celebration.

New Business:

Eaton County Farmer ACT: Public Act 116 City Manager gave brief review of what the county is asking for which is to allow or disallow the farmer tax exemption for agriculture area. Motion by K. Schmidt to grant public act 116, seconded by J. French. Motion carried. Roll call. (5-0/2 absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist).

Resolution #17-1012-06 Receiving board for 2017 election: Member reviewed resolution and made correction to the resolution. Motion by K. Schmidt to accept resolution with the correction, seconded by J. French. Motion carried. Roll call. (5-0/2 absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist).

Public Comment on non-agenda items: 4285 Pine Michael had question regarding the street light for the construction plans and special assessments; Manager stated that the street light is not part of the assessment and any additions will be part of the City's cost.

Communication from the Mayor and Council: Members would like to comment the City did a great job this week with the water main break/ and water tower situation. L. Amey stated that she received an email about the curb and gutter on High street; Manager stated that the city is aware and addressing the problem. Members discussed the brush pick up, leaf pick up and hydrant flushing in the upcoming weeks.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Excuse absent member(s): Motion by J. French to excuse absent members, seconded by D. Hartson. Motion carried. (5-0/2 absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist).

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by J. French to adjourn meeting, seconded by K. Schmidt. Motion carried. (5-0/2 absent: J. Bussard, R. Lundquist).

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa Wightman– City Clerk