Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

April 4, 2019

PRESENT

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Newsom Trustee Vickers

Absent: None

Also, present: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clements called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 7, 2019, regular session, and March 12, 2019 Festival Committee meetings):

Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019, regular session, and March 12, 2019 Festival Committee meetings. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT: Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the April 2019 treasurer’s report. Trustee Haan seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BANK STATEMENTS (March 2019): Trustee Haan made a motion to approve the March 2019 bank statements. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye”

Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Trustee Haan made a motion to pay April 2019 bills. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye”

Trustee Cooper, “aye” Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD PAY:

Elected Officials Zoning Board of Appeals

Jim Acklin $900.00 Deva Bensyl $ 90.00

Jennifer Bowman $1,200.00 Jim Gilliland $ 90.00

Gabe Clements $1,200.00 Aaron Ketchum $30.00

Kelly Cooper $1,200.00 Tammy Knight $ 90.00

Sue Esposito $1,200.00 Josh Timm $ 90.00

Jim Haan $1,100.00 Rebecca Wagner $60.00

Todd Newsom $1,200.00 Steve Warns $60.00

Sonja Vickers $1,200.00

Duane Fitch $200.00

Trustee Acklin made a motion to approve the board pay. Trustee Newsom seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVE TO REPLACE WEST OVERHEAD DOOR ON VILLAGE SHED (Not to exceed $2,476.00): Trustee Newsom made a motion to replace the West overhead door on the Village Shed for up to $2,476.00. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

Trustee Vickers, “aye” Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Mayor Clements said that the current door is rusted out and full of water.

The same company replaced one of the other doors a few years ago.

DISCUSSION OF BURNT DOWN HOUSE AT 203 E. MAIN ST:

Trustee Vickers said that it shouldn’t take this long to haul this house off because since this house burnt down, two other houses in town have been torn down, hauled away and new houses built.

Trustee Acklin said that he spoke with Troy Bates. Mr. Bates told Mr. Acklin that he has nothing to do with this house. He said that it belongs to his step son Justin Koehler and he believes he is in over his head and doing his best to get it cleaned up. Mr. Bates said that Justin Koehler’s goal is to have everything cleaned up by the end of next week. Mr. Acklin told Mr. Bates that the Village doesn’t want to take him to court and cut into any profit Mr. Koehler could get from the property but that would be the next step. Mr. Bates said he understands this.

Mayor Clements spoke with the lawyer about the issue and said that the lawyer had given Mr. Koehler until April 5th to complete the work. The next step is to go to court. The trustees agreed that if it is not cleaned up by April 14th that the lawyer needs to take it to court.

The neighbor Mr. Leigh’s concern is that the basement is now holding water and is a safety issue.

DISCUSSION OF STREET LIGHTS:

Trustee Esposito reported that a resident on Lincoln Street requested a street light in front of his house. There are five different lights between the Pink Pig and the end of town on Lincoln Street. Trustee Esposito called Ameren and scheduled a meeting. He came out and they talked about the five lights. He said if they put up another pole it would have to be 75 feet from the other poles, and they would pay for the pole and the wire. We would have to pay for the light. She had him look at how all the lights are different and not very bright. He said that what is up there is 100 or 200 hundred-watt lights. She wants to have them changed to 400 watts which there would be no cost to have changed. The two lights that are incandescent will have no difference in cost per month. The other three light will cost about $4 more each per month.

Trustee Esposito said that that part of town already has more street lights than the rest of town. She suggests that the Village not put up another street light but upgrade the lights that are already there. The board agrees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito reported that power poles are being replaced in town.

Gravel is still needed at the park.

Dumpster needs to be moved to the other side of parking lot for the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Mayor and Randy will install the security cameras next week.

Three people applied but none were local. Trustee Esposito wishes to hold off on hiring until more applications come in.

Health & Safety: Trustee Acklin reported that there are a lot of inoperable vehicles at the end of East Broadway.

Mr. Acklin will look into the trailers on Mr. Brown’s property that he leases from Rails to Trails.

Sewer: Trustee Haan reported that a sewer main was replaced by the sewer treatment plant.

Two valves need replaced. Randy is waiting for estimates.

Trustee Haan still needs to gather information about collecting water/sewer payments.

Trustee Haan said for profit/loss we have collected $51,000 in profit and spent $41,000 in expenses this fiscal year. We have $94,000 in the bank.

Water: Trustee Vickers reported that Lorin still needs to replace the pipe in the water plant. He is supposed to do this when it warms up.

There was a water main break on Main & Willow. Homer’s maintenance man helped because the Village’s pump quit working.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: Trustee Acklin looked at alleys and made a list of the ones that need repaired. Trustee Newsom said that Randy should fix one a month. He will start with the one that is in the worst shape.

The Village will look into fixing Main St next year. At the same time the Village will fix the North-South alley between the Bank and ShapeMaster. The Village will patch it for now.

Rick’s Tractor Service no longer does sidewalks. Jennifer Bowman will contact St. Joseph and Homer to see who they use for sidewalks.

Budget: Trustee Acklin met with Mary from Royal Bookkeeping Service. She recommended that the Village question Martin Hood about the Audit price. She believes it should have gone down this year because it should be less work than last year. Trustee Newsom suggested that Trustee Haan calls since he has a connection with Martin Hood. He said he would.

Mary said the Village Board needs to pay attention to the numbers. Going forward she will have a page in the financials that’s going to show revenue and expense budget expressed as a percentage of the whole. Meaning if you are halfway through the fiscal year what percentage of your revenue has come in and what percentage of your expenses.

Mary from Royal Bookkeeping Service is still working on her bill for the Village. She said she wants it to be accurate and fair. She said the first bill will be more because of the start up but she isn’t going to charge for all her hours.

Business: Trustee Haan said he spoke with Giselle Hamm. She suggested that we wait until summer to put together a steering committee and then the public meetings in the fall for the MAPPING program.

Zoning: Mayor Clements stated that Rebecca Wagner resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective April 3, 2019.

Events: 4,200 Easter Eggs are filled and ready to go. Easter Egg Hunts are April 19th and 20th. She is requesting the board’s help with hiding the eggs. Friday night at 6:45pm and Saturday morning at 9am.

Trustee Esposito said that we need to get started on the Welcome packets. In order to do this the Village needs the Business Directory updated. The brochure needs to include the business name, hours, website, fax and phone number. Maybe a coupon from the business. She volunteered to help Trustee Haan contact the Businesses to request permission to add them and get the information. Trustee Haan wants to ask the businesses if they want to be on the website when they are contacted about being put in the brochure.

The Ogden Street Fest will be on August 24th, 2019. This was changed because Homer is having their festival on the 17th. The committee will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Trustee Cooper wants more long barricades for the Village. She is wanting the Village to pay for half of the cost out of the general fund.

Drainage: Mayor Clements said that he and Randy have found three broken tiles. They have already fixed one that was the field. They will continue working on drainage to figure out why Main St. is not draining. Trustee Acklin reported that his basement always has water in it. They have had to replace two industrial sump pumps in the past couple months because they are constantly running. He said he has lived there for 35 years and it has never been like this. Something has broken somewhere to cause this. Other neighbors in his area are also complaining about the water in their basements.

The Village will continue working on these issues.

Mr. Knoop has backed out of the Broadway St drainage project. As of now the Village will put this project on hold. We will wait to see if the IDOT drainage project helps any.

MAYOR: The 1978 Chevy dump truck sold for $2,000.00. Mayor Clements will take it off the insurance.

Trustee pay will be available on Tuesday because of direct deposit.

The new tractor and attachments have been delivered.

Randy had completed the work in the alley between the 200 blocks of Main and Broadway.

OTHER BUSINESS: Trustee Haan would like to start sending out a newsletter to the residents.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden