

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2021

Mayor Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Kathy Isern, Renee Matney, Robert Thatcher and Todd Zimmerman

Absent: Justin LaRosa

Also Present: Administrator Russell Baron and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021 with the following amendment: on page 2, under Visitors, add an 's after Chamber. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Agenda

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Solicitor

Brian said when I reported at the last meeting that we were still working with Equity on the development of that property and we were supposed to meet today, but that meeting has been pushed back to next Monday.

Village Administrator

Russ said Equity is moving along. It looks like Cedarbrook is pretty much all the way done.

The Dublin Road site, Parenteau's property, has been stabilized. Doesn't look like anything is going to move quickly on that. A lawsuit has been filed and the trial for that is scheduled for October 2022.

Ohio Groundskeeping is making progress slowly. I have continued to communicate with them.

The plow truck is pretty much ready for winter. We are waiting on one part to come in. They shipped the wrong part. It should be here tomorrow.

There's an article on Facebook about the new Brewery. There's also an article in the Columbus Business Insider.

A parking lot between Dell's and the Ninja Gym has been proposed to the ABR. ABR was cancelled this month so that will come up at their next meeting. Face value on that is it meets our code so ABR will look at it.

I missed it, but Holiday in the Village, with the Chamber, was supposedly a good event. I want to thank the Chamber for everything they did with that.

The sidewalk that is sinking up by Buckeye, we have signed a contract with a contractor and we are on their list for repair.

Visitors

Jay Sell, Aspen Energy, said I was here for the UST meeting in November and at that point in time we talked about what the best options were for moving forward on the gas aggregation. At that time the pricing was around 75 cents per ccf. Luckily, we got some respite from the gas company so it has come way down. The price now is 56.5 cents per ccf so it came down almost twenty cents which is great. What I am proposing that we do is enact emergency legislation tonight to accept that price, get that contract signed and get it set for 36 months so the price is good for a significant amount of time for people. Any folks that want to get out at any time can with no opt-out fees. It sets a good, fixed price. It is the best of both worlds, anybody that wants to get out at any time can. Aspen Energy has been assisting the village with your aggregation program for both gas and electric since 2015. Volunteer is the supplier. They have been with you guys since you passed gas aggregation back in 2015. They are a good company to work with. They have done a good job. They are competitive on pricing. They file with PUCO properly, they have done a good job.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said there really hasn't been much. As Brian said, we were supposed to meet with Equity today. We will meet with them next week. They are still getting some estimates on work that needs to be done.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said I went to the Army/Navy game with the American Legion Post that did our Veterans Day. I got a lot of really good feedback from that. Everyone enjoyed it. The Legion guys love coming here and doing it.

Public Hearing on the rezoning requests by Larry Burchfield

Mayor Mathews said it is 7:08 and I am opening the public hearing on the rezoning of the lots for Larry Burchfield's property between Osage and Waterview.

Brian said there were two applications for rezoning with multiple parcels in each one. That is why there are two separate ordinances. They do go hand in hand though.

Toni Ellington asked if he has submitted plans for what he is doing there.

Mayor Mathews said it was a hand drawn plan.

Toni said but not officially. I was just curious about the parking. What kind of parking he will have.

Mayor Mathews said that was part of his drawing.

Russ said he will have to submit all of his building plans. The rezoning is separate from the building.

Carol said my question was, I read over the legislation and it looks fine, except that I have been to Larry's wine tastings and there have been a hundred to one hundred fifty people there and they had to rent space across the street with ReMax to park cars. I am wondering where is he going to park cars?

Council member Isern said that will be up to Larry.

Mayor Mathews said he may have to rent space from the Morgan House.

Carol said the Morgan House rents space to El Vaquero and when we asked to borrow some for the event at Third Base, Kendra was very specific that we had to park in a certain spot. I just wonder if he had adequate parking arrangements made.

Mayor Mathews said I don't think he has gone that far. We have no idea how many parking spaces.

Brian said those are good questions and good points to bring up but those are really for the next step. Right now, this is just rezoning those parcels to a different zoning district, that's it. Arguably, anything that would be a permitted use, will be allowed on those parcels once they are rezoned. Not necessarily the Wine Shop but I think that is the direction it will go. As the Mayor said those plans will have to be submitted and reviewed and approved but right now we are just talking about the rezoning.

Councilmember Thatcher asked if this rezoning is similar to what we did with the lots behind the other wine shop over here that were the buffer between the properties. Is it very similar to that?

Brian said I believe those were rezoned to general commercial as well.

Council member Isern said we did something similar where the new Brewery is going in.

Mayor Mathews said when we looked at this in planning and zoning, there was already a buffer there.

Mayor Mathews said it is 7:12 and there are no more comments so the public hearing is now closed.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading – Ordinance 18-2021 - An Ordinance establishing and creating the part-time position of Public Information Officer within the Village of Shawnee Hills.

First Reading – Ordinance 19-2021 – An Ordinance confirming the Mayor's appointment of Maria Curren as a part-time police officer for the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to declare this an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Gates to adopt Ordinance 19-2021 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

First Reading – Ordinance 20-2021 – An Ordinance to amend the zoning district map of the Village of Shawnee Hills, Delaware County, Ohio by rezoning parcel numbers 600-432-22-022-000 and 600-432-22-028-000 from Single-Family District (R-2) to the General Commercial District (GC)

First Reading – Ordinance 21-2021 – An Ordinance to amend the zoning district map of the Village of Shawnee Hills, Delaware County, Ohio by rezoning parcel numbers 600-432-023-000, 600-432-22-024-000, 600-432-22-025-000, 600-432-22-026-000, and 600-432-027-000 from the Community Commercial District (CC) to the General Commercial District (GC)

First Reading – Resolution 20-2021 – A Resolution authorizing Shawnee Hills Council to enter into a renewal agreement with Volunteer Energy Services, Inc. as the natural gas supplier to the Village of Shawnee Hills Natural Gas Aggregation Program and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Gates to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 20-2021 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Resolution 20-2021 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Bills

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to pay the bills in the total amount of \$89,825.78. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the following treasurer's report.

General	285,723.28	Weed	3,157.30
Street	364,387.35	TIF	58,580.57
State Highway	23,907.54	TIF 2	17,366.65
PD Body Armor	810.52	Police District Fund	38,234.55
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Veteran's Memorial	248.97
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Operating	18,693.13
Law Enfct. Trust	7,083.53	Sewer Replacement	13,211.08
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Storm Sewer	10,000.88
Fire Levy	74,965.52	Debt Service	81,725.77
American Rescue Plan	42,947.94		

For a total of \$1,043,185.68

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Mathews said I wanted to echo Russ. I wasn't in the village for most of the day, but Christmas in the Village is a really cool thing and that is something we have done for years back. I have been here 15 years.

Carol said she woke up at 9:00 a.m. on December 4 with a text from Russ that said he was sick and so was Santa. Santa was supposed to visit all the businesses. Russ gave me a referral to Awesome Entertainment and Javier at Awesome Entertainment recruited a Santa who was actually shopping in Newark at the time he was recruited and he showed up on time and he also sang Christmas carols with the kids at the tree lighting. I think he did an awesome job.

Carol said she thought the Chamber event last Saturday was really, really, good. The take away from that was interesting. Jim Schuck was the speaker and he is a Common Pleas Court Judge in Delaware County. He said Delaware County did not shut down during the COVID thing. They worked around it and Delaware County has no back log where Franklin County has lots of back log.

He also swore Rob Thatcher into office.

Council member Thatcher said Jim also said that he has seen the Shawnee Hills police officers professionally up there and he was impressed with their stature and everything else too. That was nice to hear also.

Carol said when Santa was touring the village, Dorian was our police escort and he was wonderful, by the way, and on two different occasions when we went into restaurants people complimented him on what a good job our Shawnee Hills police do.

Mayor Mathews said the tree lighting went well. This is our last meeting for this year. I also want to thank Robin Fellure and her group for the Breakfast with Santa event. Council member LaRosa is very ill, so remember to think about him and hopefully he will have a speedy recovery and will be back soon.

Adjournment

There being no further business, is was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5: Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

