

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

August 24, 2020

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the election room of the Municipal Building on August 24, 2020, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Council member Tom James passed away on August 16, 2020. A moment of silence was held for Tom at the beginning of the meeting.

Roll call was responded to by: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Sieftring.

Invocation by Buschur.

Guests included Georgia Rindler and Jason Miller. Mike and Marty Luken, Luke and Luella Brackman, Pat and Janet Giere, and Mike Wenning also attended the meeting.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Sieftring to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2020 regular meeting. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Sieftring. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Buschur to approve the bills. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Brunswick, Buschur and Sieftring. Bettinger abstained. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Buschur, second by Bettinger to approve the agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Sieftring. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Chief Miller reported on a 5 year old from Coldwater missing. He said they have received many tips and are working with several agencies on this issue. He also said his department is ready for golf cart inspections if the ordinance passes.

Finance Director: Eyink reported that the July income tax revenue was favorable as compared to last year. He also reported that August will end up favorable as well. Thomas and Eyink recently had a meeting with Stolly Insurance to renew the Village's liability insurance policy. The price of the policy for the upcoming year increased by about 3%.

Village Manager: Thomas attended an OPWC meeting today. The Village is going to submit a joint grant application to hopefully receive about \$150,000 in grant money for street repairs in 2021. He said work continues on the Second Street project and that the water line is in.

Mayor: Bertke said it is great to see all of the projects in town progressing each day.

Research: The minutes from the August 17, 2020 meeting are attached.

Old Business:

It was recommended by the Research Committee to make a revision to Ordinance 1696. They recommended removing the restriction of operating 'during daylight hours only'. A motion was made by Sieftring, second by Bettinger to revise Ordinance 1696. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Buschur and Sieftring. Roll call resulted in the following no votes: Brunswick. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 1696: An ordinance authorizing the use of under speed vehicles, utility vehicles, and mini trucks on Village streets where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less, providing an inspection program therefor, repealing inconsistent legislation and declaring an effective date received its third and final reading.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Buschur to approve Ordinance 1696 on its third and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Buschur and Siefiring. Roll call resulted in the following no votes: Brunswick. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance 1697: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a land acquisition note in anticipation of the issuance of bonds in the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$300,000 to pay costs of acquiring certain real property and appurtenant interests in real property, and declaring an emergency. A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Bettinger to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1697. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefiring. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bettinger to approve Ordinance 1697 on its first and final reading. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefiring. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Brunswick to go into executive session to discuss land and personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefiring. Motion Carried. Time 7:14.

A motion was made by Siefiring, second by Schwieterman to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Brunswick, Buschur and Siefiring. Motion Carried. No action taken.

Council Call-Final Comments:

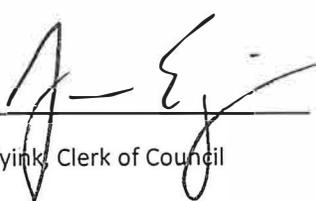
Thomas said we will need to discuss the zoning ordinance sometime after the election. There are some grey areas in the ordinance regarding political signs.

Siefiring said he received some complaints about speeding on Vine Street now that Second Street has been shut down for construction.

Several members of council offered their thoughts and prayers for Tom James and his family.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Schwieterman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Attest:


Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor

Research Committee

August 17, 2020 - Time: 7:00 PM

Present

1. Committee Members: Troy Siefring (Chair), Tim Buschur, Kevin Brunswick, Ralph Schwieterman (Village Council President) & Eric Thomas (Village Administrator)
2. Recorder: Charmaine Bettinger (Council Member)
3. Village Legal Counsel Judy Koesters and Chief of Police Jason Miller

Guest

Luke & Luella Brackman, Mike & Marty Luken, Pat & Janet Giere, Todd Dues, Sue Buschur, Jerry & Barb Fullenkamp, Mike & Cindy Wenning, Georgia Rindler and Joe Rios.

Discussion

The meeting was held to discuss the ordinance authorizing the use of Under-Speed Vehicles, Utility Vehicles, and Mini-Trucks on village streets where the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour or less. The meeting opened with Eric Thomas explaining the purpose of the meeting, and the process which would be followed.

Four areas specific to golf carts were addressed and open for comment:

1. Operating on State Routes is prohibited, unless you are crossing over or accessing the next available street, driveway or public entrance. No comments from the public.
2. Safety restraints and seat belts requirements for every occupant. No comments from the public.
3. Operating hours as the proposed ordinance limits use to daytime hours. Eric Thomas followed up with an answer from a previous council meeting regarding what other towns/villages have in place regarding operation after dark. He checked with Ft. Recovery, St. Henry, New Bremen, New Knoxville and Versailles. All of them have no restrictions on hours of operation. Chief Miller also followed up with Celina PD and they have no issues or restrictions on hours on operation.
 - a. Eric Thomas motioned to recommend to council to remove the language in the ordinance regarding "no driving after dark". Tim Buschur seconded the motion.
 - i. Roll Call: 3 yes, 1 no. (Siefring – withheld)
4. Inspections Fees as current rates fees are \$50 (new) or \$20 (re-inspection) per the drafted ordinance. Guests previously questioned the re-inspection fee.
 - a. Inspection fee for carts previously inspected at a different location is \$20. Thomas suggested possibly waiving this fee for those carts that were inspected in the last two years. Dialogue between council and guests supported leaving the rates as drafted.

Final comments

5. Police department shared they will be ready to inspect soon. Chief Miller will make a public announcement on their Facebook page and asks residents to contact police station to set up a time.
6. Janet Giere asked about paperwork for inspection. Golf cart owners will need to bring title and proof of insurance to police station for inspection.
7. Mike Luken asked if there was a minimum age for a passenger? Could you have a car seat strapped in. Chief Miller responded there is no minimum age for passengers.
8. Thomas mentioned that ordinance could pass at the August 24th meeting, and it has 30 days to allow for referendum by citizens of the Village. If no one opposes, ordinance becomes law.
9. Council issued a reminder to everyone to please refrain from driving in the park or on the park grass area, such as during a concert or event and to stay off the sidewalks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM

Chairperson – Troy Siefring