

Village of McComb

Regular Council Meeting

February 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: Roll call was taken showing the following in attendance: Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Fasig, Mrs. Fenstermaker, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Klay, and Ms. Lora.

Mayor Schroll, Administrator Like, Chief Blunk and Solicitor Rob Feighner were also in attendance. Visitors were Scott Smith, Michael Souder, Gracin Romero, Jared Schroll, Bill Siferd, Hayley Aller and Emmy Lora.

Motion by Klay and seconded by Gill to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 council meeting minutes. On vote; Brumbaugh, yes; Fasig, yes; Fenstermaker, yes; Lora, abstained; Gill, yes; and Klay, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Klay and seconded by Fenstermaker to approve the January 2023 bank reconciliation. A vote was taken and all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Gill and seconded by Fenstermaker to approve the January 2023 gas and ERU receipts. A vote was taken and all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Klay and seconded by Fasig to approve the January 2023 vouchers. A vote was taken and all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

VISITORS

Scott Smith and Michael Souder from Itron gave a presentation on the status of the current gas readers and what to expect down the road with service and support. There are two options for the Village. Option one would be to continue using the software we currently since it will still be supported for approximately five to eight years and Itrons should continue to function. Purchasing new readers would cost around \$6,000, software \$3,500. Option two would be to go to a cloud based (TEMETRA) system but this will not work with the current Itrons so new readers would have to be purchased. TEMETRA's annual support fee would be \$3,300 and training would cost \$175 an hour with additional amounts necessary for travel and per diem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beth Fenstermaker gave an overview of the January 24, 2023 Cemetery meeting. Stated Tony Humphrey will continue to do the sexton and groundskeeping position for the cemetery through February 2024. The cemetery fee schedule has been updated and will be placed in the Village newsletter. The rules will also be posted on a sign at the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS

Beth Fenstermaker has been receiving calls about the yearly Village garage sale and a date needs to be set soon. The month of April is being looked at since May has activities scheduled every weekend.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE O-2023-03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF McCOMB TO EXECUTE THE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KNG ENERGY, INC. FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VILLAGE'S NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Tyler Brumbaugh: discussed agenda items for the February 15, 2023 Finance and Planning and Zoning meetings.

Mike Fasig: needs to change the date of the Public Works meeting from February 20, 2023 to February 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm and the Parks and Recs meeting changed to the same date at 6:30 pm.

Beth Fenstermaker: nothing to report.

Jamie Gill: nothing to report.

Sara Klay: nothing to report.

Kari Lora: nothing to report.

Student Committee Reports: Emmy Lora reported the committee was looking at providing a park clean-up day in March to provide community service. Discussed having a spring festival that would be on a much smaller scale than the Cookie Festival.

Motion by Gill and seconded by Lora to approve the park clean-up day in March. A vote was taken and all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer: nothing to report.

Administrator: awarded the electrical contract for the police building to County Electric. The plumbing contract went to Bassinger Plumbing and Heating. Garrett Householder will begin painting next week at the police building. JDR Excavating quoted \$44,425 to do the completion work for the Vista Meadows subdivision. Would like to have them do the second phase since they did the first phase last year. The bid for the asphalt work is \$6,175 for the Vista Meadows project. The F-350 sold at auction last month on GOV.DEALS but the bidder wanted out due to financial reasons. The truck will be relisted with the last bid due on February 15, 2023. The Village office parking lot will be dug up on February 14, 2023 in order to run new conduit from the office building to the police station. The trench will be back filled with grindings and stone and will be repaved this summer pending council's approval. The paving estimate is \$18,000

for the entire parking lot. The work continues on the zoning map updates. Each Village parcel is being checked on the auditor's website and is very time-consuming. Estimates are being sought to redo the infield of ball diamond #2 in the park. Will also be meeting with the school to go over estimates and see what can be done to fix the water problems on diamond #2. The current estimate is \$137,000 and drainage was not included. The police station internet was down again and Spectrum has been contacted to get the service direct from them.

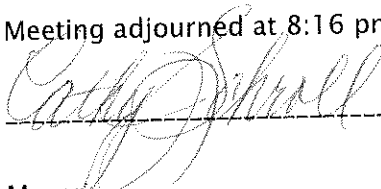
Motion by Klay and seconded by Fasig to approve the contract with JDR Excavating for \$44,425.00 for Vista Meadows. A vote was taken and all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Solicitor: continuing to take gas cases to court along with Hayley Aller's assistance. Several more court dates have been set with Jim Potts for debtor's exams for income tax accounts. The developer for the proposed housing development has filed a protest with the Board of Elections citing the petition was not done correctly. There will eventually be a hearing and Mr. Feighner will be in attendance.

Chief Blunk: there were 98 calls for service, seven incidents, two accidents, one arrest, two citations and 12 verbal warnings. The new police vehicle will be ready to use soon. There has been no word on the testing date for Mr. Dunn.

Mayor: discussed the various grants available to the Village. There is a \$700,000 community revitalization grant through the Hancock County Commissioners and ideas for use were ballfield and dugout upgrades, revamping shelter houses, and a community center. Pictures and letters are needed for the grant. The \$130,000 grant that is available could be used for a new umbrella at the pool along with ADA compliant items to be installed at the police building. The Bluffton daycare center was visited by the Mayor and several others. They will also be going to Carey's daycare center in March. Several of the area properties that were being considered for daycare use have been sold. The next daycare meeting will be on March 14, 2023. Discussed contracting with the YMCA to operate the facility and charging enough to cover the property taxes, insurance and maintenance. Would like articles turned in for the next Village newsletter by February 24, 2023. Asked the Student Committee to send in an article with pictures of the group. The Downtown Revitalization grant has been finalized after the recent walk through with several changes necessary from two of the businesses. Discussed the current gas contract and spoke with the Village of Deshler about the way they operate their utilities. They suggested reading the meters and letting KNG know so they could read them on the same day. We do not receive the income from the elevator or cookie factory gas usage. These are read separately by KNG. Deshler has all of their businesses gas accounts. Some of our meters are obsolete and need replaced. There is an inventory of the types of meters we have and where they are located.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Mayor

Date

 2/27/23

Fiscal Officer

Date

