

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – DATE: 07-12-23

Village Council President, Richard Smith, called the (in-person) Regular Village Council Meeting, to order at 7:00 PM. This meeting was held at Village Hall at 21 N. Elm Street.

Pledge of Allegiance: Yes

Roll Call: Present: Niemzyk, Kramer, Thomas, Hinman, Ream, Smith Absent: Jones

A Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Village Manager, Dan Faulkner. Moved: Thomas Supported: Niemzyk Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.

Village Manager, Dan Faulkner then asked Council if the discussion of New Business #7 (Tyler Prenkert's offer letter) could be moved to Agenda item #6.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Audience Member, Julie Sittig would like to comment on Agenda item #7 – Sidewalk Ordinance – Zoning/Ordinance 157 **Audience Member, Chuck Sittig** would like to comment on parking **Audience Member, Skip Willis** would like to comment on Agenda item #7 – Sidewalk Ordinance – Zoning/Ordinance 157 **Audience Member, Vida Giniotis** would like to comment on Agenda item #7 – Sidewalk Ordinance – Zoning/Ordinance 157

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL of the CONSENT AGENDA to INCLUDE: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on 06-14-23. Approval of the Special Meeting held on 06-07/23, and 6-29-23. Approval of Invoices to be paid in July (\$30,123.16), and Approval of Payroll as paid for June, 2023 (\$41,109.33). **A Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Village Manager, Faulkner. Moved: Hinman Supported: Thomas Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**

- **POLICE RECRUIT – TYLER PRENKERT OFFER LETTER: Police Chief Carl Krause** reported that Tyler would be brought on as a police recruit intern until he completes the Police Academy in the fall. He will complete a background check once it is closer to his Academy date. Tyler is a graduate of River Valley High School, and was honorably discharged from the Army. **A Motion was made to extend the offer to Tyler Prenkert as a Police Recruit Intern as presented by POLICE CHIEF, Carl Krause. Moved Kramer Supported: Hinman Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**
- **SIDEWALK ORDINANCE – ZONING/ORDINANCE 157: Village Manager, Dan Faulkner,** reported that there are sidewalks on the North side of Tulip but not on the South side of Tulip, and that Ordinance #157 conflicts with the Zoning Ordinance. He reported that in 2017 Village Council voted in a sidewalk Ordinance for new construction homes. Recently, a company came in and rated the sidewalks, and replacement will go in sections based on the condition from the report. **Audience Member, Skip Willis** wanted to verify that it's the homeowners responsibility to maintain and repair the sidewalk. He also wanted to know why there are so many homes that do not have sidewalks. He recommended getting rid of the Ordinance and adding a Millage or Bond to help residents pay for their replacement. **Audience Member, Christina Zebell** said that she has already replaced a few portions of her sidewalk and that she is concerned about residents having the finances to replace. **Audience Member, Martin Labine** said that he wanted to build a home several years ago and that he was going to be charged a lot of money to put in a sidewalk. **Council Member, Hinman** advised that it is a process to bill for sidewalks. **Council Member, Ream** advised that an option may be to use some of the Marijuana money to a sidewalk fund, or have the public vote on a Millage. **Village President, Richard Smith** said we could possibly put on the Primary 2024 Election.

- **SET 2023-2024 BUDGET MEETING:** Village President, Smith said that the budget needs to be approved at the September 13, 2023 Council Meeting. Council agreed on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 8:00AM to meet to prepare the 2023-2024 Annual Budget.
- **PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES: NONE**
- **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD:** Council Member, Ream reported that they are finalizing the plaque for Dewey Cannon Park, welcoming new member Ira Johnson, and going over grants with Intern Aidan Sullivan.
- **DDA BOARD:** Council Member, Hinman reported that the DDA discussed placing Kiosks for way finding signs. There will be (3) strolls – Autumn, Spring, and Snowflake. Oktoberfest will be at the Legion where there will be (2) stages, a beer tent, and various food vendors for (2) days. They also discussed public restrooms, water fountain replacement, and combining DDA and Planning Commission for work on murals.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Village Manager, Faulkner reported that a meeting was held on 7/7/23 at 9:00AM discussing park signs and rules, Carver Park and the Christmas Tree, storm drains on S. Elm and Orange, and sidewalks. He said that hanging door tags for Wednesday brush pickup has helped eliminate the phone calls at Village Hall. They discussed the tree program – this year (42) trees were planted, where next year they would like to plant (25).
- **ZONING BOARD of APPEALS (ZBA):** Council Member, Kramer - NONE
- **VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT:** Village Manager, Faulkner reported that he, Village President, and Council Member Ream attended the AEP Powerline open house. The meeting addressed questions, and is not final. Village President, Smith would like another meeting in the Village of Three Oaks, but has not heard back from AEP.
- **VILLAGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Village President, Smith welcomed new Clerk Theresa Schmaltz and thanked Cynthia Moynihan for her service at Village Hall.
- **AUDIENCE REMARKS:** Audience Member, Julie Sittig (representing Region of Three Oaks Museum), said that they do not have a sidewalk or crosswalk for the Museum. They do not want to be forgotten with the sidewalk replacement, and are concerned for safety.
- **Audience Member, Chuck Sittig** was concerned about parking at Carver Park. He stated that there are currently (4) Handicap parking spaces, and he would like to eliminate (1) Handicap space. He believes that there is abuse of the parking lot, and stated that sometimes cars sit for 10-15 days at a time with no license plate or flat tires. He would like the Parking Ordinance to be enforced, as events have happened in the Village in the past and there has not been any parking available.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:07 pm Moved: Kramer Supported: Thomas Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Theresa Schmaltz

Three Oaks Village Clerk

Minutes for the 06-14-23 Council Meeting, 6-7-23 Special Meeting, and 6-29-23 Special Meeting

Were **APPROVED** at the 07-12-23 Council Meeting