

Village of Highland
Regular Council Meeting
December 13, 2011

A public meeting was held on December 13, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. in regard to the closing of the alley between the properties of Roger Parsons and Ryan Russell. The meeting had been publicly advertised for four consecutive weeks prior to the meeting being held. The matter of closing the alley was then presented to Council for a vote. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Emery Burnett (yes), Jeff Gilliland (yes), Patty Gilliland (absent), Jean Hodson (yes), Dottie Creed (yes) and Ashley Davy (absent). Motion carried. The alley is to be closed.

Mayor John Russell called the regular December Council Meeting to order on December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Tammy McFarland called the roll of Council
Members:

Present were: Jean Hodson, Jeff Gilliland and Dottie Creed and Emery Burnett. Also present were Lee Koogler, Village Solicitor and Pat Hendrix, Patrolman.

Absent were: Patty Gilliland and Ashley Davy were absent.

Visitors attending the council meeting included: Henry Smith, Jeremy Kibbey, Darlene Ervin, Ryan Russell and Matt Miller. They were recognized and each was asked if they a specific reason for attending or had any remarks. They all stated they were just there to observe.

The minutes from the November meeting were then read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jeff Gilliland and seconded by Dottie Creed. Motion carried.

The bills for the month were then presented to Council and were approved for payment. A motion to do so was made by Jeff Gilliland and seconded by Emery Burnett.

At this time, the Mayor thanked everyone for their participation in the annual Village sponsored event where the kids can come and meet Santa.

Old Business:

- An update was given by Mayor Russell that Wyatt Irvin had been hired to patch pot holes throughout the Village and that the work had been completed.
- Traffic Light – Progressive Insurance Company is paying the claim for the damage. Mayor Russell had obtained a quote from Capitol Electric for a 4-way stop with a flashing light. The quote was for \$16,421.30 with a new pole costing \$3,910.00 or some cost could be saved by using a used pole at a cost of \$500.00. A quote was also obtained from M.P. Dorey. Their quote was for \$10,900.00 which included a LED light. Progressive has agreed to pay the \$10,900.00 to M.P. Dorey to purchase and install the new flashing light. ODOT's recommendation was a 4-way stop with a flashing light.

New Business:

- The need for winterizing the water valve at the shelter house was discussed. Mayor Russell stated that he had checked it but the winterizing still needs to be completed. Henry Smith stated that he would take care of this.
- Mayor Russell spoke with Wyatt Irvin regarding snow removal for the Village and Mr. Irvin stated that he would take care of that as the need arised.
- Emery Burnett requested that a sign be posted on Horizon Lane that there was no outlet from this alley. Pat Hendrix stated he would order the sign and post it when it came in.
- Ordinance 2011-4 to close the aforementioned alley was presented to Council. Council was asked to suspend the 3 reading rule. Emery Burnett then made a motion to take a vote on the suspension with a second by Jean Hodson. A vote was then taken with the following results: Emery Burnett (yes), Jean Hodson (yes), Dottie Creed (yes), Jeff Gilliland (yes), Patty Gilliland (absent) and Ashley Davy (absent). Motion carried. Emery Burnett then made a motion to take a vote on accepting Ordinance 2011-4 with a second by Jeff Gilliland. A vote was then taken with the following results: Emery Burnett (yes), Jean Hodson (yes), Dottie Creed (yes), Jeff Gilliland (yes), Patty Gilliland (absent), Ashley Davy (absent). Motion carried. Fiscal Officer Tammy McFarland was then directed that a

certified copy was to go to the County Engineer's Office and then to the County Recorder's Office.

- Officer Dustin Malone tendered his resignation as the Chief of Police effective 12-31-11. This position is to be filled by Pat Hendrix, the current police officer. At this time Mayor Russell appointed Pat Hendrix as the new Chief of Police and Officer Hendrix is to be sworn in at a later date.
- The Highland Marshall's website is to also be reviewed and transferred from Dustin Malone.
- Mayor Russell stated that he had checked the listing for the Village on the Board of Elections website and stated that these were outdated. He asked that Fiscal Officer McFarland update these with the Board of Elections after the decision on the two Council seats was made and Mr. Miller had taken office. She is to do so at that time.
- The question was then raised of how to proceed with people in the Village that are not hooked up to the sewer system. Lee Koogler stated that it would probably have to go to litigation. He then stated that he had additional information on one resident that he would share if the Council would go into Executive Session.
- Council member Jean Hodson moved that the Council go into Executive Session. This session began at 7:47 p.m. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] The session ended at 7:52 p.m.
- The appointment of Council Members was raised since two terms will be up January 1, 2012. It was stated that they could be appointed by the Mayor and would serve a term of 4 years.

- The subject of waiving the residency requirements for the Fiscal Officer position was posed by Mayor Russell. It was agreed that the residency requirement would be waived and a vote was then taken with the roll being called. The results were as follows: Emery Burnett (yes), Jean Hodson (yes), Dottie Creed (yes), Jeff Gilliland (yes), Patty Gilliland (absent) and Ashley Davy (absent). Motion carried.

Police Report:

- The Police Report was given by Patrolman Pat Hendrix. He stated that he had given 3 warnings and issued 1 ticket for traffic violations. There were no calls from the Sheriff's Department. Patrolman Hendrix stated that he had 211 patrol miles for the month.
- Patrolman Hendrix stated that he had received the new traffic ticket forms which were required by the County.
- It was also reported by Patrolman Hendrix that he had taken the radar unit to Camp Safety and had it recalibrated.

Street Department:

- Pat Hendrix stated that he had put up the new "Park Closes" signs with the park hours on them.
- Pat also stated that new tops for signs needed to be ordered.
- He also asked that a new trash can be purchased for in front of the Municipal Building as the old one was no longer usable.

At this time, Mayor Russell offered congratulations to the incoming Mayor, Matt Miller.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dottie Creed and seconded by Jean Hodson. Motion carried.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer