

**VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

The Village president called the meeting to order at 7:34PM at the Village Hall, 220 S. Howell St.

Roll Call

Present: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White and Foster

Public Forum

Opened 7:35, closed again, no residents wished to speak.

Amended Agenda

Foster indicated need to add #9, DPW Electrical

Motion by Stone, to approve amended agenda as presented; Seconded by MacDonald .

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, and Foster

Nays: None

Motion carried in roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion by White to approve consent agenda as amended; Seconded by Stone.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, and Foster

Nays: None

Motion carried in roll call vote.

President's Report

Foster announced the passing of former Village Mayor, Mike Powell. The Village staff is collecting contributions for the family if any Trustees would like to donate.

Foster and Marshall to attend a Lunch and Learn through OHM to help prepare documentation for anticipated Economic Stimulus Package. Village has already been notified that none of our street projects will qualify.

AGENDA

1) St Patrick's Day Parade –

Patsy Dible, representative for the parade had to step out so we will hold on this discussion until later in the meeting.

2) Conditional Rezoning –

Lawyer reminded Council that they are voting on approving the change in the ordinance. This will effect not only zoning for this parcel but it will be changed with the Register of

Deeds. Concern was that individuals don't necessary look into zoning when purchasing a property but will see the change on the deed.

The statute allows for immediate return to prior zoning when property changes hands but the ordinance is written so that it is not eminent.

Conditions are not negotiable and the Council is only allowed to offer opinion not require certain conditions.

Motion by White to adopt Ordinance #85 – An Ordinance Amending the Village of Pinckney Code of Ordinances by Amending Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 152 Zoning; Seconded by Lavey

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, Foster

Nays: None.

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

3) Water Rates -

Letter from the Auditors confirmed that based on sewer rate study in 2008 we need to go forward with a 3% increase in water rates for the Village.

Discussion ensued that our rates are still very reasonable and that communication of this is important. Water rate comparison was suggested for the website. An average customer will have a \$3-\$5 increase per quarter.

Motion by Stone to initiate at 3% increase on water rates beginning with billing for 2009 usage, as per previous recommendation; Seconded by Mohrmann.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, Foster

Nays: None.

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

4) Bond Redemption-

J. Paul, Treasurer, recommending early bond redemption on Portage Dells bond and partial redemption on Sewer bonds. We are currently paying more in interest than we are earning keeping funds in cd's, etc. Mohrmann questioned how much we anticipate savings. Paul to investigate approximate number and report to Council.

Motion by Stone for early bond redemption of the Portage Dells water bond as presented; Seconded by White.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, Foster.

Nays: None.

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Motion by Stone for early bond redemption of several Sewer bonds as presented; Seconded by White.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, Foster.

Nays: None.

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

5) CDARS (investments)–

As discussed at previous meeting, Village Attorneys’ suggested some changes to the contract. Bank approved changes and then additional changes were made by Attorneys’. Awaiting response from bank.

Motion by Lavey to postpone decision on CDARs to future meeting when agreement is finalized; Seconded by Stone.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, Foster.

Nays: None.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Patsy Dible arrived at 8:05pm, meeting abandoned agenda order to return to item #1 – St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Dible requested permission to hold a St. Patrick’s Day parade on March 12, 2009 beginning at 12noon. She also requested permission to hang banner over Main Street for the two weeks prior to the parade. She indicated that she would speak with Chief Asteline separately regarding road closures.

Motion by Lavey to approve parade on March 14, 2009 at 12 Noon in honor of St. Patrick’s Day; Seconded by Stone.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by MacDonald to allow a St. Patrick’s Day banner to be hung over Main Street two weeks prior to the parade to hang for one week after the parade; Seconded by Lavey. All in favor. Motion carried.

6) Water Main on Dexter-Pinckney Road -

Dave Marshall presented a plan from OHM for work that needs to be done to prepare for documentation needed to apply for Stimulus package dollars. The Village is hoping to receive funding to finish the water main loop on the west side of Dexter-Pinckney Road. There is some concern that there may be damage left behind from a gas tank leak at the gas station. The old tanks were previously removed and replaced but it is not clear if it impacts that ground water at that site. Only way to verify is by boring the area. There are many tasks in the plan but Marshall is hoping to garner approval on tasks 1-3 for immediate action.

Motion by White to contract with OHM to perform tasks 1-3 for the water project “Dexter-Pinckney Design” for an amount not to exceed \$27,500; Seconded by MacDonald.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, Foster

Nays: None.

Carried by Roll Call vote

7) DDA By-laws –

DDA Attorney initially told DDA that they only needed to change their bylaws, with Council approval, to change quorum size and change the number of members on the board. However, we have now discovered that the original DDA ordinance will need to be changed also.

Foster indicated the need for these changes were based on the DDA's difficulty recruiting and retaining members, similar to that of other Village boards.

Council requested that when Ordinance changes are made that they are shown in strikeout rather than in completely new type. Members find it difficult to review changes with current method.

Motion made by Mohrmann to defer further discussion and vote on by-laws and ordinance to the next available meeting; Seconded by Lavey

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, Foster

Nays: None.

All in favor. Motion carried.

8) Council Meeting Start Time Change –

Trustee Mohrmann suggested an earlier meeting start time. Perhaps moving from 7:30pm to 7:00pm. Most members open to time change.

To make the change there would be a need to amend Council by-laws. Additionally, all meeting dates and times would need to be revised and reposted. Change would be made through Resolution.

Motion by Mohrmann to insert meeting time change into Council bylaws; Seconded by MacDonald.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, Foster

Nays: White

Motion carried.

9) DPW Electrical –

Marshall presented three bids for electrical work on the new DPW location at the old PLP. Each bid is two proposals- one for the existing building and one for office space which will be completed at a later date (not this fiscal year).

Marshall is recommending that the Council approve the Van Mar bid. It is the lowest at \$19,200 as Van Mar plans to use existing conduit and is a non-union shop. The bid covers all interior lighting, emergency exit lighting, and outlets. Marshall added that he is comfortable with this bid as Van Mar will need to abide by the same regulations and inspections as any electrician. If costs go up due to failure on inspection, Van Mar takes the hit not the Village.

Discussion: Salt Shed block work will be done this Friday or Saturday. DPW crew will put up the roof next week.

Motion by Lavey to approve DPW recommendation to use Van Mar for the electrical work awarding a bid of \$19,200; Seconded by Stone.

Yeas: Lavey, MacDonald, Mohrmann, Pais, Stone, White, Foster

Nays: None

Motion carried by Roll call vote.

Public Forum opened at 8:32 PM.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Approval Date _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Salowitz
Village Clerk

Rebecca Foster
Village President