APPROVED MINUTES
MANCHESTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - VILLAGE HALL
OCTOBER 2ND, 2023
7:00 PM

President Vailliencourt called the regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council members present: Dresch, Harvey, Woods, Way and Vailliencourt.
Council members absent: Chartrand, DuRussel.

Also present were Manager Sessions, Clerk Kuhnle, Brent Jones, Ron Milkey, Joe Jarvis, Brad Bezeau, Joe Walsh, Kathy Dimond, Schebellas, Jeff Wallace, Lisa Fookes, Danell Proctor, Kathryn Lavigne.

The minutes of the September 18th, 2023 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

The minutes of the September 18th, 2023 joint meeting with the planning commission were approved on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Harvey.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved as amended: deleting Treasurer's Report and Committee Reports: A) Sheriff, C) Planning Commission, E) Healthy Communities/Wellness Coalition, F) Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission, G) Building Committee, H) Personnel Committee, I) Finance Committee; on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Joe Jarvis of River Raisin Distillery and the DDA, requested to close Elton street for the large anticipated turnout and participation in the Trunk or Treat event on October 29th, on a motion by Dresch, seconded by Woods, Elton Street will be closed from 12:30-3:30. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Adrian Street will be closed from 5pm-10pm for Witches Night, October 21st on a motion made by Woods, seconded by Dresch. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Joe Walsh of Caife Aspire presented complaints to Village Council and President Vailliencourt regarding the Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council tenancy and sale of the property at 410 City Rd.

Brad Bezeau, Superintendent of Manchester Community Schools, presented a summary on the upcoming bond renewal on November 7th, 2023, outlining the projects that they are wanting to do in order to remain competitive for students. Roofing and safety enhancements, renovation for the three media centers to include collaborative spaces, and renovation of the STEAM wing at Manchester Jr/Senior High School, constructing a community gymnasium, and renovating and refurnishing the classrooms of Klager and Riverside.

SPECIAL SESSION CITY STATUS –A second Cityhood Open House will be held Saturday, October 21st, 2023, at 10:00am in the Village Room located on the lower level of Village Hall that is a special session that will be open to questions regarding City Status or Cityhood.

NEW BUSINESS

CARAMEL APPLE EVENT- Kathy Dimond of the Manchester District Library presented the details of the Caramel Apple Event. Council approved the Caramel Apple Event to be held at Wurster Park, October 31st, 2023, with the event time being 5pm-7pm, and the reservation for the park being held all day on a motion made by Dresch, seconded by Harvey. Ayes, all. Motion Carried.

APPLE CIDER SALES- Council approved the Manchester Lions Club to sell apple cider at the intersection of M-52 and Main Street on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 9:00am-1:00pm on a motion made by Dresch, seconded by Woods. Ayes-all. Motion Carried.

ASSESSING SERVICES- Council approved a contract for services with Renius & Renius for assessing services if the proposed City Charter is approved on November 7, 2023, on a motion made by Dresch, seconded by Woods. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion Carried.

SEALED BIDS FOR TREE CUTTING- Council approved the sealed bid to Burman's Tree Service in the amount of $9,370.00 on a motion made by Way, seconded by Dresch. Role call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE- Council acknowledged the following correspondence:
Village of Manchester DDA Unapproved Minutes from September 20,2023
Letter from MASCC

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – A motion was made by Dresch, seconded by Way, that the list dated 10/2/2023 totaling $123,042.17 be approved. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

REPORTS-

PARKS- Parks provided an update regarding the vegetation in River Raisin Park.

DDA – Update provided regarding the plans for the walls and items for the alley.

DPW REPORT- Superintendent Jones presented the DPW Report for September 2023.

MANAGER REPORT- Village attorney Fred Lucas to provide response to Caife Aspire and to commence circuit court action for zoning violations on a motion made by Dresch, seconded by Harvey. Roll call vote: ayes-all. Motion carried.

There being no further business, President Vailliencourt adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Brittany Kuhnle, Village Clerk