

The Village of Walton Hills

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: May 10, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Council Chambers

Mayor Hurst called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by Katie Iaconis. Present: Councilpersons Denny Linville, Mary Brenner-Miller, Paul Rich, Gloria Terlosky, Don Kolograf, and Brian Spitznagel. Administration present: Fiscal Officer Katie Iaconis and Law Director Bill Mason.

Persons Having Business Before Council – None.

Council Comments – Mayor Hurst commented on a report from the police department containing pictures of items found on Wood Lake and Spanghurst Dr. in which the owner has not been identified. Councilman Denny Linville stated that he started gathering information on the surcharge for NEORS, the excess charge for storm water. Once he gets the information developed, he will make it available. Councilman Paul Rich expressed concern about the RNC coming to town and community safety, residents renting out houses. Mayor Hurst stated that a lot of preparedness is being done and there is time to add something to the books if needed. Councilman Don Kolograf commented the RNC would probably be an economic boost for the city and surrounding area. Councilman Brian Spitznagel discussed the benefits of FitBit bands and obtaining some for residents; he emailed FitBit and is waiting for a response. He is also going to reapply for Life Alert. No other comments or questions.

Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Winter Contract for Salt – Mayor Hurst will put this on next week's agenda for the Council meeting. Tonnage and storage locations were reviewed. No other comments or questions.

Discussion to Amend Police Contract – Mayor Hurst stated that due to a retiring police officer, a replacement is needed, someone part-time to be bumped up. The police chief put out a memo and would like two to be moved up if the CBA of the police department negotiates to drop the starting salary. Mayor Hurst read the memo to Council. Councilman Rich questioned police coverage due to vacations. Councilpersons discussed the letter from Chief Thellmann regarding police training and requiring officers to work for the community for a set number of years, otherwise officers would need to reimburse training costs. Mayor Hurst or Bill Mason will create a draft for June for Council to discuss part-time employment and the opportunity to prorate it and have the ability to waive fees. Mayor Hurst stated that Council needs to decide if they support hiring two full-time police officers, which will be put on the agenda to be passed next week. A memo will be written with a cost breakdown. No other comments or questions.

Discussion of Community Investment Corporation – Mayor Hurst plans to start this on June 1st and in the month of June begin the process of talking about board members. Councilman Rich commented regarding fees paid for setup. Mayor Hurst stated it will be a flat fee, approximately \$5,000 was the quote. This will not be on the agenda for the Council meeting. No other comments or questions.

Discussion to Amend the Chicken Ordinance – Mayor Hurst stated a full year has been surpassed in discussion of this matter. A few residents have emailed and commented. Indoor food storage was discussed. Councilman Brian Spitznagel mentioned a resident's comment regarding coop flooring and possibly re-wording the ordinance to state the flooring is to be attached to the coop or on a cement slab, and whether the top should be covered with aviary netting. Councilman Rich will provide a copy of the verbiage from the recommendations for municipal regulation of urban chickens regarding flooring. Mayor Hurst stated this will be on next week's agenda for second reading. No other comments or questions.

Discussion on Amending Ordinance 2013-11 Regarding Yard Displays – Mayor Hurst suggested a possible timeframe of at least 30 days before or 30 days after that decorations are to be taken down. Councilman Rich suggested being flexible on 30 days before but supports 30 days after. Councilman Spitznagel questioned Solicitor Bill Mason from a legal standpoint regarding the success of enforcing such an ordinance. Solicitor Mason stated free speech restrictions are difficult to enforce but he will try to find acceptable language. Mayor Hurst will not be putting it on the agenda for a vote this month but suggested Council make a decision in June on the final language. No other comments or questions.

Discussion to Recognize Sergeant Peter Kanjuka Retirement – Mayor Hurst stated this will be a resolution to reward the sergeant with his gun. He will be put on first to the agenda next Tuesday at the beginning of the Council meeting. All Council supports this. No other comments or questions.

Other Business – Mayor Hurst discussed the Ohio Flags of Honor Foundation, who successfully came to Walton Hills for Veteran’s Day. It is a three-day event. Veteran’s Day is on a Friday this year; the event will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, approximately 270 flags of the young men and women who have passed away in active duty, and it is a very positive event. Donations will be sought, and the event will be promoted throughout the summer. Mayor Hurst reviewed what will be on next week’s Council meeting, which will include the Resolution for ODOT, Item F-Discussion to Amend Police Contract, Item H-Discussion of Chicken Ordinance will be on for second reading and will not be for suspension, and Item J will be on the agenda at the top of the list. Not appearing on the agenda is Item G to enter into a contract in the month of June and Item I-Discussion of Ordinance 2013-11. Mayor Hurst gave a reminder about a cookout on Thursday at Bedford Schools starting at 6:00, business casual dress attire. Mayor Hurst attended Monday’s funeral representing the Village and gave a proclamation for the principal who passed away, Paul Ward. The town hall meeting is on May 24, 2016. The luncheon for the businesses is on May 25, 2016, at 12:00; a representative from the sewer district will be there to explain the details. At next week’s Council meeting there may be Executive Session; if not, there will probably be one at the first COW in June to discuss the drainage issue on S. Meadowpark. There will be a special Council meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Councilwoman Terlosky mentioned her trip with the Recreation Department.

Councilman Linville motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Terlosky, and six eyes approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Katie Iaconis, Fiscal Officer