

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Shawn Priest, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the committee met on Monday, October 15, 2018. Those present were Chairman Shawn Priest, John Michael, Chris Runyon, Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans and Mayor Freddie Snyder. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget for 2019 along with evaluations, raises and insurance. Recommendations were to implement evaluations and look at evaluation forms and format. Raises have been tabled until evaluations are completed and there will be a further discussion on raising employee contribution versus raising deductibles. After discussion, Council tabled the recommendations until after the next Finance Committee meeting set for Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Scott Willey, Chairman of the Utilities Committee reported the committee met on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Those present were Chairman Scott Willey, Morgan Sheppard, Chris Runyon, Utility Clerk Teresa Smith and Mayor Freddie Snyder. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss bulk water and Ordinance# 16-03. After discussion, Council tabled the recommendations until after the next Utilities Committee meeting set for Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.
- Passed out a copy of State Auditor Training certification to each Council member.
- Informed Council Health Commissioner Jared Warner stated the complaints regarding the rotten corn smell at Premiere Grain were checked out and he determined there was nothing on the premises that constituted a public health nuisance or danger to the public.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported that for the month of September 2018, there were 464 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-150 regular, 17.75 overtime; Officer Stephens-150 regular, 17.75 overtime; Officer Brady-124 regular, 25.50 overtime; Officer Cottrell-125.00 regular, 26.00 overtime and Officer Dawson – 129.25 regular, 0.00 overtime. There was 1 Traffic Crash Report, and 21 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 12, Traffic Citations -3, and Warning Citations - 9. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 445 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 584 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,541 miles driven. Repairs: \$149.52 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- The Police Department has 96 active case reports.
The departments total reports received for the month of August 2018 were 21, an increase of 3 reports from September 2017.
- Councilman Runyon asked Chief Nolley about the Ordinance the Village has in place regarding animals at large. In the Ordinance it says we (the Police) or the dog warden can catch animals and contain them. Chief Nolley we no longer have a facility to house the animal. The Village use to have a kennel at the sewer plant but it is no longer there. Council member Runyon asked was the procedure was for feral animals. Solicitor Beery stated the judges do

not treat cats the same as dogs in Hillsboro. The city is having the third reading of the legislation at the next meeting that they can punish residents if their cat does damage on someone's property. In addition, dumping cats or dropping them off is a felony. Solicitor Beery said there is no good answer on what to do with cats.

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

- Administrators Report submitted.
- Informed Council the owner of 221 South Fairfield Street ripped out the water meter. The Village replaced it but will not turn it back on until the \$305.65 bill is paid for the meter replacement.

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

- Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$34,242.90 was collected for the month of September 2018.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

- Mayor Snyder informed Council that starting next month, anything that Council is wishing to discuss at council meetings must be given to Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans to place on the Agenda, no later than noon the Thursday before packets go out. If items are not on the agenda, they will not be discussed. Mayor Snyder stated he is doing this because he feels like we do not get things done at the meetings. Council asked if the Mayor could do this and Solicitor Beery said it is the Mayors call. Mayor Snyder stated that over the last several months, council has tabled several issues and continues to discuss them at no resolve, yet he is always blamed for the Administration not doing their job when Council is also to blame for putting things off. According to the Mayor, the Village employees have been accused of a little bit of everything and the moral is about as low as it can get. We have lost two good employees to the bickering that has gone on all because of various accusations against them. Mayor Snyder said that Council does not see everything our employees do to maintain this village on a daily basis and he feels it is time for Council to get their act together and start acting like a Council.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Brokaw Building – Going before the judge November 14, 2018. Solicitor Beery stated anyone wishing to abate the nuisance can come to the hearing.
- George Phillips property – Mayor Snyder asked all of Council if they wanted to proceed with the demolition of the property, costing \$49,000, before we go any further. After discussion, all of Council agreed to approve the demolition.
- Coyote Manufacturing – Mayor Snyder stated he met with Mike Reed. In addition, the Mayor received information from Steve Canter that stated in 2009, the County Commissioners determined all hook-ups from the High Rock Road area (including Coyote), will incur a \$3,100 sewer connection fee that will be payable to the County Commissioners. According to the Highland County Commissioners, the Village will maintain all operations and maintenance of the sewer, and the Village will get to collect and keep all monthly utility payments for the connection. According to Mayor Snyder, at

the time of installation, a meter was placed on the line to monitor the usage. Coyote had 8 employees then and 10 employees now. The village calculated 10 gallon per person per day would be 2,000 gallons a month which is the minimum bill and that is what they are currently charged. Mayor Snyder stated a flow meter can be placed on the line but the cost of the meter would be \$2,000 and the Mayor does not think it would pay for itself. Solicitor Beery stated the Village could place an assessment fee on for the users in that area. Councilwoman Priest stated her concern that the Village has already went through three sewer pumps at Coyote's. Mayor Snyder stated the loss of the pumps was partly the Village's fault because of the voltage and wiring that has since been fixed.

- Drainage Ditch on St. Rt. 28 – Mayor Snyder passed out copies of emails to all of council from Jim Henry with the grant application information including the Village match of \$56,500. The application is due on November 2, 2018. Council member Sheppard asked if this cost is just for phase one or the entire project. The Mayor said this is for phase one. Councilman Runyon said again he wanted a total breakdown cost of all the phases start to finish. Councilman Sheppard stated Solicitor Beery said that if we do this project on someone's property and something else happens to another resident's property as a result, the Village would liable to fix that as well. Solicitor Beery said he was confused because what he said was that we could not make improvements to private property unless it is part of a comprehensive plan where you would have it in phases. Then the Village could say we are making improvements to this private property as part of our comprehensive plan that goes on in several phases because we cannot do it all at once. Solicitor Beery said this seems to be something that is solely on the village (the headwall) and it's not part of a comprehensive plan and it does not need to be because it is solely on the street which is on our right away. So therefore, this could be part of a comprehensive plan but his is our responsibility and the scope of the work that this grant is for is in our right of way. Mayor Snyder asked if Council would like to pursue this grant. Solicitor Beery stated we need a vote to proceed, not a Resolution.
*John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded to proceed with the grant.
Roll call vote 5-1 with Scott Willey abstaining.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Finance, Personnel and Utility Committee will be having a Special Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM. According to Solicitor Beery all three committees can meet as once and it can be advertised as a special meeting.

Mayor Freddie Snyder closed the meeting at 8:20 and Councilman Richard Tolle seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-1 with Morgan Sheppard voting no. Meeting adjourned.