

Regular Session of Village Council

August 20, 2024; 6:00 pm

Call to Order

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by Mayor Mitchell Fisher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll Call was completed by Solicitor, John Kaspar. The following members were present.

York Bryant

Jim Frederick

Mike McKeehan

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh

George Schraffenberger

Ben Steiner

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve July 16, 2024 Regular Session made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Frederick. Steiner abstained. All ye. Motion carried. Motion to approve July 16, 2024 Special Session made by Frederick; second by Schraffenberger. Steiner abstained. All ye. Motion carried.

Reports / Legislation from Village Officials

Monthly Village Fiscal Revenue Status by Fund Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Disbursements, Mayor's Court Report and Bank Reconciliation were provided for Council.

Village Officials

Mayor Fisher recognized Morrow Police Department for the success at National Night Out. There was a great turn out and the goal of the police department and community connecting was met. The Mayor also recognized the Morrow Police Department for receiving the Gold award from Lexipol.

Officer Craig Roberts was given the Life Saving Award for his quick response to a motorcycle accident in 2014 where he was the first to arrive on scene. The gentleman from the accident was in attendance and stated that he was there because of Officer Roberts.

Officer Roberts received a plaque and pin for this great deed.

Officer Robert Hawk was then recognized for his years of service to the Village of Morrow and was promoted to Sergeant. Resolution 10-24 was passed authorizing this promotion.

Declaring it an emergency motion made by Frederick; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All ye.

Motion to adopt made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Schraffenberger. All ye.

Next, the Mayor continued his discussion from the previous meeting of raising water rates. The Mayor proposed a \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons increase on water and to increase the bulk water tokens to \$3.50 per token. The water and bulk rates have not changed since 2015. This increase would help cover needs in the water department; meters, water towers, main lines. Resolution 11-14 to increase both rates accordingly, motion to suspend the rules made by Schraffenberger; second by Steiner. All ye. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Schraffenberger. All ye.

Mayor mentioned and updated on the following items:

1. Water tower- working on quote
2. Police Cruiser – has arrived
3. Cruiser – in for repairs at Gerber Collision – should be done early September
4. Cardboard Boat Regatta – Mayor entered in a boat for the Village
5. Christmas on Main – Carol & Mayor will meet – planning in progress
6. Community Christmas Dinner – unless someone takes over, this event will not happen
7. Zoning – making progress with Choice One on the updates to the zoning code
8. Woodlands Roads & Acceptance – meeting with Jones Warner, have an official list
9. Floodplain Appeals Board – met and granted variance for Depot
10. Personnel – hired James Marshall in the Maintenance Department; seeking a water apprentice
11. Roof – Village Hall needs a new roof. Mayor received three quotes and recommends Bill Strange & Sons. They will replace the roof and gutters. Council gave the approval to proceed with the roof replacement. Resolution 12-24 approving an appropriation of adjustments was approved by council. Motion to suspend the rules

was made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea. Motion to adopt was made by Schraffenberger; second by Frederick. All yea.

Village Administrator, Caroline Whitacre updated council on the following:

1. The Purple Heart ceremony will be held on September 3rd at 6:00 pm at the 315. Trent and Lisa Heimann were recognized for hosting this event.
2. Unfortunate incident – Zoning Inspector Vic Center had a heart episode on August 12th. He is doing well but out for a bit.
3. Subway is changing owners, renovations are coming.
4. Depot Brewing is seeking a liquor license – council had no objections

Chief Kilburn thanked Trent and Lisa Heimann for their help on National Night Out. He was also grateful for the beautiful flowers on the bridge and the front of the building. He stated that sadly there was graffiti under the bridge but this was being taken care of by the maintenance crew and the police were already at work to identify the vandals.

Councilmember Bryant asked for permission to remove the broken concrete picnic table at Yorkie Bryant Park and replace it with a new table or bench. Cost of replacement will be covered by Councilmember Bryant. If help is needed to purchase, then he will come back to council.

Councilmember Schraffenberger stated that a patch for Clements View was needed. He also asked for councils' direction for stop the bleed kits that he would like to have available for the police officers. Schraffenberger is certified and able to train the officers. Council requested that he provide the Mayor and Administrator with quotes.

Councilmember Isaacs-Niemesh thanked the Morrow Police Department for their quick response and excellent work to an issue at her home.

Open to the Floor

Scott Tilford stated that there are two benches at the Depot that need to be removed and he wanted council's advice on what to do with them.

The Mayor closed the floor.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session requested by the Mayor for the discussion of property. Motion made by Schraffenberger; second by Bryant. All yea.

Motion to return to regular session made by Frederick; second by Bryant. All yea.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Frederick; second by Schraffenberger. All yea.

Tina Powell, Clerk of Council
& Fiscal Officer

Mitchell Fisher, Mayor