

Uniontown Town Council Minutes
June 9, 2021

1. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Present were councilmembers Mike Shore, Brian Davies, Jack Espy and Sam Kimble. Clerk Treasurer Ann-Marie Zuniga and Maintenance Supervisor Brent Lane.

2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES and APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The Mayor called for a vote to approve the consent calendar. Mike Shore made a motion to approve, seconded by Brian Davies. Motion was carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Lynn Soto

- A. Lynn had questions on April 2021 meeting minutes and felt that they had been recorded incorrectly. She was offered the opportunity to view the Zoom recording.
- B. She asked what the \$3,500 payment to Roach Construction was for. Brent advised that it was from a sewer issue on parkway.
- C. Lynn also asked how much the oiling of the streets was and how much was in the budget for this. Brent advised it was \$19,000 (approximately) to oil the streets and there was \$22,500 in the budget. Mike Shore brought up the question if we did this for 3 years, we might be able to obtain a TIB grant to chip seal the roads. It was determined that we look at this next year as see about proceeding with this. Brent will research.
- D. Lynn wanted to know the Council concerns about the overgrowth of bushes in Memorial Park with the fact that there is now a child sex offender in town. She felt that the town would be liable if something happened. Brent said that it would be a significant amount of time to trim back to the extent that you could see through the bushes.

5. PLANNING & ZONING

- A. Brian introduced Cindy Arbor as a new member on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He made a motion to approve Cindy which Sam Kimble seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
- B. The P&Z meeting was discussed regarding the Hopwood request to split their lot, which is a possibility. A firm answer will be given by P&Z within 30 days. Also at the meeting was the new owner of the vacant lot on Union who had questions regarding the use of the lot.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

- A. Met with John for about 45 minutes regarding the water issues at the co-op. Not much was accomplished beyond the discussion of metering the shop. Mike Shore presented that it might be better if we met with the co-op board on this issue.

7. POLICE REPORT/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Neither were present, nor had they submitted a report to the Town Clerk.

8. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- A. The streets have been oiled with the same lineal footage as before.
B. Animal control has not had much going on the last couple of weeks.

9. CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

- A. There has been a request and a deposit made to reserve Memorial Park for a day in June. There is an ordinance for the deposit and fees. Recommended that a small fee be instituted to cover additional restroom and water expense in the amount of \$25-\$50 as the deposit is refundable if there is no clean up or damage done during the event.

Discussion ensued regarding the reservation of a public park and what we would be out because of a reservation. How could we close a public park and what would they gain by reserving the park over just showing up. The ordinance for park reservation deposit was passed in 2004. It was felt that they were reserving the picnic area. Brent input that we have not ever put out reserved signs, but it is felt that we should.

The clerk brought up that the ordinance can be rescinded if the Council feels that we should not be reserving any part of the park. Mike Shore requested to table this matter until there can be further discussion.

The Mayor made a motion that we table this until the next meeting. Passed with a majority vote.

- B. Update on credit card fees. Currently at \$400 with all the automatic payments having been moved to the ACH collection method instead of using the credit card machine. Suggested charging a fee for using a credit card. Discussion ensued regarding the total of funds collected by credit card. What the fee was when the idea was presented to Council. Also, if a convenience fee could be used on debit cards and how to calculate the amount vs what the charge is. The clerk said she will research if there is the ability to charge fees on debit cards.

The consensus of council was that it is common business practice to charge a fee to use a credit card. Lynn asked if running a debit card as credit is it run as credit or debit as there is no way to have someone put in their code. Brian asked if there is a difference in what the bank charges between debit and credit. Mike suggested that we consult with the town attorney if it is legal or not to charge a fee on the debit card charges.

- C. Keltic update. Read into the record the status of the project submitted by Keltic as they could not attend.
- D. There had not been enough time to pursue the school safety grant which only would have covered lights.

10. ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Dave Jacobs declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Jack and Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor, Dave Jacobs

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer, Ann-Marie Zuniga