

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 28TH, 2007
MINUTES

Mayor Gary Johnston called the special workshop meeting to order at 7:05pm. Roll call: Donna, Rick, John, Bob, Bud and Melinda all present. Others present were Scott Robinson, Larry Jackson, Gary Johnston, Mayor and Tony Fessler, Fiscal Officer. Jamie and Casey Clark were present for a very short time.

The first item to be discussed was Street Lighting on Monument and Main Street. Council discussed the amount available of approximately \$10,000 for lighting and trees from current grants and the possibility of more funds coming in if we receive an 80/20 matching grant that has been applied for State Route 718 and 48. If lights were put up for about 1 block it would take close to six lights and lights will cost between \$1500 to \$1700. Since the conduit for lighting will already be in the actual lights would not have to go in until the East Monument project is started which gives Council time to study the possibilities and feasibility of lights.

Citizens Comments:

Scott Robinson explained what occurred to his tree when the Village had an outside contractor trim his tree. He wasn't pleased with how he was notified. He thought he had trimmed the proper tree and the other tree trimmed by the Village was trimmed much higher than 12 feet for a very expensive fee. Council informed Scott that during this workshop no decisions will be made, but they will consider it at the December 10th, 2007 regular scheduled meeting.

All guests left at this time.

Council continued their discussion of Street Lighting. The Mayor left at 7:27 p.m. to attend the Joint Fire District meeting. The placing of lights and the related bases can be put in after the West Monument Street project is completed so there is no rush at this time. It would probably work better to put the lights in for East and West Monument Street at the same time. Council felt that property owners should be informed by June of 2008 as to where the street lights and trees may be placed so Council will try to make their decision before spring. Several members thought the Engineering Firm of Fanning / Howey should provide guidance in this area as to the placement and cost of lights to go up to two blocks each way from the intersection of State Route 48 and 718. It was suggested to have a sub committee to look at types and spacing of the lights, but it was felt lighting companies and the engineers should be able to provide that info as well as Council members visiting neighboring Villages. General consensus was that the lights are needed for the safety, crime deterrents and general appearance of the Village.

The next item discussed was the proposed Tree Maintenance Ordinance that had been given to Council for their review. The discussion centered on whether an ordinance is needed and what was the intention when the Street Tree Commission was formed. The general feeling was the Street Tree Commission should make recommendations about type of trees, cost of trees, and the possible spacing of trees to Council to act upon and an ordinance for maintenance is not needed at this time. Since John is the Council Representative he will relay the intentions of Council back to the Street Tree Commission.

Council discussed the need for a Vehicle Parking Policy. Donna and Melinda are going to check with other Villages to obtain their Ordinances and get them to Council members to review

before the next meeting. If vehicles are being dropped off in the alleys they may be doing business at their location and that would be in violation of our zoning regulations. According to the Zoning Regulations Chapter 23 section 2300.02 B-4 parking areas shall be considered extensions of the principal use with which they are associated. Only parking associated with uses permitted in the residential district are allowed in that residential district. In addition, residential district property shall not be used as an access for a nonresidential parking use. According to Chapter 27 whenever a violation occurs or is alleged to have occurred a written complaint can be filed and then the Zoning Inspector will check to see if they are in violation and proceed with the Chapter 27 guidelines. General feeling was that the Sheriff's Department should be able to enforce the zoning violations.

Council discussed the four or five feet sidewalks since the zoning book states four feet and does this have any impact on our street lighting. Bob reported that Ansonia recently improved their main street thru town and their sidewalks were four feet. The aforementioned will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

Mayor returned at 8:35 p.m. and Council brought him up to date as to what has been discussed so far.

Council discussed having regularly scheduled Workshop Meetings starting in 2008 on Mondays once a month. Everyone will check their schedules and they will set the times at the January reorganization meeting. Discussion followed as to the many items that need to be researched and discussed in more detail such as street lights, road projects and what to do with 2 North Main Street.

John reported to Council that the entrance signs can accommodate 7 signs each and so far there are 5 businesses interested. Council felt that maintenance of the business signs will need to be addressed at future Council meeting.

Rick moved to go into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to consider the compensation of employees with the Mayor and Tony Fessler invited, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Rick, Bud, Bob, John, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried. Melinda moved to adjourn the executive session at 10:05 p.m., seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John, Rick and Donna all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved to adjourn, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John, Rick and Donna all yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Mayor / Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer / Tony Fessler