

Minutes-June 10, 2024 (unapproved minutes)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by President Greg Brunner. Those present included Brunner, Stephanie Bohn, Al Riemer, Joseph Dowden, Jay Jochimsen, Doug Klemm, Marsha Duellman, Bryan and Barbara Reiter, and Clerk Jan Tischendorf.

The meeting was posted according to statutes. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens' Comments: Marsha Duellman, spoke to the board, regarding library matters-thanking the village for the nice cleanup of the pond park and for helping with the library lawn mowing. In reference to the pond comment, Jan reported that all the memorial trees are mapped out and on file in the clerk's office. There are available trees and room for more to be memorialized.

The minutes were approved as printed. M/2nd McCarron/Bohn. All ayes, motion carried.

Old business: Storage container previous ordinance was rescinded m/2nd Bohn/Riemer and was replaced with more precise wording as advised by Building Inspector Robert Christensen. M2nd McCarron/Bohn to approve new ordinance and is on file. All ayes, motion carried.

Vermin on property/health dept report: those present were updated with the situation in a home in the village with rodents and unhealthy living conditions. Building Inspector Robert Christensen's report advises that the property be condemned and razed as the cost of repairs exceed more than half of the assessed property. The county health department is working with the client to secure safe healthy housing for the individual.

Property Maintenance Issues: much discussion on offenders in the village with long grass, extra debris on the property, equipment and furniture needing to be moved, blowing trash and bags of trash in yards, unlicensed vehicles, general issues. The clerk will send warning letters to those property owners alerting them of the violations to be corrected before ordinance fines start-hoping that helps for the offending properties to tidy up and avoid forfeitures according the property maintenance ordinance.

Trees by Legion Field: Al Riemer spoke to the property owner and he assured the village that they would be taken down this summer as they are dead and many branches break off each time is it too windy, causing a liability for injury with the park and village owned land being close to the line of trees.

Peterson Rezoning: The zoning committee reconvened their April meeting on 6/10/2024 at 3:30 pm to present their findings in regards to the rezone of Ed Peterson property on East Mink Avenue from the present residential zoning to a commercial rezone. The committee recommended a denial of the zoning change, keeping it residential. With that said, the property owner must remove the materials and equipment within a month's time in order to avoid forfeitures in regards to the property maintenance. There was discussion of possibly revisiting the issue if the owner agrees to certain terms, those being installing a three -sided privacy fence and in order to be a commercial property, the driveway aprons must be concrete or asphalt. It was m/2nd to not grant the rezone as recommended by the zoning committee. All ayes, motion carried. A certified letter will be sent to Ed Peterson with the results after the meeting.

New business: Cigarette and Class A combination License granted to Medford Cooperative dba Stetsonville Clark; Class B license granted to Boxrucker/Berry American Legion; mobile home permit granted to Bryan and Barbara Reiter. M/2nd McCarron/Riemer. All ayes, motion carried.

Assessor Contract for 2025: was m/2nd for approval by Riemer/ Dowden. All ayes, motion carried. Two copies were signed with one for our file and one for Michael Schnautz, assessor.

Legion Hall Vandalism-the reimbursement has been received in full from two juveniles for the vandalism that occurred in early 2023. The amount received will be sent to the American Legion Group as they are responsible for the maintenance of the concession stand and the club house.

Clerk/Treasurer's report as of 5/31/2024—Report is attached in meeting minutes. Report includes fund balance, and report on utility shut-offs. There was considerable discussion about lowering the \$300 threshold that is used before customers get a disconnection letter. As it is often the same offenders; and a board member stated that the clerk may just be making even more work in regards to disconnections since it is often the same offenders and lowering the dollar threshold may include more customers. The clerk had contacted neighboring and similar sizes municipalities and they do not tolerate the late payments. m/2nd Bohn/Riemer to accept clerk report. All ayes, motion carried,

Municipal Water/Wastewater Report was presented by Jay Jochimsen and Doug Klemm (attached in records) Jay reported that all municipal water and wastewater test results are within the required guidelines. The City of Medford is doing the testing at the plant and it is going well. Hydrant flushing will be completed in June, there was some reports of a little brown water by board members in their homes, but not a big issue. Visu-Sewer will be giving a bid in inspecting sewer lines, soon, sludge removal is being done again with warmer temps, Cypher to work on electrical in north lift station as his schedule permits.

Street and Maintenance Report was presented by Jay Jochimsen and Doug Klemm (attached in records). Painting, cleaning, general maintenance being performed; whirlwind sweepers were here for spring and will return in fall; painting playground equipment as time allows; windmill repairs; and getting gravel ordered for Mink and Dunlin Streets. M/2nd to approve both reports- Dowden/Bohn. All ayes, motion carried.

Bill payments: Approval of Vouchers 1119 through 1157 and EfTS's 06-01 to 06-16 including EFTPS/State Withholding payroll taxes and transfers for municipal water loan payment were approved for payment, M/2nd Bohn/Dowden. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjourn meeting- m/2nd Riemer/Bohn to adjourn meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

/s/ Jan Tischendorf, clerk/treasurer

Next meeting, Monday, July 8, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library.

