**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**June 19, 2023**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. The June Council Meeting was held in the Fairfax Municipal Building – Council Chambers. Those present were Robert Ernst, Donald Kessel, Sharon Lally and Christine Resnik. Those absent were Jeanne Perkins and Russell Riffle.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Shelton informed Council and visitors that Jenny Kaminer’s father, Anthony Brueneman, had passed away Saturday, June 17. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Brueneman.

**Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation**

Mayor Shelton asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Ms. Lally stated that the bills had been paid and bank statement had been reconciled for the month of May 2023. Mr. Kessel made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, and seconded by Mr. Ernst. All members present voted Aye.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Kessel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All members present voted Aye. The May minutes were approved.

**Communications**

None

**Committee Reports**

The Planning Committee has received a copy of Hamilton County’s Zoning Codes and will use these as a guide to update the Village of Fairfax code and establish clearer and more standard definitions. They will meet with the County over the next several months to review. The next meeting is July 12, 2023.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$7,463.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
May 2023. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the Mayor’s Monthly Report. Ms. Lally made a motion to accept the Mayor’s Monthly Report, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye. The Mayor’s monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

Resolution 10-2023 is the approval of the Hamilton County Solid Waste plan through 2038. There was discussion last week about the plan and a summary was provided to council. One of the most important goals of the plan is to reduce residential solid waste to 27% (now 18%) and commercial solid waste to 50% (now 43%) by the year 2038.

The Municipal Parking Lot Replacement project is now in progress. We do not yet have a completion date.

Plans and specs for the Virginia Avenue repaving project are now prepared. The Greater Cincinnati Water Works have submitted their plans to Mr. King. The bid advertisement will be posted on June 29, July 6 and July 13 with a bid opening date on July 14. Assuming we receive a qualified bid, an ordinance for award will be presented at the July council meeting.

Originally, council had directed Ms. Kaminer to advertise for bids for 2023 street replacements which did include Virginia Avenue, however, when we got word that GCWW wanted to replace their water main, we pulled Virginia of the original bid. If council wants to make a new motion directing the advertising of bids for Virginia, they should probably do so at tonight’s meeting. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion for the new advertising bids. Mr. Kessel made a motion for the new bids, seconded by Ms. Resnik. All present voted Aye.

**Police Chief Report**

Officer Flynn did the Springdale Law Enforcement Expo, a one-day event for approximately 3-4 hours. This was a good opportunity to get out and meet/interact with the public. There is another event at the Cincinnati Sports Club with younger kids having a chance to talk with an Officer. Sergeant Kaiser will be handling this event. A car was stolen from the Castrucci dealership. The keys had been left in the car. The Fairfax Police Dept is working on locating the vehicle. Currently, the cost to store videos and data from body cams and in-car cameras in the Cloud and also receive software updates is $8,400/year. Chief Bronson is working with Mike Manford to determine if the Department would be able to save some money by storing its own videos/data from these cameras, but still continue to receive software updates. Still waiting on equipment for the other two 2023 cruisers.

**Fire Chief Report**

There were 32 calls for service in May for Fairfax. 26 EMS and 6 Fire. No significant events during the month. Chief Siefke informed Council that the Department has ordered a new fire truck, but delivery would not be until October 2025. One Firefighter has resigned from the Department. They will be accepting applications up to July 14th and should have a recommendation by the August Board meeting. Mr. Ernst complemented Chief Siefke and his Department on the positive interaction the Department displays with the children and residents of the Village.

**New Business:**

**Resolution R10-2023**

Resolution R10-2023 Approving the Update of the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye.

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance 7-2023**

Ordinance No. 7-2023 Amending and Supplementing the Traffic Code for the Village of Fairfax to Further Prohibit Certain Text-Based and Electronic Wireless Communications While Driving. *Third Reading.* Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All present voted Aye.

**Council Discussion:**

**None**

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments:**

**None**

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Shelton requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Lally

Motion was seconded: Ms. Resnik

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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