

CITY OF BRODHEAD COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Present: Mayor Pinnow, Alderman Nyman, Huffman, Bernstein and Rosheisen. City Clerk Withee and City Attorney Jamie Olson.

Absent: Alderman Anderson and Fox

Mayor Pinnow called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call vote shows all Aldermen present except Anderson and Fox

Motion by Bernstein to amend the agenda to move Ordinance Amending 432-38 and 432-40 regarding ATV & UTV's to the next item on the agenda. Second by Rosheisen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Hughes updated the council on the bomb threat for the high school today.

Chief Hughes introduced the Ordinance Amending 432-38 and 432-40 regarding ATV & UTV's. Change the route to remove 12th street from w 2nd and w 3rd Ave. extend w 2nd from w Exchange to 13th street. This would clear the street for emergency vehicles from the fire department and EMS. Concern from public works regarding the cost to install and maintain them. There is a commitment from the ATV club to purchase all items to make this a legal route. They would need someone from public works to go with them to make sure the signs are placed properly.

Dusty Kubly addressed the council and stated that the City of Monroe received funding and the club placed the signs. He also gave pricing for the signs. He would be willing to solicit donations from businesses for the cost.

Attorney Olson does not have any issues with the ordinance.

Director Vogel stated that he does not have an issue with the ATV trail but wants to make sure that the city budget is protected. The city has difficulty keeping up with replacing signs that we currently have. He would like to ensure there is language in the ordinance that would not require citizens pay for the signage. He feels it would be good to have a working partnership.

Chief Hughes stated that the city is ultimately responsible for the signage and upkeep even if the partnership is created. Suggestion to draft an agreement between the city and ATV club. This would be separate from the ordinance.

Attorney Olson stated she could add "or the Public Works Director designee" as well as "subject to funding" language. Chief Hughes advised that the ATV route will remain closed until the chief authorizes the opening of the route after all of the signage has been posted. Motion by Bernstein to approve the ordinance with recommended changes. Second by Rosheisen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Hughes will meet with the ATV club and the mayor to discuss an agreement. Goal would be to have it prepared for the first meeting in July.

Grace Policastro introduced Thomas Alisankus to present information regarding a joint municipal court. He is Judge of the joint municipal court of Union Township and Evansville. Union township granted Evansville officers full access to Union Township. The sheriff's department is still the primary responders. Setting up the court was not difficult. The benefit is there is greater local control of law enforcement needs and response times are faster. There are many times when the Brodhead Police

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Department is requested to respond into county territory. The township is entitled to all of the forfeitures and costs incurred by the township. Pinnow asked if anyone has spoken to Judge Searls regarding this. Both Alisankus and Policastro have not talked to him.

Attorney Olson asked if the police department has enough resources to cover the township area. The race, Dam Park and the head gates are city jurisdiction. Citations written in that area go to circuit court. She believed that any citation written in that area would be handled at the city level. She will review the ordinance again to clarify. Pinnow asked if we could set it up to cover the entire township for the court. Fines issued in Decatur would go to Decatur but court costs would go to Brodhead. Anyone in Decatur Township and the city could run for Judge. Pinnow stated that if we chose to do this the current Judge would be in place until the next election.

Chief Hughes stated that he feels the next step would be to have a meeting with the Decatur Town Chair, Mayor, Chief and the City Attorney.

Grace Policastro stated that her desire regarding this is that the youth would fare better if they would go before a local court rather than the circuit court.

The township has taken no action at this time but they are willing to look further into this issue.

Motion by Bernstein to continue the discussion with the township, city, mayor and city attorney. Second by Rosheisen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Previous minutes: Motion by Nyman to approve minutes from May 9, 2016 and Board of Review May 12, 2016. Second by Huffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Nyman made a motion to approve the following checks: Adult Ball CK 475 to 476 - \$271.60 BID CK 1332 to 1335 - \$833.55 Youth Ball CK 2883 to 2884 - \$271.60 Sewer Fund CK 7546 to 7560 - \$448,721.90 General CK 74306 to 74396 - \$182,105.23. Seconded by Bernstein. Roll Call 4 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carries.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Bernstein to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Second by Rosheisen. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Budget to Actual as of April 30, 2016. No questions.

Clerk Withee advised council that the Letter of Communication from Baker Tilly is information only and no action is required. If they would like to contact them regarding the 2015 audit they are welcome to do so. There were no questions or comments from council.

Library Board: Director Noel presented the April numbers. 4,161 Visits, 5,130 Items out. 184 items added. Program attendees; Children's program – 152, other programs – 69. During the week of May 9-12, 16 Patrons took advantage of the scanning kit. Because of the interest in the kit the library will have this available again in October. The Library Board Trustees are seeking community members that would be interested in serving on the Library Board.

Public Works: Director Vogel stated that Attorney Olson has a Resolution Directing Repair of Sidewalks. Attorney Olson summarized the resolution directing the repair of city sidewalks including the city. The

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repairs would be done by Safestep LLC. Page 2 paragraph 4 if the landowner does not do the repairs the city will need to assess a special charge to be paid by the landowner. If the resolution is passed the resolution will need to be served on each landowner. Pinnow asked how we have charged in the past. Attorney Olson stated that they have 30 days and it could be a special charge of \$200 or less must be paid by November 12, 2016 anything above \$200 can be paid on or before November 12, 2016. Vogel stated that the prices are listed if Safestep, LLC does all of the repair. Attorney Olson stated that it may be better to send a letter to all owners letting them know the rates and giving them the option to use Safestep, LLC. The rates can then be adjusted if an owner does not want to use the company suggested. Would like the property owners to understand that if they do it all together they will get a better rate. Vogel and the clerk will work together to draft a letter. Motion by Bernstein to table. Second by Huffman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Report: Future agendas: Agreement with city and ATV club regarding ATV signage, joint municipal court. June 14, 6pm at the Library a Collaborative meeting will be held with Plan Commission, Council, BID, Economic Development, and Brodhead Chamber regarding a Senior/Community Center. Victoria Solomon from UW Extension will facilitate. June 18 is the Relay for Life held here in Brodhead and everyone is encouraged to “paint the town purple”.

Committees –Seven (7) day notice of John Meichtry to the BID Board.

Mayor Pinnow read a correspondence commending Troy and Shelly Gerber for assisting a disabled vehicle and recognizing their incredible kindness. Brodhead should be proud to have such outstanding citizens in our community.

Attorney Report: Attorney Olson introduced the Lease Agreement of Lot 1 of Brodhead Business Park to STI Holdings, Inc. They are currently leasing the lot next to it for \$500 per month and this would be virtually the same agreement. There is a right of first refusal if the city wishes to sell the property, STI Holdings would have the first opportunity to purchase the land. There is a clause in the agreement to allow for the use of the land for Covered Bridge Days. Motion by Bernstein to approve the lease agreement with the change to section e on pg. 3 strike August 2016 and change to each year for the Covered Bridge Days. Second by Rosheisen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Nyman. Second by Huffman. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Douglas A. Pinnow, Mayor Approved this 13th day of June, 2016.

Teresa Withee, City Clerk