

VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JUNE 12, 2023

Nelson Embrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Answering roll call were Steve Welsh, Roger Clark, Randy Loveless, David Rainey, Matt Scholl and Colton Henson. Also present were Franklin Christman, Greg Sturgill, Chief George, Jim Welsh and Samantha Pemberton.

MINUTES: Randy Loveless moved, seconded by Roger Clark, to approve the May 8, 2023 minutes as presented. All votes were yay.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief George reported that Antonio Jester started that day.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT: Greg Sturgill reported that he was working with Gloyd's Landscaping to finish up the landscaping at the municipal building.

FINANCE: April Grube reported that she is working on the 2024 Tax Budget and that the Public Hearing will be held on July 10 at 6:00 PM.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Franklin Christman reported that the annual CCR will be ready for the next council meeting and that he talked with PMHA and they are interested in developing diversified housing if the lot currently being used for the Westside Park is donated back to them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITIES: Steve Welsh reported that the Utilities Committee met prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the capacity fees for the K of P Lodge and the committee voted to charge the fees at the previous rate and allow the lodge to pay over a five-year period. Welsh also reported that Jim Welsh gave an update on the of the well field and that the committee discussed exploring other options for water expansion aside from building a new water plant.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Roger Clark asked the Parks Committee members to review their schedule so that a Parks Committee meeting can be scheduled.
- Steve Welsh reported that he was informed that Kelli Jo's had received a letter requesting a permit application for their patio be submitted to the office. Welsh expressed frustration stating that he thinks Kelli Jo's is being singled out and it doesn't look good for the village.
- Randy Loveless said he was upset to learn that the Cherry Street garage was going to be torn down. Loveless reminded council that a new roof was just put on the building last year. Greg Sturgill said he wanted the building torn down last year due to safety concerns but the request was denied. Matt Scholl asked if the building is unsafe. Sturgill said the roof trusses are bad, there are drainage and other issues. Colton Henson suggested having Bill Toole inspect the building, then council will discuss how to move forward.

- Matt Scholl said communication between the administration and council needs to improve.
- Mayor Embrey announced that he had distributed copies of the responsibilities of the mayor and council on each member's seat and encouraged them to read them to understand what their role is.

Steve Welsh moved, seconded by David Rainey, to adjourn. All votes were yay and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

ACCEPTED AND ATTESTED


Nelson R. Embrey II – Mayor


April Grube – Council Clerk