

VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Nelson Embrey called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM. Answering roll call were Steve Welsh, Roger Clark, Randy Loveless, David Rainey and Colton Henson. Matt Scholl was excused.

**MINUTES:** Colton Henson moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to approve the August 18, 2023 minutes as presented. All votes were yay.

**PRESENTATION:** Jake Meinerding from Jones & Henry presented options for the construction of the new WTP. Option One would be able to process .9 MGD and cost \$11,419,500 and Option Two could process up to 1.2 MGD at a cost of \$10,867,500. Meinerding said the second option was smaller than the first option and will be cheaper up front but expansion won't be as easy and will be more costly to expand than the first option when the time comes. Steve Welsh said we have time to plan ahead for the expansion. Council unanimously chose to go with Option Two. Nelson Embrey asked when construction could start. Jake said mid to late 2025 and could be online in 2027. Steve Welsh moved, seconded by Colton Henson, to prepare legislation to move forward with Option 2. All votes were yay.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Roger Clark moved, seconded by Colton Henson, to have legislation prepared for the NCA and have the First Reading at the next Council meeting. All votes were yay.
- Roger Clark moved, seconded by David Rainey, to have the agreement with the K of P Lodge ready for review at the next Council meeting. All votes were yay.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Embrey reminded everyone that a search committee for a new Village Administrator needs to be put together soon. Colton Henson suggested talking to Brad Lutz because he's from the area, has experience with Ashville and Pickaway County government, and will know the needs of the village. Mayor Embrey asked Henson to reach out to Lutz to see if he'd be interested in consulting for this position. Embrey closed by urging

**COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE:** David Rainey reported that the Finance Committee met prior to that night's meeting for an audit of the First Quarter financial records and that everything appeared to be in order.

**GUEST COMMENTS:**

- Adam Kehoe reported that work on the access road at Rail Street and wanted Council to know that it wasn't the K of P Lodge beginning construction.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Roger Clark asked for an update on the Hardbarger annexation. The VA said he was told by their attorney that they had filed the paperwork with the county.

- Randy Loveless asked for an update on the roadway at the Bates-Dresbach properties. The VA reported that he's going to try to have a meeting with the developers before the next Council meeting and should have an update then.

David Rainey moved, seconded by Colton Henson, to adjourn. All votes were yay and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

ACCEPTED AND ATTESTED

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Nelson R. Embrey II – Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Grube", written over a horizontal line.

April Grube – Council Clerk