**February 28, 2022**

**RICHWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular meeting of Richwood Village Council was called to order by Mayor, Scott Jerew February 28, 2022 at 7:00pm

Mayor Jerew called for attendance. Council members present: Donald Ridgeway, Pat Morse, Von Beal and Jackie Hamilton, George Showalter, Zoning officer Marion Bump, Village Administrator Monte Asher and Fiscal Officer Sarah Sellers. Solicitor Julie Spain and Council member Reddy Brown, absent.

Pat Morse moved and George Showalter seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 02/14/2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Von Beal moved and Pat Morse seconded a motion to approve the warrants dated 02/28/2022. The motion passed unanimously with the change of warrant number 26245 voided and new amount to be changed to $95.00 from $1,000.00.

Visitors: Gail DeGood-Guy introduced Jennifer and Dan Michael as the new curators for the Vets Memorial. Mayor thanked Gail for her time and endless hours, 20 years of dedication and hard work for the memorial.

Legislation:

Von Beal made a motion and Pat Morse seconded **Resolution 02282022** for 2022 final budget first reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor’s report:

* CBDG town meeting – another town has applied for this grant and we will be holding off until next year to go after it again. This grant is for $750,000.00. The survey that is available will be a great help to know where residents feel the money should be spent. Surveys are due by March 9th.
* Grant for path from the hair salon to the dairy queen, this grant should be awarded in March or April if we get it.
* Still working on grants for splash pad, Lynn St parking lot and Opera House.

Street/ Utility report read by Administrator, Monte Asher. Bold items reported.

Police report read by Chief Monte Asher. Bold items reported.

Finance report read by Sarah Sellers. Bold items reported.

Zoning report. Read by Marion Bump. 5 actives, 7 pending, 2-3 permits, 4 complaints

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Von Beal spoke on necessity of repairing the streets in the Village. He stated that four years ago council placed a levy on the ballot and the voters did not pass it. The mayor checked with Andrea Weaver and was told a 1 mil levy will bring in $32,000.00 annually. The cost of a street is very expensive. Streets need to be a priority. If we place another levy on the ballot, the deadline is August 10. A committee of Pat Morse, Donald Ridgeway and Marion Bump has been formed. They must decide is a 1, 2, 3, or 4 mil levies should be placed. The rule is, a million a mile. The cost to fix 1 ½ side streets a year would be around $100,000.00 and $4k - $5k for a street like Beatty. Streets are cheaper without the curbs. Committee needs to get the data together to ask residents to vote. The mayor stated that Andrea Weaver is checking to see if a levy can be used completely for streets. Donald Ridgeway stated that we need to also be sure that when a street is fixed, it won’t be torn back up for water and sewer line in the near future.

Von Beal moved and Donald Ridgeway seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Time 7:22 pm. Next meeting is Monday March 14th at 7:00 pm.

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 Mayor Fiscal Officer