

Special Meeting of Bethesda Village Council

April 26, 2022

Mayor Samantha Burkhead called the meeting to order, Samantha led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Fiscal Officer Ricky Burkhead, Ruth Saffell, Zach Gaston, Rod Miller, Cindy Foose, Mayor Samantha Burkhead, Administrator Dirk Davis, Jay Van Horn, Solicitor Michael Shaheen, Carol Merritt

Absent:

Guest(s)

Jordan Castello, Phil Castello, Stephanie Castello, Linda Reeves, Chuck Little

Special Council Meeting Minutes

The purpose of this meeting to discuss police wages, to approve a special events raffle, and discuss property acquisition.

Fiscal Officer Burkhead stated that it has been discussed to hold a raffle for a Harley Davidson Motorcycle. Rick stated that he has been working to figure out the sales and income tax. Rick stated that if the village purchases the motorcycle it should be exempt from sales tax. Mr. Shaheen agreed. Rick stated that the IRS code says that for income tax the raffle needs to meet two test criteria. First the item has to be valued over \$600 and secondly it has to be more than 300 times the wager. Rick stated that in this case we want to sell 300 raffle tickets for \$100 each and this would not pass the second test. Rick stated that based on his understanding that the motorcycle would be sales and income tax exempt. Rick stated that the motorcycle is at Valley Harley Davison and is a Gray Street Bob. Jay explained that Valley Harley is not telling us exactly a cash value for the buy back for the bike being that it is a brand new bike and there has not been many traded in. Rick stated that if the winner doesn't want the bike they would have the option to trade the motorcycle towards another bike, or to trade the bike in for cash. Rick stated that due to how Harley deals with these motorcycles, we will have to purchase a particular bike and that will have to be the prize that the winner gets. Rick stated that Valley Harley has agreed to let us display the bike at the city building. Rod Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of the bike from Valley Harley Davidson and hold the raffle for 300 tickets at \$100 each and to hold the raffle on September 4th unless they sell out, seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Solicitor Shaheen discussed the process of eminent domain for the vacant and falling in houses in town. The ordinance committee informed Michael that the house at 209 Oak Street is the only house that qualifies at this point. Carol Merritt made a motion to have Michael's office issue eminent domain action on 209 Oak Street, seconded by Ruth Saffell, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Jay Van Horn made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Cindy Foose, Jay - Yes, Ruth - Yes, Zach - Yes, Carol – Yes, Cindy – Yes, Rod - Yes.

At 6:44 p.m. Mayor Samantha Burkhead declared executive session over.

Linda Reeves asked about the Funkhouser property on Depot Street. Cindy explained that everything that we have tried hasn't worked. Cindy stated that the health department even came in and the county prosecutor will not prosecute it. Jay explained that there is an inside your house issue and an outside your house issue. Jay stated that people have a right to be hoarders on the inside of their house and that we can't go after people for the interior of their houses.

Mr. Shaheen stated that the two new streets were approved by the county engineers and it will be recorded soon. The engineers are asking for a plat map of the alley vacation for Joel Braido.

Cindy Foose made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes. Ruth Saffell made a motion to approve the updated Housekeeping Ordinance 2022-1 and update the police officers wages to an additional \$1 per hour and the police chief's wages to an additional \$2 per hour, seconded by Carol Merritt, Jay Van Horn - Yes, Ruth Saffell - Yes, Zach Gaston - Yes, Cindy Foose – Yes, Carol Merritt – Yes, Rod Miller - Yes.

Motion to adjourn by Carol Merritt, 2nd by Zach Gaston, with a unanimous vote.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 11th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Samantha Burkhead

Fiscal Officer Ricky W. Burkhead Jr.