

Finance, Recreation, Gorman Farm Cultural Arts

Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday April 4, 2016

The Finance, Recreation, Administration, Gorman Farm and Cultural Arts Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2017. Councilmembers Schaefer and Puthoff were present. Councilmember Albrinck was absent and excused. In attendance were Mayor Finan, Dave Elmer, Cynthia Caracci, James Jeffers, Kim Pielage, Susan Gordy, and Chris Patterson.

Finance:

Cynthia Caracci reported that tax revenues are running \$700,000 ahead of last year through July. With the spending currently planned, the Village will still retain an Unencumbered Balance of about \$7,000,000 or a half years operating costs.

There will be three ordinances related to Finance at the August Council Meeting. 1) A Then and Now Ordinance for three items that are in the 2017 budget; 2) A transfer in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund; and, 3) An authorization to pay the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office the share of funds to which they are entitled related to forfeitures.

Cynthia also reported that the Audit was approved by the state.

James Jeffers presented a list of Ordinances relating to contracts and bids that will be also be on the August Council Meeting Agenda:

1. Aero Hub contract to clean up and remove old foundations from the Fifth Third and Hotel sites on Glendale Milford Road.
2. The Evendale Commons mini-park and pond.
3. The Recreation Center remodeling.
4. The Reading Road Resurfacing Contract.
5. Purchase of Chillers for the Cultural Arts Center from the State Bid.
6. A transfer Ordinance of \$15,000 from one capital fund to another.
7. HVAC for the Cultural Arts Center

James also brief the committee on the pipeline hearing in September. Mayor Finan will testify for the Village on the issues. Councilmember Schaefer noted that a resident, Larry Gilland has an American Elm that escaped the blight that on his property that may be impacted by the pipeline project.

James also advised that the hole for slab for the Cultural Arts Center has been dug, and will be poured later. Councilmember Puthoff expressed a concern for the size of the slab because it is intended to be the port-o-let for the soccer field in addition to the dumpster.

Lastly, James and Cynthia indicated that they are working this the State Auditor's office to see if the Service Department Budget could be made more simple. It is complicated by the various funds dedicated to the Service Department.

Gorman Farm

Chris Patterson presented a paper power point discussion of the Farm Animal issue setting out the historical numbers of animals and the challenges currently presented primarily by worms in the soil of some of the pastures. (The document presented by Chris Patterson is attached).

Chris Paterson reported that the Farm will maintain the historical level of animals, but there will be a transition period were some will leave and be replaced. The transition will start after the Sunflower Festival.

The plan is that there will be, in addition to the Mules, mini horses, donkey and dwarf horse, the following:

- 4 to 5 Goats

- 4 to 5 Sheep

- 25 top 30 hens for egg production.

- 5 batches of broiler chickens per year.

- 75 Turkeys

- 4 to 5 pigs

- 2 to 3 Angus cattle.

The Farm will try to keep the Ram for lamb production, provided it can be made more comfortable. It has been kept with goats and that has not worked well. The Farm is going to see if it will tolerate staying with half grown neutered male sheep. If the Ram cannot be kept, the Farm will buy bred ewes so there will be spring lambs.

Chris Patterson also indicated that the Farm is working on a plan to reconfigure some of the pastures adjoining the curtilage area of the farm. That discussion will likely take place next month.

Cultural Arts

Susan Gordy reported that August 11 is the Big Art Party. Most of the activity will be outside in a tent. Nita Leland taught an Art Class for which 12 people attended. They had 20 princesses in the dance camp for young children. Additionally, a new voice teacher has agreed to teach at the Cultural Arts Center. He is from CCM and bringing some existing students and will accept new ones.

Susan also discussed the access and elevator project for which money had been budgeted. The concern was that to get an estimated cost, a design was required. The prior study that included

too many alterations, may be usable to get cost estimates. Mayor Finan suggested that Susan spend some of the appropriated money to get a design.

Recreation

Kim Pielage reported that the fencing around the pool had been repaired and, as James Jeffers discussed, the bids for the initial phase of remodeling the Recreation Center will be opened and ready for the August Council Meeting.

There will be an Ordinance for a part-time child care attendant (Grace Nunn is going to school and being replaced by Maranda Mosso. Zack Eldridge will be hired as a Building and Grounds Attendant on a part-time basis as well in the same ordinance.

Kim also raised a concern that both Phi Lambda Pi advisors are male and the organization has many female members. Next month she may want to discuss hiring a female advisor as well on a Part-time basis.

Finally, an issue has been raised about locating a Port-o-let along the Fourth of July Race/Walk course. The suggested locations were the TLC entrance along Cooper Road or the small parcel the Village owns along Reading Road next to the Developmental Disabilities facility.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Chris Schaefer, Acting Chairman