

MINUTES
Village of Evendale
Regular Council Meeting
February 13, 2024

The Village of Evendale Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Finan at 7:00 pm.

Roll call- The following council members were present: Mayor Richard Finan, Council Members: Mr. Patterson, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Sextro, Mr. Berke, Mr. Puthoff and Ms. Smiley-Robertson. Also present: Village CFO Cynthia Caracci, Village Law Director Kathy Ryan, Police Chief Tim Holloway, Fire Chief Mike Hauck, Recreation Director Adam Knight, Service Department Director James Jeffers, and Village Clerk, Barb Rohs.

A proclamation was presented to Captain Bob Murray for his service to the Village of Evendale.

A motion to approved distributed minutes was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and unanimously approved.

Finance, Recreation, Service and GHF:

Mr. Berke reported to council on the following:

Finance:

- Jennifer Trowbridge, Co-Founder from Red Tree Investment Group presented investment portfolio review and market trends to the council committee.
- Tax receipts for January 2024 totaled \$1,684,056 which is an increase of \$229,235 over January 2023.

GHF:

- Summer camp registration opens on 2/8 for members.
- Community events are doing well such as goat yoga, which is sold out
- Acres/GHF are partnering up for hiking trails events

Recreation

- The rec department has a contract with Fitness Machine Inc who will be performing quarterly maintenance on the all machines
- Eric Fortner is working on the Phase 3 design for the center
- Snow Much Fun- approximately 500 attended and was successful

Service:

- The Tree removal at south end of recreation center occurred because the trees were dying and asphalt was being damaged.
- The department hopes to hire summer seasonal hires and it will be advertised soon.
- April 20 shred day for the VOE.
- Mr. Jeffers hopes to have revised plans next week for new service building.
- Moving forward on the elevator for CAC which is in the 2024 budget.
- Kingsport will be resurfaced at no cost due to asphalt content is deficient.
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Code enforcement:

- Homers and Village Crossing were in court for maintenance of property. Also continue with Morehill property and Frisch's lot for code violations.

Police, Fire, CAC and Building Dept:

Ms. Smiley Robertson reported to council on the following:

Fire:

- The new fire inspector has already had 34 fire inspections with 139 violations. He is working to resolve them with owners.
- GE had a \$500,000 fire loss this month

Police:

- Chief Holloway has excess capital because the cruisers came in underbudget and would like to replace the communication center because the current one crashed. The committee approved this expense.
- The department has a new firearms and siting system and Officer Kaitlin Leslie will be the trained inspector, which will include handguns, rifles and shotgun.

Cultural Arts Center:

- Programming continues to be successful.
- Rates for instructors were increased for 2024.
- Bill Parrish will be doing VOE presentation on Black History Month artist chat on Feb 18

Building and Zoning:

- In 2023, GE Aerospace was issued 55 permits with a value of \$32,000,000 in improvements.
- In 2023, the VOE issued 80 residential permits for improvements.

Mayor Finan reported he attended the ICRC meeting and subscriptions of Altra-fiber and Spectrum continue to decrease.

Presentation of ordinances:

The mayor presented ORD #24-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE EVENDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #24-03 by title only was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. Mr. Elma reported to council the history and proposed changes to the code. Detailed description can be found on the ICRC website. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD # 24-03 was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. A motion to adopt ORD # 24-03 was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD # 24-03 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD # 24-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE UPON CERTAIN CONTRACTS REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD # 24-04 by title only was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the second and third readings of ORD # 24-04 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. A motion to adopt ORD # 24-04 was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD # 24-04 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #24-05 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ENABLE INJECTIONS, INC. PROVIDING JOB RETENTION, ECONOMIC INCENTIVES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #24-05 by title only was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. Dr. Hugh McKinnon addressed council and gave detailed history of this transaction. Detailed description can be found on the ICRC website. A motion to suspend the second and third readings of ORD #24-05 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to adopt ORD #24-05 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #24-05 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #24-06 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO HIRE RENEE BOSWELL AS A PART-TIME CHILDCARE ATTENDANT FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion to read ORD #24-06 by title only was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the second and third readings of ORD #24-06 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #24-06 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #24-06 adopted.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Mayor

Attest:

Village Clerk