

**VILLAGE OF DELTA
VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Bob Gilbert

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilbert

Prayer was led by Pastor Matthew Voyer – Trinity Lutheran Church

Employee's present: Stephanie Mossing (Finance Director), Nathan Hartsock (Police Chief), Drew Walker (P.D.), Bob Gilbert (Mayor), Brad Peebles (Administrator) and Kevin Heban (Law Director)

Visitor's present: Bill O'Connell (Village Reporter), Jill Schaller, John Bay, Matt Voyer (Pastor), Max Householder and Tim Cowden

ROLL CALL—Present: Ashley Todd, Frank Wilton, Chad Johnson, Mike Tanner, Tony Dawson and Lynn Frank

Minutes July 6, 2020:

A motion was made by Frank Wilton, seconded by Tony Dawson to approve the July 6, 2020 council minutes as printed. All votes yea, motion carried.

Public:

Tim Cowden – 605 Palmwood Street, asked about the legislation that council would be voting on during this council meeting and the significance of changing the Charter now concerning the residence of the Administrator, Director of Finance and Mayor.

Mr. Kevin Heban (Law Director) explained that approximately 4 to 6 weeks ago he suggested that council review the Charter and determine if there was anything they would like to change. He explained that other municipalities

have charter review committee's that periodically look at their charters to see if anything needs updated.

Mr. Cowden asked why there was emergency language for the Ordinances. Mr. Heban explained the legislation needs to go to Board of Elections by August 3rd for it to be on the November 3rd ballot.

Administrator Report:

- Written report was submitted to council
- Mr. Peebles informs council that a Village Water Operator employee was involved in a collision on Friday afternoon.

Finance Director:

- Disbursed a Income Tax Report, and explained that at the end of June we are approximately 10% lower than last year at this time.

Safety:

- Chief Hartsock submitted to council a sample postcard that he received from The Ohio State University which will be disbursed to residents in this area between July 25th and 28th for Covid-19 testing.
- Hartsock reports he was contacted by the prior mayor, Dan Miller. He explained that Mr. Miller had met with other prior Mayors in Fulton County and was trying to put something together that would back law enforcement in this County. Miller asked Hartsock to reach out to other police chiefs and sheriff in Fulton County to see if they would be interested in backing this issue.

Chief Hartsock reports that the departments he contacted said they would be interested, so he reported that information to Mr. Miller. Chief reports he was invited to a Delta Eagles meeting and he was informed they put together a "Back The Blue Barbecue" that will be at the Fulton County Fair Grounds on September 12th from 11:00 to 8:00

or until they run out. He explained that the Delta Eagles is going to back the entire thing and the proceeds will go towards every County law enforcement agency. Hartsock explained the information is on the Delta Eagles Facebook page.

Old Business:

Ordinance #20-07: Establishing salaries & wages for employees

A motion was made by Tanner, seconded by Frank to establish salaries and wages for employees of the Village of Delta on its 3rd reading. All votes yea, motion carried.

Ordinance #20-08: Dispose of real estate not needed for municipal purpose

A motion was made by Wilton, seconded by Todd to authorize the Village Administrator to dispose of certain real estate not needed for any municipal purpose on its 2nd reading. All votes yea, motion carried.

Ordinance #20-09: To place a charter amendment on next election ballot

A motion was made by Dawson, seconded by Wilton to suspend the readings for Ordinance #20-09. All votes yea, motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilton, seconded by Todd to place on the ballot at the next General Election a charter amendment to correct a typographical error in the Charter and to declare an emergency. All votes yea, motion carried.

Ordinance #20-10: To place a charter amendment on the next election ballot

A motion was made by Frank, seconded by Dawson to suspend the readings for Ordinance #20-10. All votes yea, motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Johnson to place on the ballot at the next General Election a charter amendment to change the time frame for filling a vacancy on council and to declare an emergency. All votes yea, motion carried.

Ordinance #20-11: To place a charter amendment on the next election ballot
A motion was made by Wilton, seconded by Tanner to suspend the readings for Ordinance #20-11. All votes yea, motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Wilton to place on the ballot at the next General Election a charter amendment to change the residency requirement for the Mayor and to declare an emergency. All votes yea, motion carried.

Ordinance #20-12: To place a charter amendment on the next election ballot
A motion was made by Dawson, seconded by Frank to suspend the readings for Ordinance #20-12. All votes yea, motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilton, seconded by Frank to place on the ballot at the next General Election a charter amendment to remove the residency requirement for the Village Administrator and to declare an emergency. All votes yea, motion carried.

Ordinance #20-13: To place a charter amendment on the next election ballot
A motion was made by Wilton, seconded by Frank to suspend the readings for Ordinance #20-13. All votes yea, motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd, seconded by Johnson to place on the ballot at the next General Election a charter amendment to remove the residency requirement for the Director of Finance and to declare an emergency. All votes yea, motion carried.

New Business:

Ordinance #20-14: To increase the water rates for the Village of Delta
A motion was made by Wilton, seconded by Todd to increase the water rates for the Village of Delta amending section 931.09 and repealing section 931.08 of the codified ordinances on its 1st reading. All votes nae, motion failed.

Councilman Tanner suggested that we table this Ordinance until we could have a committee meeting to discuss Dave Daniel's report he submitted to council at the last meeting. In his report he discussed a discrepancy between billing and production of water. Tanner explained it made him nervous to pass an increase without doing our due diligence to see what the discrepancy truly is.

Mr. Peebles explained to council the discrepancy that Mr. Tanner is referring to is in 2016 and 2017 the Village of Delta was experiencing a large loss of water between the billing and production numbers approximately 40% to 50%. The water plant replaced all of the residential water meters in Delta and the loss of water went down to approximately 10%. Peebles asked Mr. Daniel 2 months ago for a production report he noticed there was a significant difference in the numbers again. Brad reports he has talked with our new water operator, Jammie Flores, and she believes he was including the discharge water in his reporting which is close to 300,000 thousand gallons a day. Peebles said that is being confirmed though.

Ordinance #20-15: To increase the sewer rates for the Village of Delta
A motion was made by Tanner, seconded by Dawson to suspend Ordinance #20-14. Todd – Yea, Dawson – Yea, Johnson – No, Tanner – No, Frank – No, Wilton – No. Votes 2 – 4 motion failed.

A motion was made by Frank seconded by Wilton to approve the invoices in the amount of \$121,398.53. All votes yea, motion carried.

A motion was made by Frank Wilton, seconded by Chad Johnson to enter an executive session concerning personnel issues at 5:58 p.m. All votes yea, motion carried.

A motion was made by Frank Wilton, seconded by Tony Dawson to exit the executive session at 6:52 p.m. All votes yea, motion carried.

The next regular council meeting will be August 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Village Services Committee Meeting will follow the Council Meeting on July 20,
2020

Dawson made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 p.m., Tanner seconded.

Mayor Bob Gilbert

Clerk of Council