

Lockesburg City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Lockesburg City Council met in regular session Tuesday, January 24, 2023 in the Council Room at City Hall. The media was notified of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 by Mayor Danny Ruth followed with prayer by Council Member Levi Browning and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Mayor Danny Ruth, Recorder Treasurer Becky Jegstrup, Council Members Levi Browning, Mark Schroer, Joe Stephens, Claudine Tompkins, and William Roberts. Also in attendance were City Clerk JoAnna Giusti, Administrative Assistant Syndey Hill, and Fire Chief Matt Webb.

Guest in attendance were Janie Litchford and Chuck Martin.

A motion was made Tompkins and seconded by Browning to appoint Chuck Martin to the Council seat left vacant by the resignation of Bill Roberts. Motion passed 5/0/0. Martin was then sworn in by Mayor Danny Ruth.

Resolution 2023-3, A Resolution revising 2023-1 allowing JoAnna Giusti to handle bank business and adding Joe Stephens to the signature cards as check signer of all accounts, was read in it's entirety by R/T Jegstrup. A motion was made by Browning and seconded by Tompkins to approve the Resolution. Motion passed 6/0/0.

Mayor Ruth gave an update on applying for the Water tower grant.

Janie Litchford addressed the Council concerning a dog complaint. Two dogs had gotten in her fenced in yard and attacked and injured her dog. No one would claim ownership of the dogs. Animal control will be able to step in at this point and pick up the dogs since no one claimed them and take them to the shelter in Horatio.

A motion was made by Stephens and seconded by Roberts to go into executive session at 6:43. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Tompkins and seconded by Roberts to come out of executive session at 6:47. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Tompkins to give Sydney Hill a .50/hour raise and to change her to full time to be able to help with Sr Meals, Park, cleaning offices etc. Motion passed 6/0/0.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Browning and seconded by Schroer to reduce Council Members monthly pay to \$75 and change to one meeting per month. Motion passed

6/0/0. A motion was made by Browning to pay \$75 for any special called meeting with attendance mandatory for payment. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Stephens and seconded by Roberts to allow Ordinance 2023-1, SOG of Lockesburg Volunteer Fire Department, to be read by title only, to suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading and to declare an emergency. Motion passed 6/0/0. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Martin-yes, Schroer-yes, Stephens-yes, Tompkins-yes, Browning-yes and Roberts-yes.

Ordinance 2023-1 was read by title only by RT Jegstrup. A motion was made by Stephens and seconded by Roberts to approve the ordinance. Motion passed 6/0/0. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Martin-yes, Schroer-yes, Stephens-yes, Tompkins-yes, Browning-yes, and Roberts-yes.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Browning and seconded by Schroer to raise the annual Fire Dept membership fee to \$60 with an additional \$10 for any out buildings and to charge rural non members \$500 for structural fires and \$300 for any other fire such as brush. Motion passed 6/0/0.

A motion was made by Tompkins and seconded by Schroer to adjourn. Motion passed 6/0/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Mayor Danny Ruth _____

Recorder Treasurer Becky Jegstrup _____