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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)
(Meehling/Blaies/Pruett/Trout)

Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Stanley Donald

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Weilmuenster & Keck, P.C.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Lisa Meehling on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, in the Freeburg Municipal Center. Members attending were Chairperson Lisa Meehling, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Ray Matchett, Zoning Administrator Gary Henning, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of October 26, 2016 Minutes: Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the October 26, 2016 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Zoning Administrator Gary Henning said he has the final inspection of the Yarber's property on Monday. They have made a lot of progress and have moved away about 22 tons of stuff. The Pearson court case has been continued to January 19th. This house and yard is in disrepair. Administrator Funderburg advised Mr. Pearson either needs to fix the house or knock it down.
3. Combination of Plan Commission and Board of Appeals: Administrator Funderburg stated the hearing is set for December 7th at 6:30 p.m. Attorney Manion is unavailable so Attorney Keck will be here. Tony confirmed the Plan Commission has to vote at that meeting, and Fred will be there to answer questions. Tony said if anyone from the board can be there, it would be appreciated.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance #1610: An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for the Electric System Bonds: Tony stated this is the annual ordinance to abate the taxes for the electric bonds.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to recommend to the full Board Ordinance 1610, An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for the Electric System Bonds for approval and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Ordinance #1611: An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for the TIF Bonds: Tony advised this ordinance is also done annually to abate the taxes since they are paid by the property taxes.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to recommend to the full Board Ordinance 1611, An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for the TIF Bonds for approval and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

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Tony stated he is going to present two ordinances in the next Electric committee meeting. The first ordinance will update the net metering policy. He said IMEA and Attorney Manion agree it is very well written. The second ordinance is the revenue neutral electric rate ordinance. We will have another ordinance presented at the Water/Sewer committee meeting. With the sewer project, we need to raise the rates for the EPA loan. Tony said what Rhutasel is proposing only fixes the short-term and not the long-term. He is going to email it out tomorrow so everyone has a chance to review them so we can discuss them in committee.

Tony commented Freeburg Liquor wants to put in video gaming which requires an on and off premise license. Other places have that type of license but we do not. The State is okay with it, but Tony is not sure if this is a license we want to have available in Freeburg. He is going to email out the information on it for the trustees to review and will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: Trustee Mike Blaies asked if the businesses have had happy hours and Tony said we don't know.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.



Julie Polson
Office Manager