

Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on November 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Concord Community Center.

Council Members Present: Jeremiah Bush, Jeff Jackson, T. Norris, T. Casey, A. Meeks, Kyle George and Mike Lovitt.

Council Members Absent:

Public Present: K. Wyatt, A. Losey, Jackson County Commissioner E. Poleski, Deputy L. Jacobson, DPW Director J. Blossom, Village Clerk J. Lefere, DPW Employee K. Thomas, DPW Employee N. Kidder and Village Treasurer C. Gibbs.

Village President called the meeting to order at 6:15pm for the purpose of employee reviews. Employees agreed to go into Closed session. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to enter closed session at 6:16pm. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to go out of closed session at 6:35pm and break until regular session at 7:00pm

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$48,724.17; USDA Pay Approval in Amount of \$1,038,639.15; October 2020 Concord Area Police Blotter; Revenue & Expense Report thru 10/31/2020; December Village Voice; October 2020 Fire Run Report; October Fire Board Minutes; Phase II Water Infrastructure Construction Bond Ordinance Email; 2021 Recommended Proposed Budget; 2021 Fire Dept Proposed Budget; WOW Franchise Agreement; Change in Meeting Time for Employee Reviews Text; Employee Reviews Conducted at 6:15 pm Prior to Regular Council Meeting Email; 10/27/20 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 11/24/20 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 10/27/2020 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the City-County non-motorized trail plan. J. Bush stated that himself, E. Poleski and T. DeOliveira had met recently with MDOT.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$48,724.17 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$48,724.17. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval for October in the amount of \$1,022,148.85 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$1,022,148.85. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his October 2020 blotter. To view a copy of his October Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom gave an update on the roads. Phase I is 98% complete. The contractor would like to begin Phase II as early as next week however the person at the DEQ who needs to approve the permit is off work and we will need to wait until he returns. He also stated leaf pickup is complete as of 11/17/2020. J. Blossom mentioned permits have been pulled for the building of two new homes in the Paddock subdivision and another is in the process of getting permits. He has contacted Consumers about getting power ran to the sewer lagoon to operate the aerators. The Village has submitted the information required and we are just waiting on a date. J. Blossom listed the 1993 single axle dump truck on Marketplace asking for sealed bids to be returned to the Village Office by December 8, 2020. Minimum bid of \$5,000.00.

J. Blossom asked the council to approve a cost-of-living increase for water and a slight increase for sewer, these raises are a requirement from the USDA to continue to pay the bond taken out for the water main replacement project.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to increase the water rates by \$1.00 and the sewer rates by \$.50 effective January 1, 2021. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the Phase II Water Infrastructure Construction Bond Ordinance. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to approve the Phase II Water Infrastructure Construction Bond Ordinance. Roll call vote as follows: J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, T. Casey – aye, A. Meeks – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, K. George – aye. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the WOW Franchise agreement. K. George questioned renewing the agreement as WOW does not service the entire Village and other council members spoke of speed issues. He would like to make contact with WOW first to see if they will be expanding their services to include the entire village and possibly update net infrastructure. This has been tabled until contact can be made.

J. Bush stated that prior to the regular meeting there was a closed session meeting to discuss employee reviews. J. Bush stated he felt all employees had been doing a great job and as a result of their work have saved the Village substantial money and/or made the Village money through their work.

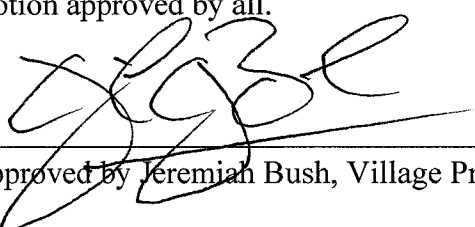
Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson to give employees J. Blossom, K. Thomas, N. Kidder, J. Lefere and C. Gibbs each a \$1.00 per hour pay increase. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

A. Meeks stated the Fire Dept. proposed budget was sent in. It will be approved at the next council meeting with the rest of the Villages Budget.

J. Bush asked the council if they would like to move the December meeting from the 22nd to the 8th as to not interfere with Holiday plans. All were in agreement. The December council meeting will be held on December 8th at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Motion approved by all.


Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

12/8/20
Date