

## Village of Concord Council Minutes

The Village Council of Concord met on August 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

### Council Members Absent:

Public Present: K. Wyatt, Mr. & Mrs. Bradley, Deputy L. Jacobson, DPW Director J. Blossom and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

For their review, Council Members were e-mailed or given: Bills to be Paid in Amount of \$46,761.81; USDA Pay Approval in Amount of \$98,760.39; Revenue & Expense Report thru 7/31/2021; June 2021 Fire Run Report; August Fire Board Minutes; September 2021 Village Voice; Township Junkyard Homer Rd. Rezone Email; County Use ARPA Funds Presentation Email Forwarded; Political Yard Signs and Banners Court Ruling Article Email; 7-27-2021 Village Council Meeting Proposed Minutes; 8-24-2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 7/27/2021 meeting. Motion approved by all.

### Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the question of political yard signs at a previous meeting. J. Bush stated that per a recent Supreme Court ruling political yard signs are a form of freedom of speech and residents are allowed to post signs and fly flags.

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley of Larry's Towing attended the meeting to inquire about the property they rent at 203 N. Main St. J. Bush informed them that the issue is being handled by Village Attorney F. Lucas and an attorney hired by the property owner. They also asked for the council's permission to partner with adjacent businesses to hold a car show, bands, food and bounce house in the alley behind the downtown east side businesses in honor of their first year in business in Concord and as a way to bring business into Concord. The council approved the event and it will take place on 9/25/2021.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$46,761.81 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$46,761.81. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$98,760.39 was presented. Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$98,760.39. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson stated that with the glitches of the new computer he was unable to retrieve information from when he was on his leave. He will have a full report for August at the September meeting. He also asked the council if they would take a look at a couple of houses for blight issues.

J. Blossom stated the Village has used the USDA loan amount in its entirety and are now using the grant money the Village received at the time of the loan. The Village has received the approved permits from the State to replace the water main under the bridge. J. Blossom also stated when the power was restored after the three day outage that a lot of grinder pump alarms were going off because they hadn't been grinding sewage for three days and they needed time to catch up. This usually takes about 15 minutes. Several residents called for assistance stating that their alarm was not shutting off. Two of the DPW employees came in after hours at the overtime rate just to find out when they arrived there was no emergency. J. Blossom suggested in the future when false calls occur the Village should charge a fee to the resident like most other utility companies do. The council agreed to explore and discuss the matter in the future.

J. Bush stated the Village has put together a letter to the Township regarding the Village's stance on the potential rezoning of 535 Homer Rd. for a used automotive parts distribution business. The property is part of the Well Head Protection Area and the Village is concerned if hazardous fluids leak into the soil, it would contaminate the water in the Village. The Village would likely have to drill a new well and build a new water tower or a water treatment facility.

J. Bush gave an update on the Jackson/Calhoun County Trail Connection Meeting he attended on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Council Comments: None

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion approved by all.



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Approved by Jeremiah Bush, Village President

8-24-21  
Date