# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 17, 2024

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Deborah Pinkerton after she declared that a quorum was present. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman Odom, Alderman Saddler, Alderman Johnson and Alderman Breshears.

A motion to approve the November regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 4-0

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. November end of month balances for each account were read and the December Financial Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the December Financial Report was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

Treasurer Cook informed the council that the general fund and the street fund is healthy enough to make additional principal payments of the fire truck loan and the road improvement loan. A motion to make a one-time payment of \$10,000.00 to each of the loans (10,000 to the fire truck loan and \$10,000 to the road improvement loan) was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

Treasurer Cook requested the appointment of new aldermen to be check signers beginning January 1, 2025. The aldermen selected were Alderman Roger Johnson and Alderman William Saddler. A motion to accept Alderman Roger Johnson and Alderman William Saddler as check signers beginning January 1, 2025 and to remove Alderman Jon Odom and Alderman Tim Breshears from the accounts was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

# DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported that the department has been busy grading roads, cutting brush, digging ditches, placing gravel on some roads, and cleaning around the Street Department grounds. New tires will be placed on the Caterpillar grader within the week. Alderman Breshears questioned when the grader would be returned to Caterpillar. Alderman Saddler stated that the used tires will be placed on the grader the City purchased and hoses will be replaced. As soon as the grader is functional, the leased grader will be returned, hopefully by the end of January.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 36 citizen calls, 3 assists to other agencies, 19 citations, 42 warning citations, 0 alarms answered, 2 accidents, 4 arrests, 7 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, and 0 warrants served. Officer Kirkendall has been issuing citations for passing school buses.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 2 fire calls and 10 medical calls. Chief Cooper informed the council that the light-bar and siren has been mounted on the F250. The truck still needs decals and fire code inspection.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Christmas tree lighting was a success. Everyone who attended enjoyed the festivities.

Mayor Pinkerton shared an image of the final plan for the Cedarville Senior Center. Alderman Breshears asked about the estimated time of completion. The mayor stated the ground clearing is underway and it must be completed by 2027.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In November the council members were given guidelines to review for the Junior Fire fighter program. Mayor Pinkerton asked the council if there were any questions concerning the implementation of the Junior Fire fighters program. No questions were asked.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Pinkerton presented Resolution # 2024-12-17-01, approval of the 2025 budget. Alderman Breshears questioned the line item for the lease of the Caterpillar grader. It was explained that the line item must remain in the budget until the grader is returned to Caterpillar. After the return, the money set aside for the lease payment will be reallocated to general street purposes. A motion to approve Resolution # 2024-12-17-01 was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

Alderman Breshears suggested saving part of the lease payment to make an additional payment on the road improvement loan.

Mayor Pinkerton presented a plaque to Alderman Odom for his 10 years of service to the City of Cedarville. A plaque was presented at the Christmas party to Alderman Breshears for his 10 years of service to the City of Cedarville.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer