

January 8, 2015

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on January 8, 2015. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. John Holzer motioned to nominate Steve Mathes for council president, and Sue Meisberger vice president. Both motions carried. Monthly meetings will continue to be held the second Thursday of each month. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding reported 29 calls in the past month, including two residential fires, and a vehicle fire. A total of 395 calls and 728 hours of service were reported for 2014, as well as 2028 training hours. The department's average response time was 8 minutes, 37 seconds. Ben spoke with the owner of the Marathon station, and hopefully payment will be made soon for last summer's fuel leak clean up.

Jeff French attended to voice his opposition to closing the alley adjacent to his property on Adams Street. Jeff has spoken with Sherry Dewire, owner of Ernie's Pizza, whom requested closing the alley to better serve her property. The council is in agreement that if Mrs. Dewire would like to blacktop the alley, she may, but it will remain open.

Aimee Cornette updated the council on the progress of the Eli Lilly grant that the TAC has applied for. There will be a site visit in the near future. TAC would like to hold an Easter 5K on April 4, and requests permission from the town to utilize the streets for the run. The council approved 3-0.

Marshal Joe Mann informed the council that a dryer box for killing bed bugs would cost approximately \$263. The council agreed that building the box would be the cheapest route, and they will discuss where it will be placed in the future. Marshal Mann asked about applying for a grant for a K-9 unit. The council will discuss the K-9 unit at a later date.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley presented quotes for street lights in Harvest Ridge subdivision. The cost for repairing the sewer on 421 will be approximately \$43,000. John would like to wait if possible to do the repairs. Kevin is able to acquire 100 tons of road salt for \$90/ton. Gil Landwehr spoke with Kevin about the town salting the school parking lots. The town will do so, and the school will reimburse the town for salt.

Salary ordinance 2015-01 passed 3-0.

John and Kevin have both received complaints about the decorative flags around the square not pertaining to the season. Kevin spoke with the lions club, who are responsible for the flags, and they are satisfied with the appearance of the flags.

Ordinance 2014-03 annexing Harvest Ridge subdivision, and ordinance 2014-4 annexing parts of south Main street were both adopted. Attorney Eaton has spoken with Umbaugh regarding the sewer rate study, and they will get started.

The council voted to upgrade the website at a cost of \$550. Steve Mathes thanked RSRF for the \$15,000 grant for the walking trails at the sports complex. With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes