

VILLAGE OF VANDALIA COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: November 11, 2024

TIME: 7:00 Regular Meeting

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE

Roll Call

Present: President Beverly Young, Councilwoman Theresa Damron, Councilman Don Damron, Councilwoman Karen Young, Jack Young, Zoning Administrator, Councilwoman Cassandra Bennett, Beth Pompey, Code Enforcement, Dana Donald, Treasurer and Beth James, Clerk

Absent:

Guest (s): Sharon Myrick, Dorie Rios, Kimberly James, John L. Bennett, Kenyetta Buck, Mike Moroz, President of UGRR Society, Ritema Bennett, and Robin Longenecker Orzechowski

Public Comments:

Sharon Myrick introduced herself as one of the new Council Members. Sharon questioned how being transparent can be a problem, stated that she is not a problem, she wants to be a gem in this community. She wants to beautify the community, she ran beautifying, economic and housing development and stated looks forward to being part of the Village team.

Dorie Rios, sister to President Young, spoke on behalf of the family to honor the matriarch of their family. She gave words of encouragement and pride and thanked her for her leadership and her strong character. Words used to describe President Young included, family, humble, dignified, ethical, compassionate, selfless, trusting, upstanding, dedicated and supportive to name a few.

Kimberly James, President Young's youngest daughter, thanked President Young for her years of devotion to this community in the many capacities that she has served. Thanked her for being strong and encouraged her to enjoy her retirement. She went on to say that many the false things that have been said about President Young during the last five months.

John L. Bennett thanked the Council for all the work they put in and the improvements made to the Village.

Kenyetta thanked the Council and President Young for all the support and help they have given him, both inside the duties and outside of their duties. He thanked President Young for taking time to talk to him and others whenever they would run into her or when they contacted her. He stated that the President and Council helped a dream of his come to reality.

Mike Moroz, President of UGRR Society, Thanked President Young for all she's brought to the UGRR Society, without her they wouldn't exist. He not only thanked President Young for what she brought to the UGRR Society but also to the Village of Vandalia. Stated the Village has improved significantly over the last 15 years. Also thanked the Village Council for the support of the UGRR Days as well.

Ritema Bennett, on behalf of Pastor Thorly James and the Calvin Center SDA Church. She thanked President Young for her support of the church and the different outreach programs that were presented to her and the use of the buildings also. She further told President Young that she is appreciated and loved and that we see the work she has put in over the years.

Robin Longenecker Orzechowski, started by saying that she loves President Young, stated she was honored to care for her mother and to know the family as well. They took great care of her and worked together to do so. She indicated that Beverly checked in everyday, after she would leave work. She stated that she is not a part of the Village but she saw how dedicated she was to her mother and her Village and that she loves the family.

Dana Donald Presented President Young with an award for her service, on behalf of the Village Council. She also thanked her for her service and dedication to the Village of Vandalia.

Dana Donald Resigned as Village Treasurer effective November 30, 2024.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion made by Councilwoman Karen Young, seconded by Councilwoman Theresa Damron to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes. Carried.

President's Report

* Truck or Treat at Sherry Lee's was a success, there were quite a few vendors and a lot of kids that participated.

* The Swearing in Ceremony for the Officers of the Village Council will be held November 19, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

* Shawntel Faus, Granddaughter of President Young, read President Young's Fairwell Speech.

* Roxanne C. Seeber, with Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman & Koches P.C. submitted a letter resigning as Village Attorney effective November 20, 2024.

* Jack Young submitted a letter retiring as Village Zoning Administrator effective November 30, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Woman Karen Young moved that property Located at 60808 Marble St. be demolished and that the quote given by Bill Vaughn Excavation, at the cost of \$20,000.00 be approved, the motion was seconded by Council Woman Theresa Damron. All Ayes. Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: 2 plots were sold this month.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Beth Pompey, Zoning Solutions, provided photos and the report submitted by Tru-Spect Inspections and Environmental of the property at 60808 Marble St. She reviewed the information and explained why it was Court ordered that the occupants be put out of the home and that the home was ordered demolished.

Zoning Solutions resigned effective November 30, 2024, as Village Code Enforcement.

STREET ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Motion made by Councilman Don Damron seconded by Councilwoman Karen Young to transfer 25% of MTF & LRP funds for month end September 2024 in the amount of \$1,073.00.

VOTE: President Beverly Young, Councilwoman Cassandra Bennett, Councilwoman Theresa Damron, Councilman Don Damron, and Councilwoman Karen Young. All ayes. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Budget Amendments: Motion made by Councilwoman Cassandra Bennett seconded by Councilwoman Karen Young to accept the Budget Amendments.

ROLL CALL VOTE President Beverly Young, Councilwoman Cassandra Bennett, Councilwoman Theresa Damron, Councilman Don Damron, Councilwoman Karen Young. All ayes. Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF BILLS: Motion made by Councilwoman Thersa Damron seconded by Councilwoman Cassandra Bennett to pay the bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE President Beverly Young, Councilwoman Cassandra Bennett Councilwoman Theresa Damron, Councilman Don Damron, Councilwoman Karen Young, All ayes. Carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Karen Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Young
Village President

Beth James
Village Clerk