

**Mayfield Town Council  
Meeting December 11, 2019**

Recording # 99

**Present are** Mayor John Christensen, Council members Malynda Bjerregaard, Mike Bennett, Eric Peterson, incoming Council member Jake Dyreng, Amanda Bennett Town Clerk, and Catherine Bartholomew Consulting. Also present is Brandi Meyer and Travis Good with EcoLife, council member Aaron Peterson is excused. Present from the public are Robert Christiansen, Bill Jensen, Jason Christiansen, Clayton Meyer, Carl Taylor.

Mayor John Christensen presiding. He welcomes Jake Dyreng to the Council. Mayor indicates he will need someone to help organize Santa Claus' on Christmas Eve due to him being out for medical reasons. Mike offers his assistance for this matter. Mayor is looking for an additional Santa, Clayton Meyer volunteers.

**Public Comment**

Robert Christiansen requests a portion of his property be put into Town's name. Mayor indicates this matter is on the agenda and will be addressed later in the meeting.

Bill Jensen comments regarding the Town's CDBG application. He states that he has talked to the people interested in pickleball courts and asked them to come to the meetings and express their desires, yet no one comes. He knows another project the community would like to see are sidewalks throughout town. Bill feels like we could get a lot of sidewalk for what pickle ball courts would cost. He would also like to see a riverwalk put in. All are in agreement that projects that promote exercise for our community is a good way to utilize CDBG funds the Town might receive. Bill feels like if people want the pickle ball courts they need to come and express that to the Council. Years ago the town had a lot of designated gravel sidewalks all over town. Mayor Christensen thinks we will need another month to decide which project to apply for CDBG funding.

No other public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of November's meeting are reviewed. Motion is made by Eric Peterson to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Bennett and the motion passes.

**Review and approval of monthly bills**

Bills for the month are reviewed by all. After consideration, Malynda Bjerregaard motions to approve the invoices on the register 12/1/2019-12/11/2019. Motion is seconded by Eric Peterson and the motion passes.

### **Brandi Meyer**

Brandi requests a lost and found bin be placed somewhere. She has accumulated a lot of items over the last while. It is decided that we get a tote and place it at Town Hall, post a notice at the park that any lost and found items will be there. Hold the items for 1 year and then dispose. No motion necessary for this matter.

### **Robert Christiansen Land**

Mayor Christensen indicates Robert would like the town to take ownership of the land that is occupied as 400 East. Robert explains that he owns the land all the way to the next adjoining property owners lot line, that no road is on the plot maps. He has had a survey done, and the surveyor is requesting a letter from the town indicating that they will accept ownership of this land for a road way before they prepare a Quit Claim Deed. Robert has been paying property taxes on the land for as long as he has been the owner. He is willing to give the land to the town at no cost, providing there be no change in the width of the road way. The 400 East road is narrower than the average road. Due to the number of homes along this street there really should be another access.

Council member Malynda Bjerregaard would like us to check the ordinance to see if the Town is mandated to have the road be a specific width before anything is decided. She motions to table this matter until we can check with Grant Hansen Zoning Administrator. Catherine leaves to check the ordinance. Mike Bennett indicates as a property owner on 400 East he would also like to see that the Town not widen the road. Discussion ensues about what would happen if the Town finds out they are legally bound to widen the road and they are not the owners. Catherine indicates after checking with Grant, the road is grandfathered in and is legal as is. Malynda motions to approve Robert's request and add to his letter that there will be no change in the width of the road, the motion is seconded by Eric and the motion passes.

### **Amanda Bennett**

Amanda has included a print out of the town's budget. We are currently a little over 41% of the way through the fiscal year, and Town expenditures are on track with that. Malynda questions what would happen if funds that are budgeted are not used, what happens to those funds? Mayor Christensen explains those would go back to the general fund. No motions necessary, information only.

### **Malynda Bjerregaard**

Malynda explains that in the process of looking into some ways for time tracking for the Town's employees it came to her attention that elected officials are not accurately compensated for the time they put in on the Town's behalf. She proposes that the Mayor be paid \$250.00 monthly and the Council members paid \$75.00 monthly which is equivalent to \$25.00/hr. With that the council member would be required to put in at least 3 hours and the Mayor would be required to put in at least 10 hours of time monthly. Catherine has posted the notice for Ordinance No. 2018-19 B Compensation of Elected and Statutory Officers of the Town of Mayfield, as well as a letter describing the intent of this ordinance was included in everyone's monthly utility bill.

Feedback from the public is Bill Jensen's question of if the Town officials are also compensated for travel. Mayor Christensen explains that mileage and per-diem reimbursements are also paid as mandated by state law. Councilman Eric Peterson asks the public if they would be more encouraged to run for public office if they knew there was some compensation. Malynda states this is a way to be proactive and accountable. A motion is made by Malynda to approve the increase for the Mayor of \$250.00 monthly and Council members \$75.00 monthly, seconded by Mike and the motion passes. This is with the understanding that they will make a system for accountability. Roll call vote, John-Yes Malynda-Yes Mike-Yes Eric-No. Mayor Christensen presents a plaque to Malynda for her service on Town Council and gives her thanks for all she has accomplished.

### **Mike Bennett**

Updates the council on the plow for the Kubota, it is on backorder. He will pick it up when it gets in and put it on. The orange dump truck plow does run, he fixed it. No trailer yet, but Ecolife will provide the transportation for the mowers. Mike states he will fix the mower for the tractor. Brandi states she will not mow the sides of the street with the tractor mower as it is unsafe without a cab.

### **Travis Good with EcoLife**

Travis states he will put up street signs when they arrive.

### **CDBG Grant Application**

It appears that the majority of the people would rather have sidewalks. Brandi indicates that with the vandalism we have already at the park, pickleball courts would likely get vandalized as well. She would rather see money invested in cameras to monitor the park. Mayor Christensen tables this matter until he can consult with the regional planner, this matter will be on the next agenda.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.**