

Bowerston Village Council

Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Village Officials Attendance: Polly Wolfe, Jon Humphrey, Juliet Bryant and Chase Bryant. Paula Beamer, Janeen Scott, Bart Busby, Jeremiah Warner, Jacquie Humphrey and JJ Ong.

Karen Donovan: Absent, notified Mayor prior to meeting

Visitors: Paul Prevot, Harrison County Commissioner

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council Julie, Chase, Jon and Polly.

Public Comments Paul Prevot was present to introduce himself and speak to Council about the state of the Conotton Creek. He has a meeting organized with Harrison County Mayors to discuss cleaning up the Creek, this is a priority of his. JJ advised that there is a group of farmers in the Stillwater area who are also working on this. An additional project that may be rolled out is GIS mapping of cemeteries.

On a personal note, Prevot noted that he is in business with Marathon and would like to purchase at least one acre near the SR151/212 intersection, let him know if we are aware of any land for sale.

Committee Reports:

Approval of regular May minutes: Julie made motion Chase seconded, unanimous.

Approval of minutes from Annual Records Committee meeting: Polly made motion, Julie seconded, unanimous.

Loan/Grant Status Reports:

1. Senator Bernie Moreno congressionally directed spending. Paula reported that she had received a call from Moreno's office that he has put us in for a \$1M grant for the Water Plant project, it is not guaranteed but hopeful.
2. Garage Roof Contract, Paula presented a contract from Quicksall and explained a flat fee of \$10,000.00 to go to bid, another contract for UP TO \$10,000.00 to go to bid. Paula had already spoken to JJ about this and was advised that we could do the bidding process but not the specs for it. Bart advised that we must spend 10% of the total. Julie made a motion to approve the UP TO \$10,000.00 contract, Jon seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
3. Paula reported that we will be going to bid for the Sewer project next month.

Pending and/or New Legislation:

1. Resolution 11-2025, Renewal of Park Levy, one-mill. Julie made motion, Jon seconded, unanimous.
2. Resolution 12-2025, Receipt of new funds, Bridge Replacement Project, \$1,119.18. Julie made motion, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
3. First Reading of Ordinance 05-2025, Golf Cart legislation. JJ read the Ordinance by title and explained the changes he had made.

Mayor's Report:

1. Report attached, Julie inquired as to what the gate on the railroad is, there will be a crossing on SR212. Julie inquired as to the item about speaking to the property owner regarding tearing down a structure, Paula explained that she had spoken to the owner of the former hotel who expressed an interest in grant funding for demolition of the property, if they became available. Julie made motion to accept report, Polly seconded, unanimous.
2. Conotton Valley ATP (Active Transportation Plan) Proposed Trail. Paula explained that she has been attending these meetings and is on the committee, a walk through will be done on June 23rd, ODOT the Watershed and committee. A steering committee will be held later that evening.

Village Administrator's Report:

1. SR151/SR212 Intersection, Bart reported that there will be some upgrades coming, flashing lights will be installed and eventually a 3 way stop.
2. Attached, Julie made a motion to approve report, Chase seconded, unanimous.

Utility Clerk's Report: Janeen updated Council on recent billings, \$290.00 generated from shut off notices, only 5 were shut off. Polly made motion to accept Janeen's report, Julie seconded, unanimous.

Income Tax Administrator's Report: None this month.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

1. 2026 Revenue Budget meeting, 5:45 Tuesday, July 15th.
2. Appointing a designee for Sunshine Law training was discussed, JJ to prepare resolution for next meeting.
3. Polly made motion to approve Jacquie's report, Jon seconded, unanimous.

Solicitor's Report:

1. JJ inquired if Inbridge (formerly Dominic) is active in the Village, no they are not.
2. Easement Update, JJ reported all but one easement is complete.
3. Paula inquired of JJ about a new clause in the Records Retention Policy. JJ explained the difference between a policy or schedule, JJ said the change needs to be made by Ordinance. JJ also suggested a procurement policy.
4. County property deeds, JJ said that he has handed it off to someone in his office and they are working on it.

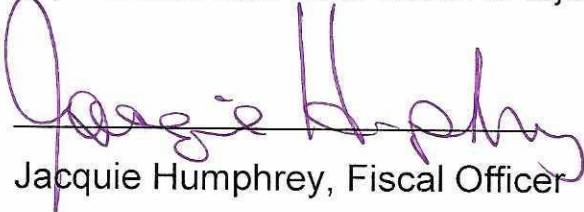
Old Business:

1. Jon inquired if anything has been done about the dog barking ordinance, several notices have been sent and one fine.


New Business:

1. Four Council seats up for election in November, Jacquie noted that forms have been printed for both Polly and Chase.

Adjournment: Julie made motion to adjourn, Chase seconded, unanimous, 6:45.



Jacquie Humphrey, Fiscal Officer



Paula Beamer, Mayor