

SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION
609 29th Street, Vienna, WV 26105
February 17, 2022
6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Invocation was given by Larry Stoops. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Kim Williams.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Vienna City Council met in Regular Session on February 17, 2022. Mayor Randy Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

ROLL CALL:

Attendance was taken by Recorder Melissa Elam with the following Council members present: Kim Williams, Tom Azinger, Chuck Noffsinger, Jim Leach, Recorder Melissa Elam, City Attorney Russell Skogstad, and Mayor Randy Rapp. Absent: Roger Bibbee.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Brenda Powell (1409 36th Street): Parkersburg has listed what they pay their two IT employees and it may give council an idea what we should do about our IT pay. Encouraged council to ask the Humane Society if they can do anything about our feral cat population.

REPORT OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Council Session scheduled on 2/10/2022 have been printed, posted, and circulated. Approved as posted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:**

Vienna Library presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Nicolette Rhodes presented. Implemented several virtual, delivery, and curbside services to cope with COVID restrictions. They continue to show statistics that prove they are providing valuable services.

River City Runners Club presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Lou Molinaro presented. Vienna Road Race is one of the best in their series and this year will be a 5-mile championship race.

Wood County Development Authority presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Lindsey Piersol, Executive Director, presented. Part of their funding from the city goes toward the County Property Database. They have been updating their marketing materials this past year. They have had many contacts from national and international companies.

Chamber of Commerce of the Mid-Ohio Valley presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Jill Parsons, President/CEO presented. Funding from the city pays for the first year of membership dues for a new business in Vienna. Since 2015, 58 businesses have benefited from the program.

Kid's First Program (a program of the Family Crisis Intervention Center) presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Cindy Buckingham presented. Because of the additional money the city gave them last year, they were able to move to a larger location and tripled their service space. They are very grateful.

Humane Society of Parkersburg presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Gary McIntyre, Executive Director, presented. Humane officers answered 1,096 calls in 2021. Seventy of those calls came from Vienna. One hundred fifty-one animals came from Vienna. They still need a veterinarian. We make up 3.86% of the expenses of their budget.

Artsbridge presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Megan Newbanks, Director, presented. They make arts as accessible as possible to as many as possible. Very Spectacular Arts Festival and it provides arts experiences to students with special needs. This year over 500 students are participating and 28 are from Vienna Schools. Arts Encounters Program is for underserved students and exposes them to theater and the Art Center. There is also a program that allows teachers to

order an artist from a catalog they have compiled. The Art Cart Program started in 2016 and has expanded into all 4th and 5th grade classes in Wood County.

MOV Fellowship Home presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Patrice Pooler, Executive Director, presented. It is a 6-month residential recovery program that teaches them how to be sober. Our funding goes toward client needs.

MOV Health Department presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Eric Walker, thanked the city for the use of the community building for Food Handlers classes. He gave an update on services provided this past year and thanked the city for their continued support.

MOV Regional Council presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Mayor Rapp presented. This agency covers the city for EDA, water, sewer, GIS, and other programs.

Wood Wirt Washington Regional Planning Commission presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Mayor Rapp presented. The city works with WV and OH on long term planning and highway related programs.

Latrobe Street Mission presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Jim Sims, Executive Director, presented. Funding from the city will go toward continuing to feed those they serve. They provide services to those in recovery and the homeless.

Wood County Senior Citizens presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Kelly Goedel presented. They have been closed since March 2020 but are opening back up in a couple weeks for congregant meals. In the years up to 2019 they typically provided 50,000-55,000 meals. It grew to 80,000 in 2020 and to 85,000 in 2021. They deliver to around 800 individuals (around 100 in Vienna). Their transportation program is utilized a lot for doctor's appointments, employment, etc. Thirty-five percent of their transports are from Vienna. Our funding goes to leverage federal and state dollars.

Friends of Vienna presented its 2022-2023 budget request. Jack Mathers presented. Vienna Freedom Festival will be held July 2-3 and its focus is to celebrate the country. It will be held in the parking lot at the Grand Central Mall. They will have Black Hawk helicopters on display, a hot air balloon that is tethered, and possibly carnival rides. They will also have fireworks. They have secured a well-known band for entertainment also. They want businesses to benefit by hosting an event that will draw families to our area. They are requesting \$25,000 to help pay for the festival.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Melissa Elam, Recorder

Randall C. Rapp, Mayor

APPROVED: _____
 Initials Date