

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
of February 14, 2022

In Attendance: **Vermilion City Council:** *Monica Stark, President of Council; Steve Herron, Council At Large, Pat Stein, Ward One; Teresa Mayle, Ward Two; Greg Drew, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five.*

Administration: *Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Hartung, Police Chief; Tony Valerius, Service Director, Susan Anderson, Law Director*

Call to Order: Greg Drew, Chairman, RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

TOPIC ONE: **Review of Ordinance 2022-10 (NOPEC)**

Amy Hendricks explained that each year with the city's aggregation with NOPEC they get an allocation for the number of households that enroll in this program. This year the city will get \$28,300. The Energized Community Program is one that funds are used for energy savings initiatives or other initiatives related to energy within the community. For example, in 2018 and 2019 it was used towards the Showse Park Lighting Repair using an LED that was more energy efficient. In 2020, there were energy efficient exterior lights at the Wastewater Plant and also some exterior doors in both the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants to make them tighter to the elements and to conserve energy. In 2021, the city used the funds for the lighting of the Fulper Lot and the electrical installation. This year, they have talked about downtown lighting improvements. T. Valerius said they would like to convert the historic lampposts to an LED light rather than the ballast light that burns out all the time. If they converted them to LED, then they will last longer and will be much more energy efficient. Amy Hendricks said maybe they can also do some lighting in the city parking lot behind the Wine Vault and Route 6 as it is dark back there.

M. Stark said the lamps have a certain look and charm and asked if the LED lights will make it look weird. T. Valerius said the LED will not be as orange as they are now, but he has talked with the representative and they keep getting better with their older looking lightbulbs, so they will try to go with the most authentic looking historical light. M. Stark said she would not want it to be glaring from the historic lampposts as she thought it would give it a funny look.

Amy Hendricks said legislation is required, which is on the Council agenda. She said there is one other grant program the city has participated in for the last two or three years with NOPEC and it's a program that supports community activities to provide them free of charge. Last year she applied for the community swimming

pool, so they put that to offsetting expenses for a couple free swim sessions and the movie night, so it helps defray the costs.

B. Holmes directed Council's focus to future projects and suggested the Main Street Project be considered.

Greg Drew adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.

Next meeting: *Work Session for Transient Rentals followed immediately by Committee Meetings – March 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio*