

**Village of Sebring, Ohio
Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026
6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Roll Call: Caughman, Aberegg, Walker, Rouse, Phillips, Smith

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor David Wright; Village Manager Ed Dean; Finance Director, Tamara Smith; Clerk, Nicole Crawford; Solicitor Gerard Yost

NOPEC Presentation
Tony Ramos - Ennovate Advisor

Reading and Disposition of the minutes of the previous meeting:

Aberegg made a motion seconded by Caughman to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Council Meeting August 24, 2026.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

Citizens Comments: Pricilla Alcorn 515 Royal Oak Circle

I'm here for two reasons, actually. One, being the fire hydrant mess that is created across the street. That is leaking still. Um, my husband did have water tested, and it is chlorinated, so it's not, rain water. Um, the mess has been there for 2 months, and we have a barricade in front of it, so then it drops off into the mud, whatever looks over there. I would like to have that fixed at some point in time. Sooner the better, as it stands you can only get 2 cars back there, it's kind of narrow to begin with. I would like to get that fixed. The other one was a street light situation. We built our house there 30 years ago, and we did, and I appreciate the fact we got a seven-year abatement on taxes when we built the house. And when we built, we were told by our contractor, that since we are, with the street lights being way down there, we will get a street light. We never approached that until we recently had to call the police several times because people tried to break into the cars or the little kids and, my gosh, I shouldn't say that. They've tried to break into a house. So, we leave our lights on outside, the big lights and the garage lights to try and put extra lighting back there to avoid such situations. But the street light, from my understanding, was approved to be done over a year and a half ago. And we are still waiting. We did our part by going out and marking it with Donnie Wade, who owns some of that property back there to see where he thought. And now the steaks

gone. I have no idea where it went to. But it was marked, and it has been more before, over six, seven months. But I was just curious as to what the status on that would be, also. That's it. Thank you.

Mayor Wright; So, our former manager started that project, and I think we were waiting on something from Edison. Then we agreed to put the trench over to the because, you have an inground power supply there. So, we were gonna put the trench in and then they were gonna set the pole, put the light up, do all of that stuff. So double check with Tim on that.

Manager Dean; I will

Mayor Wright; And, see exactly where we ended up at. There's been, we used to deal with one guy at Ohio Edison, and now there's another person in there, not to give you an excuse. I mean, I know you and I have discussed this too out there. But yeah, just give us a little bit of time to, we're gonna get with Tim, the former manager, and see where he had left that at.

Yeah, council had already approved that to for that to be done. That was one of the ones that they approved. So, we may come back out, but wait till you hear from Mr. Dean. before we put another steak out there. That way, when you hear from him, you should, we should have confirmation from Ohio Edison that they're good to go and they're ready to move and set the pole. Okay,

Manager Dean; Thank you.

Nancy Anderson, W. Vermont Ave.

I just want someone to tell me why that sign cannot be taken out of my yard that says, autistic child, because that child, the longer, lives in the neighborhood.

Mayor Wright; Well, I can't answer that question, but I'm sure we can get it removed.

Anderson; Who do I call to get it removed?

Mayor Wright; Well, you'll be calling Mr. Dean here, the village manager.

Anderson; I came down to the city hall twice. And nobody is here. Yeah, I talked to the girl in the water department or whatever, and she passed the word along, and he said, oh, that's gonna take care of it. It's been several months. What is that, um, Is that in the... Is that in the first block or the second? Yes, the dead end. Dead end? Okay. Yeah, almost on the 17th Street. Bill, you know where that's at. We'll get somebody up there to get it taken. Okay, thank you. Yep. Sorry about that. Didn't mean for it to take this long, but that's actually the first I've heard of that one, so... And unfortunately, we don't get notified of those things sometimes. We had one up on Johnson Road, was the same one, was there was a kid that was deaf there that lived in that neighborhood. And, I mean, we don't know, we just get asked to put those signs up. Usually, it comes through PD in our service department. They go and make sure, okay, can we actually truly put it up there? But when that person vacates that neighborhood, we don't ever get notified that they're not here anymore. Well, I did mention that my son would pull the side out, and the heat was told he would get arrested. Yeah, no, don't have him do that. We'll have the service department come up and take it out. Okay. That's the only thing that's on that pole. So, we can, we can take, we can take the whole pole and everything then. Okay. Okay, thank you. Yep, no problem.

Communications and Petitions: **Mayor Wright;** I only just have one thing here. Receive this letter, quite frequently, people send things that are village, business, to my business. or to my home, so I will send that. from a company called Title Monks.

Reports of 2026 Council Committees and Council Representatives

Finance/ Employee Benefit Health Care: (Aberegg)

No Meeting.

Aberegg made a motion seconded by Caughman to accept the financial packet and statement of cash position as submitted

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

Aberegg made a motion seconded by Caughman directing the village manager to pay the bill totaling \$541,118.65 when funds become available.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: Mayor Wright; I know one of the bills in here were for the ambulance. The down payment on the ambulance was \$180,000. 21. Was it 221? Okay. Well, it's because of the cost. Oh, because of the pot, yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah. Also, into that, page seven. Vacant property, DB release, the 406 West, Indiana, \$9000. Could you explain that? When one of the, like, title companies or whatever has the vacant property, they send a \$10,000 bond. Okay, that's the bond. And so that's the bond, and a thousand of it is administrating a 9,000, 110 release once they sell it. And so that was one of them research, because they actually sold the property, so the 9,000 was working through the back.

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

Legislative: (Phillips)

No Meeting

Capital Improvements: (Caughman)

No Meeting

Annexation & Business and Land Development: (Walker)

No Meeting

Service Maintenance & Storm Water (Smith)

No Meeting

Safety: (Rouse)

No Meeting

Parks & Recreation (Caughman)

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Planning & Zoning (Walker)

Um, there was a meeting? A little miscommunication. I was unaware. Um, so I would like to defer to Ms. Weber.

Mayor Wright; At your council seats, there is a proposed amendment to chapter 745. Um, so if you, I will let her take the floor and speak on that, um, and what the thoughts are behind that.

S. Weber (Planning & Zoning Committee)

Okay, so at the at our last meeting, we had bought for the proposal that we discussed in length at the meeting, and then we did vote on it that it's something we would like to bring to you guys. That's right it's here the way. So, what it is, is it's a proposal for chapter 745, which is the baking commercial storefronts downtown and mixed cheese properties. So, what this is proposing is not to punish any of the current property owners or any vacant, as of right now, in our roles, we are, they have to register and they have to pay a \$250 a year registration for a vacant property. And I believe that we had verified that that was in there. So, what the actual amendment and proposal

was, is to not to punish them, but to actually incentivize them to do a few things. So, the first one would be to, um, it was actively signed as to being rented, or there, and, and, again, any rental signs would have to be within zoning where, you know, it's not obnoxious or, um, inappropriate. But to either have it rented or they're doing renovations. And if they do that and they let the city know, at that point, we would, they were, you guys would waive the \$250 fee. for them to encourage them as opposed to punish them for having it vacant. That was really the biggest, the biggest change. Other thing is that it would be important to, well, throughout this, the other thing would be the registration. And I will give you an example, the rationale that we had behind the registration, was, if you guys here at the village, know who the owner is and or who the current property manager is. As you are well aware, we did have those incidences through the two local businesses that had the one window broken. So, if, by some chance, someone decided to break multiple windows throughout the city, where would the city be able to notify? We have water, but a lot of the water information is either outdated or it's a situation where it's mailing. There are people who are out of state, they should have property managers in the vicinity to be able to handle problems like that. So that's the only thing, just that we're able to reach an open communication with the current owners. And this is really foresight on the downtown, the 15th in Ohio, those storefronts in there. This legislation does not talk about because it is mixed use. It does not talk about the apartments above. If, you know, this is really about storefronts, bringing back, um, the vital, um, businesses and little into encourage small businesses. The rationale, actually, for that came from, I had meetings with Salem, and I spoke, and Tim and I actually went and spoke with people at Hartville, and a couple other of the local municipalities. They all, now their rates were a lot higher for vacant, and they were all tiered. So, if you were vacant for two years, now you're at 500, and so on, and so on. This, I mean, we do have a 250. We're just trying to encourage small business. And that was the reason for the rationale, and we, that's what we brought for you.

Walker; Um, you have, yes, actively and in good faith, being marketed for sale or lease.

Weber; Yes, correct. Putting a for sale or rent sign in your window. Does that, is that the workaround?

Weber; We have to see that they're actively, and a lot of it, truthfully, I see myself, even if there is a for rent sign, you do have the ability to know that it, that they have. Like, right now, it's vacant, that things are closed up, they're locked up, there's no information. So, it has it gives it a possibility that they would be able to rent it. You could see it; you could have somebody to call. We could always verify it and make it and it doesn't have to be registered with a realtor or commercial real estate, but they have to actively be accepting those calls, preparing for a possible intent.

Walker; Who's validating that?

Aberegg; Yeah. So, medium rent, \$50,000 a year...

Weber; Yeah, exactly.

Aberegg; I mean, if they do that, they're There are. They're in good faith. Right. But nobody's gonna rent it. They circumvent the 250.

Weber; Right. It is, but, like I said, that's what a lot of the other cities are doing just to try to encourage. It's more of an encouragement.

Aberegg; Yeah, I agree. I think there needs to be some... a little more specific definition to...

Walker; Or, maybe it's a refund. Maybe you get last year's money back if you rent the next year. Okay. That way there's incentive.

Aberegg; Yeah incentive.

Walker; And that's something you can verify.

Weber; Yeah, absolutely. No, like I said, I'm, we're, I mean, that's why we're on

Walker; This calendar year, you get your money back if you were able to rent within this calendar year.

Weber; Okay. Just suggestion. Absolutely. I like that.

Mayor Wright; So, you want to just keep that in, in planning and zoning for now?

Walker; Yeah.

Mayor Wright; We'll just keep it in there in the next meeting, maybe, maybe, um, you'll get all the, all the details. If I'm around, yeah, I'll try to make it because I think there are some... I mean there are some valid points to doing that. Some people would just pay the 250 and be done with it because they don't want to deal with.

Weber; Well, and like I said, it really just as an encouragement. It's a place to start.

Walker; I like the tier system.

Weber; I just was afraid of throwing numbers that quick. But just the, it could be 300. It could be a smaller tier, but to incentivize people, it's gonna keep going up if you don't do something with your...

Weber; Exactly. Okay. Yeah.

Mayor Wright; All right. Thank you for speaking on that. Greatly appreciate it.

Civil Service (Rouse)

There was a civil service test this past Saturday at 9 a.m. There were no patrolman and 2 dispatchers signed to take the dispatch test. One actually took it and the results will be posted tomorrow.

Veterans Memorial Maintenance Committee: (Phillips)

No Meeting

Fireman's Dependency Board (Aberegg, Smith)

No Meeting

Managers' Report: (Manager Dean)

It's been a busy couple weeks since the last meeting.

Steve Smith from Alkegen. He's the general manager down here and they're doing a community cleanup day on September 23rd. Going to use his employees. Approximately 3 hours. They have everything they need. They'll go around and pick up trash. Clean up leaves. About anything that needs done here, in a 3-4-hour period. I'm asking suggestions from council on what you would like done. Or, I'll figure something out for them to do. Anything they can do on the cleanup side of things; they will do in that 3-hour volunteer period. He provides everything they need.

They've done this in other communities. He did a roadside project in on 534. If you go out there you can see a sign where they accepted so many miles of the road to be kept clean. If you can think of something specific you'd like them to address, get that to me.

Walker; In the parks? Wherever they can get to.

At our last meeting there was a lady that came in about the neighbor's downspouts pointing to her property. And, flooding her basement. I did go immediately after that, took pictures of it and it is a problem there. We did send a letter. We found the statute 931.00 & 931.02 requires all rainwater from a rook or house be discharged by means of downspouts from a gutter to a storm sewer connection. That letter went out on September 4th. We've received nothing back from the neighbor yet.

Is this the one on Alabama?

Dean; Yes. 325 Alabama.

Mayor Wright; What's the next step on that, Jerry?

Yost; Well, the next step is, I've got to look at the statute and see what the next step is.

Mayor Wright; You got that email the clerk sent over, last week while you were out, right?

Manager Dean; Yes.

Mayor Wright; I think I would respond back to them that we sent a letter to them. That it doesn't happen instantaneously. Our legal department is looking into what our next steps will be.

Manager; They actually called Heather today. She came to me. I gave her the letter. She reached back out to them.

Mayor Wright; Ok, so they have been informed. Thank you.

Manager Dean cont.

We had talked about the tree here at village hall that was bad. I talked to the service dept. They took it down for us saving the cost of tree removal. The stump has been ground and everything cleaned up. I talked with Mr. Sanor today, he'll get some topsoil in the near future and put it out there. Met with Brian from Best Electric to get prices to repair electrical outlets/receptacles downtown. There is a lot of receptacles with the outlets broke off. There are no covers, the power is live to them. It's not a good situation. That all needs done. They also requested in Harvest Park; we add another whole line underground to a receptacle where they can light up the Christmas Tree & holiday lights. He included that in the quote. He sent it this morning. It's about \$2800.00. We do have some NOPEC money that we can apply toward doing that. So, I believe we are opening up a P.O. for it and moving forward with it before the Harvest Festival if that is all good.

Mayor Wright; Yeah, we had talked about that. Okay. Good.

Talked with a couple residents. They were calling in complaining about pot holes in the alleys. I didn't know anything about the alleys and what to do. I reached out to Steve in the service dept. to find out the procedure for what they do in the alleys. He told me, brought me up to date on what they do. I think they started immediately after that then on the alleys. He got some of the worst ones done. I have a question, I know there's no program in place, or hasn't been for a long time. Possibly doing some chip and sealing of some of these alley's. I'd like to look into starting a chip and sealing program for next year. If we go a couple, three times a year and just keep tearing them up, rolling them down. And then the first rain, the holes are back again. We're really just throwing good money after bad if we do that. We'll have to look into everything and get costs. But, I'd like to look into that for my 2027.

Walker; Have you worked with anybody in the past? Have a connection?

Manager Dean; Yes, I do have a connection for chip and seal. He does a great job and the price is right. I am going to reach out to him to get an idea prior too what its going to cost a square foot or however they want to give us a price. So, we've got an idea.

P. Alcorn; May I chime in on this? Chip & sealing an alley is terrific is you have to access your garage from the back of your house. If you don't have a driveway from the road. Again, Royal Oak Circle, they come back, throw asphalt in the holes. A week later, we have those holes again. If you want to chip and seal I suggest you do the main roads. The roads that need it before the alleys. No offense. It's bad. Our road is not the only one that's like that.

Sanor; We just paved your road a few years ago.

P. Alcorn; No, it was not done. You drive back there now and there is holes all over the place. If you took, if you paved that road than it wasn't done properly. Because there is holes. Big holes.

Sanor; Around the corner on the back side? Are you talking

P. Alcorn; No. I am talking by the mailbox area. Everything through there.

Sanor; Oh okay. We did not pave that.

Manager Dean; Ok, that's something to look into as well.

I hired a new employee for the service department. His name is Austin Courtney. He started last week. Bill said he's working out good so far.

I know there was money allocated to put new flooring in here at village hall. I am going to be receiving quotes. A guy came in and measured from US Home Pride Construction. I called the people who put this floor in, in this room. He'll supposed to get me a price on that too. I'll get a couple, 3 prices and move forward.

Phillips; Can I make a comment about the women's restroom? That mess in there. That needs looked at too.

Manager Dean; Restrooms were included.

Phillips; Ok. Well it's the wall. Not just the flooring. They had patched it after doing some work. It just looks bad.

Manager Dean; Ok, thank you. I will look at that and, get it taken care of.

August 27th I attended the Safety Council meeting at the Alliance Elks club to try and keep our workman's comp rates low. Attended the Planning & Zoning meeting on the 3rd. First meeting I've attended obviously. Meet the committee members. Met with Lee Willard at the water tower and got brought up to date on the ongoing project, agitator and all that stuff. I spent a couple hours with Mivan. Went around all the park areas to find out what they do, who does it and future needs of the park. Met with Audra Smith from the Landbank at JSI property for a status tour. And, when I left for vacation last week that wall hadn't been, the electric hadn't been removed to take it down.

Mayor Wright; It's down now. They took that front ramp out too. So, we don't have to have you do that now, Bill.

Manager Dean; Is it. Ok. Had a phone conversation with Dirk Rosik about the mural restoration at Schreckengost Park. Mid-September start date.

Walker; What's that entail?

Mayor Wright; He's going to paint all the spots and reseal it.

Tom Reevely from Team Office stopped in today to introduce himself. I had talked with him on the phone about what they provide to the village here and everything. I attended the swearing in of the new fire dept. members with Mayor Wright. That was neat. And, last I am asking council and or zoning to consider the possibility of AI Data centers wanting to come in to our community. I don't think there is any zoning on that now. Particularly for that one thing. It's something that we may get approached about. Do we want to embrace it or do we not want to embrace it. But we want to be prepared.

Phillips; We had discussed this.

Walker; Did we have a moratorium on it?

Phillips; We wanted a moratorium on that. But, we didn't vote on it because we didn't feel there was land large enough for it.

Manager Dean; But, there are AI data centers too that are in small villages too. 4 ½ acres. They do put small centers up with satellite centers.

Phillips; You can put it back in my committee. I'll talk about it.

Aberegg; Or, do it now.

Phillips; Yeah, or do it now.

Manager Dean; Yeah. That's all I have for my report. If there is any questions, I'd be glad to answer.

Walker; Would it be possible for us to get a copy of these before?

Manager Dean; Yes, and, I apologize. I was gone and I meant to get it to you guys. From now on I will get it to you prior to the meeting.

Walker; There was a lot there. I couldn't process it all.

Phillips made a motion seconded by Aberegg for a moratorium indefinitely on Data Centers within the Village of Sebring.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE
ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

Discussion about ramps needing blocked off for safety and hydrants located on the JSI properties the Fire Dept. would like to keep active.

Report of other Village Officials

Chief Kelm Police Department – To go along with the manager talking about the flooring. When we had the sewer backup in the server room that we have right across from your office. They ripped up the flooring in there and never replaced it. I don't know if that is part of yours.

Manager Dean; I didn't know. I didn't have that included but I will include it.

Kelm; Also, I wanted to bring up again the K9 with everybody knowing, we've kinda got to go on it, if we're going to continue with it. It's only \$1,000.00. If you guys don't approve of it, then I'll pay the \$1,000.00 for the dog. I'd like to know so I can start the process.

Phillips made a motion seconded by Rouse for the Village Manager to purchase a puppy for the Police Department K9 and to start the training needed.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE
ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

Chief Springer Fire Department – Not present

Hatton – Wastewater Treatment Plant – Our EQ screen is out of service currently. That is what we use during the rain events. That's bad news right now. The parts are ordered. They got held up in customs coming from Canada. I've been looking every day. As soon as I see them, we'll get the guy to come down and make that repair. We had a couple other things in the works that were already approved. Ordering times are a lot longer than they used to be. We'll have some calibrations coming up for the plant. Just annual, normal stuff. Coming into our last month of UV system. Which is nice. Get it tucked away. Praying for dryer weather.

Willard – Water Plant – Bill got the trench dug for the electric line to run to the reservoir. Best Electric put the electric to it for the mixer to go up the tower. The mixer was online Thursday.

You could hear it running. Brian (Best Electric) is getting ready to do that install of the panel. The mini computers for the filters that we put in, will be installed Thursday. They were custom built. Looking into air conditioning to be included in the budget for next year.

Sanor – Service Department – Working on getting E. Texas Ave. ready for paving. We hope to do the parking lot here also. And, whatever we've got left in the budget, we're going to put a skim coat on W. Georgia Ave. because its really coming apart. I'm afraid to plow it. We'll just tear it up over the winter. We did meter reads this month and lead and copper testing. Working on the new meter change outs.

Discussion about the lead and copper testing and the letters that go out. Letter to be edited to say "You may get a bottle". For resident clarity.

Smith – Finance Director – I gave everybody a tentative budget schedule. Obviously I have to have revenue done first before I can start adding expenses. That's what I'll be working on first is the revenue piece. Usually, I try to get that done in October, get it off to the auditors so they can put their initial stamp on it. Update of the Bureau of workers comp cot. They're \$1,000.00. Springer found another piece that he is trying to see if he can get workers comp to accept. It's like \$11,000.00. And, he's trying to find somebody there that will respond to him. He's having difficulty with them answering phone, emails, things like that. I told him it all needs to be wrapped up this year. We've got the money this year so that way it doesn't carry it to next year. He's trying to see if this additional piece will qualify and we won't have to send anything back. The payroll clerk and I are trying to go to a training in Columbus on Wednesday. OPNF has changed their whole website reporting for the monthly reports. A whole entirely new platform. So, we will be out of the office for an all day event. That goes live October 1st. Bear with us because its totally different that what's out there now.

Mayor Wright; Question for you. We all received an email from the auditor's office about our audit. We've sent our auditing company, I mean council signed off on everything. We've, why are they not releasing it?

T. Smith; He is trying to get Julian & Group, whom prepared our financial statements. He's still looking at something that happened in 2018 and 19, when Chris Zion was here. He's saying, even though I found all the notes that said the state auditor said it's ok in the records that Julian & Group would address it in the records. And Julian & Group are trying to research it to figure out if it was ever put in the statements. That's kind of where its been sitting.

Mayor Wright; Will you respond to that email. I think if was the 4 of us that got copies from, just respond to that so he doesn't think we're holding anything up. Basically, council has approved everything. We've signed everything. As far as we're, that audit is over. And, we were supposed to be finishing up the next two audits. But, we haven't even started on those ones at this point. That will be their next complaint. That we've gotten two audits behind now.

T. Smith; We're contracted with them for 2022-2023 also. But, then there is nothing for 2024-2025 established yet.

Mayor Wright; Yeah, I can't ever remember this with Julian & Group when we were using them. I don't ever remember the amount of headaches and back & fourths. I've never seen it like this before. So, I don't know if something has changed in the auditing processes or what. But, all my years of sitting on council, I've never seen that. It's been pretty much cut and dry. We're done and move on to the next one.

Yost – Solicitor – Couple things. One thing plays into the Finance Director. Back to JSI. If you recall when we demanded the deed, he turned over with a letter saying “Oh, pay the back taxes”. Well, they come off of that and didn’t pay, hold that demand out there. But, one thing has happened and that is the tax bills came out. In a normal closing when you purchase property, you hold money back for the proration of the taxes because they default when you’re behind. Well, since the property is in our name, we got a tax bill for the 2025 taxes. It’s \$195.00 roughly. My recommendation to you, and I told Tami I would recommend this, just pay it. We don’t have money to take it out of. \$195.00 isn’t worth going after Shootie’s to get back at this point. This will solve that. And, be done with it. Taxes are due on Friday. I just wanted to get council’s approval for Tami to go ahead and pay that. I’m also working with Tami on our former infamous employee who left, with Chris’s help I should point out, has not turned in ID badges., keys, locks. Anything else you can think of Bill? At one point, Chris sent him a certified letter. It was returned back. He refused the certified. Other mail has come back. I don’t know the value, but the risk. If he’s got keys, that’s a bigger concern than the value of an ID badge.

Lastly, we have continued to get bill’s in email, one day last week, Chasidy sent me 20 bills that the company that had our phone system, keep sending. \$50.00. We didn’t have a valid contract. They don’t have a signed contract. We don’t have anything. So, we are not collecting and, I’ve let them know that. But, Chasidy is getting a little perturbed with the emails coming. I’ve instructed her to ignore them. They can’t collect anything.

Going to look at the legislation that we got for planning and zoning and see what, if any suggestions I can come up with. And, I am still looking at the trailer legislation. And, I owe Nate an ordinance to amend the parks rates.

Mayor Wright; I have a legal opinion that I am going to send over to you, to give to parks about lifeguards, for senior swim.

Caughman; Ok.

Mayor Wright; Yeah, its 100%. They have to have a Lifeguard there. It’s like 9 or 10 pages. I will send that over to you. And, you can present that to them at the next parks board meeting.

Phillips made a motion seconded by Aberegg to pay the taxes owed of \$194.73 on the JSI property.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

Aberegg; Jerry, with the non-returned keys. Could we not address that as theft and measure it in the value of replacing all the locks.

Yost; We could. And, what I would like to do is basically threaten him with that. If I can get him to take the mail. We’re looking into what we could do.

Wright – Mayor – I really don’t have anything from the mayors office. It was quiet last week while Ed was on vacation. I came in a signed some checks.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Jim Harp, 215 W. Indiana

Regarding back to what we had talked about at my house. Do you have any follow up on that?

Mayor Wright; I did not. I had a family emergency I had to take care of. So, I have not gotten back in that. I am hoping to follow up with Mr. Amabeli to see if he knows of anything out there. We've looked back through and haven't been able to find anything. But Bill did go up and patch those couple spots on 18th St. We didn't hear anything.

Harp; Is council aware of that?

Mayor Wright; Yes, council is aware that we're paving 17th & 18th St. and that Mrs. Biery supposedly had some sort of agreement with the village that we wouldn't pave 18th St. But, we have not been able to find that agreement.

Aberegg; Oh yeah.

Manager Dean; So, what I did, I sent her an informational letter, that the intent was to pave those streets. To her, so she knows. If she knows there's an agreement, maybe she'll have some information on it. She's aware we're going to do. We're not going to surprise her.

Harp; Yes, I can't see you ruining your equipment to keep those brick streets. Also, I'd like to thank the police chief for getting that vehicle out of N. 16th St. that was expired. It's been sitting there for quite some time. I commend Heather for that. Also at 427, there's been some trash around that. And, they actually poked a hole in the back of the house. For what reason, I don't know. But, that's what we're looking at with these properties.

Mayor Wright reads highlights of the Code Enforcement update that was included in the packet. 62 vacant homes, 32 commercial properties. 31 less than last year. 207 doorhangers this year. 13 open currently. 6 open abatements. 23 total abatements issued this year. 17 resolved. Grass, 218 letters sent out. 14 are permanent mows that we mow every year.

Discussion about tax assessments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trick or treat – October 31st from 5-7

Caughman made a motion seconded by Smith to set Trick or treat from 5-7 on October 31st.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

Aberegg made a motion seconded Smith to adjourn into executive session to Consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation, investigation of a public employee or official with no action to be taken, to include, council, manager, solicitor, mayor, at 8:07 p.m.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: NONE

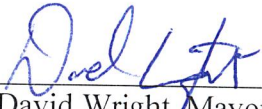
ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE

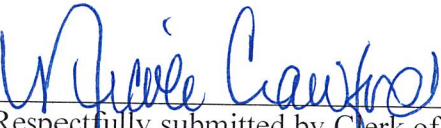
Council adjourned executive session at 8:49 p.m. and reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

After no further comments or questions Aberegg made a motion seconded Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES, NAYS NONE


David Wright, Mayor
President of Council


Respectfully submitted by Clerk of Council

Follow ups:

Dorothy Woods, 325 Alabama – Neighbor drain spout/stormwater & ditch issue – Updated 9/14/26. In process.

Tax abatement ordinances

Set up meeting with Hatton & Bill

Schedule a CFF Monday

Thank You card to Alkegen ✓

