

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 24, 2016

The Bolivar Village Council met in a **special session** on **Monday, October 24, 2016**. Mayor Hubble called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Lang, Lapp, Lebold, Lloyd & Vincent answered roll call.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: - Nathan Quicksall with Quicksall and Associates attended the meeting to discuss the OPWC grant application process, it's deadline and additional funding being requested for the paving of the downtown project that wasn't initially included in the total cost of the project. The paving portion is approximately \$75,000.00 that would get split between the grant and loan. If accepted, the Village would owe approximately \$37,500.00. Lapp asked what is the new total cost of the project. Nathan stated the new total is \$900,000.00. Vincent also clarified the different stages of the project, to include the addition of the water lines. Lang also weighed in on the process to include how the water lines will tie in with the paving portion and added council didn't have to include paving at this time, but it's the most logical.

In order to proceed with the grant application, OPWC requests that the Village determine where the loan funds will be paid from if the grant/loan combination is approved. In addition to the paving portion, Council will also need to approve \$147,200.00 from the Water Fund for the water line portion of the project and determine where the additional \$37,500.00 will come from. The Mayor reiterated the water portion would come from the water fund and asked the Fiscal Officer if the additional money would come from Capital? App said, "No...I don't know where it's going to come from because there isn't going to be enough in Capital. This is the surprise element since I'm just now hearing about these changes". Nathan with Quicksall also couldn't answer the question either because it's the first time it hasn't just been taken care of. App wanted to know how is it just going to be take care of; in order to allocate funds there has to be money available in the fund and as of now the only fund that would have a balance in excess of \$180,000.00 is the General Fund and that isn't logical because that fund is already weak. Nathan stated from their perspective the Village would need to tell them where the funds will be coming from but they can't make that recommendation. App stated she understands Quicksall can't make that determination; it's a hypothetical question for Council. Armstrong added, it needs determined how much needs to be allocated now vs over the term of the project.

App reviewed the former financial options presented to council and is wanting to get an accurate breakdown of the current costs. The Mayor clarified what App is trying to say is if we keep taking from the General Fund, in a matter of 10 years or less the fund would be totally depleted if we don't continue to bring money in to offset the expenses.

Council began talking over each other as to how the process would work and funding options. It was clarified there was a new funding option to include paving that was provided to council at the October 3, 2016 meeting however the Fiscal Officer never received a copy of these documents which is why this is coming as a surprise to App. App asked what is the new project amount that will need funded? Is it \$72,000.00 to \$147,200.00? App expressed she is not happy with

how the dynamics of this project is changing; and it's a substantial increase to push through in one meeting without further research of where the funds will come from.

Lloyd added that Erin with Quicksall does grant writing full time to help fund these types of projects. He added that as she (Erin at Quicksall) finds the money, then the village can move forward. Council discussion continued as to the breakdown of expenses. Nathan stated he can contact Erin right now to clarify the costs. Armstrong said she thinks Council needs to know exactly how much needs allocated right now. The Mayor added, the additional amount that was left out of the initial project cost is for paving in the amount of \$79,000.00, correct? Nathan corrected by saying, "\$75,000.00." The Mayor said the remaining amount would come from the Water Fund. The Village share would be approximately 37,500.00 of the \$75,000.00. The Mayor said Council needs to make a decision as to where the funds will be coming from. App stated "we can't allocate anything until we know some details. We don't know an amount, we don't know what the terms are, we don't know when it's due and we don't know what has to be signed off on tonight. I would just like to know if we are supposed to allocate the whole amount". Lebold suggested taking out the paving portion. App stated that would be going in reverse. Nathan stated the whole 180,000.00 would need to be allocated tonight. The Mayor added the only change tonight, due to the paving, is figuring out where the additional \$37,500.00 will come from.

After lengthy discussion over which total amounts were correct, a final recap was provided totaling, \$147,200.00 which would come from the Water Fund. The Mayor asked Council again, which fund would they like the remaining \$37,500.00 to be allocated from. Lebold suggested taking it from the Capital Fund. App reminded Council to keep in mind they have already committed the Parkview project from this fund. App added the Capital Fund currently has 60,000.00 available for use and the Parkview project will cost roughly 19,000.00 which only leaves \$41,000.00. Council continued to discuss the project totals. The Mayor had to ask for a third time, "which fund does council want the \$37,500.00 to come from?" Lebold stated again, "from the Capital Fund". Lang suggested increasing our allocations next year in the capital fund. App cautioned, we are still building up our general fund that has had a deficit but I'll do what council wants. I'm just suggesting being very cautious." Lloyd interjected that Quicksall needs to aggressively seek grant funding for this project or this project will lose his vote really quick. Lloyd went on to state he's not going to go out on a limb for this project if the funding doesn't get secured.

The Mayor recapped everyone's positions; Lang suggests the Capital Fund; App stated it can come out of Capital; however, there are other things that need to come out of Capital. Lang wanted to know the pro's of taking it out of general. App asked, "Pro's? I'm not seeing any pro's as this is coming out of our reserves". Lang said "I would rather bring it out of the Capital Fund vs the general fund even though it would basically deplete the fund which is not the way I want to end the year but without setting up another fund tonight, I don't see another alternative is what I'm saying." App said, "Whatever you guys want to do; just beware that in twelve years we will be bankrupt. I'm not saying that to be funny or as a scare tactic but if we keep going down by 20 or 25,000 per year and you factor out what we have lost each year, do the math. Do the math! Keep going at the rate we are going, keep doing projects, keep spending out without factoring in for inflation we won't have any available reserves but do whatever you like. You want to take it from Capital we will take it from Capital, that's fine. Lloyd added it's Erin's full time job to look for funding and maybe the Village will need to hold tight until the money is secured. Lebold stated this is part of the grant process. Lloyd reiterated that he understands its part of the process that we need to allocate where funds would come from in order to apply for the grant. Lebold stated the village can always put the brakes on the project down the road, but first we need to apply for grants and this is part of the process.

Lebold provided a final summary of the amounts that will need to be allocated from the Water Fund and Capital Fund. App was disgusted with the overall discussion and said "just throw a deck of cards in the air and take it from where ever you want to. I am very disappointed in this process." App wanted to know what liability the Village has since she's being told to sign off on this and the village doesn't even know if they will get the funding. Nathan stated, as long as we don't spend any of the grant money (if awarded) we can reject the whole thing.

The Mayor said if council is going to move forward with the OPWC grant/loan then they need to make a decision. She asked council if she heard correctly, "part of the money will come from the Water Fund and the remaining amount from Capital. Is that correct?"

Lebold moved, seconded by Vincent to suspend the rules for **AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE OPWC GRANT APPLICATION**. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Lebold moved, seconded by Lang to approve **ORDINANCE O-34-2016** as an emergency. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Lloyd requested to see the application that the Village is signing. Nathan highlighted the grant writing deadlines and process for both OPWC that is due now and RCAP in the spring.

App had one last question for Quicksall. She stated on September 7, 2016 the Village was approved for the ODOT funding. On September 12 the Village learned they had to do a traffic study, which were only 100.00. October 10, 2016 we received the request for OPWC on October 14 I'm responding to questions from Erin. Somewhere in that mix we find out about the paving portion that wasn't previously included. "Are there any other surprises we should know about? I've seen two surprise changes since September 7; I've seen three different types of bid proposals with all these different numbers. It's so hard for me to plan moving forward as to what we are supposed to budget, allocate and what to expect especially if I can't even get a return phone call or email. The point of contact needs to be designated so we are all on the same page; and are we going to keep getting hit with surprises?" Nathan stated the surprises you're referring to are part of the OPWC process such as the traffic counts. As far as paving goes, he brought it up because he thought it would be nice to do since it would be in the midst of the project.

There being no further business, Lebold moved, seconded by Lapp to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016. In a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. .

Mayor Rebecca S. Hubble

ATTEST:

Maria A. App, Fiscal Officer

Approved:
