

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
July 19, 2022

Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 2022-29, an Ordinance enacting Section 400.011 of the Zoning Code of the Village of Mantua relating to household pets and Ordinance 2022-30, an Ordinance adopting a revised schedule of fees for Zoning permits and related services.

Call to Order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Clark

Members present: Steve Thorn, Tammy Meyer, Heather Paisley, Nina Schroeder, Scott Weaver, Marty Hura

Others Present: Police Chief Joe Urso, Mayor Linda Clark, Village Administrator Maryann Fabian, Fiscal Officer Teresa Criblez, Village Engineer Gene Arters

Citizens: Marty Fergus, Stacy Turner, Kevin Maloney and Officer Miranda Brothers, State Representative Gail Pavliga, Jacob Cimperman, Edie Cawley, Monica Matzel, Lorraine Chism, Cindy Slanina, Phil Rath, Ray Thomas, Lucy Curtain, Joan Diarillio

Mayor Clark opened up the meeting for questions and comments on household pets.

Lorraine Chism asked how this situation came to Council's attention to be put on the agenda, because if it was due to one or two instances, why should the community at large have to suffer? Secondly, there are some people who can't have children and view their pets as their children, so this is like limiting them to how many children they can have. There are some people that have 2 pets and let them run around and do their business everywhere and then there are some that have numerous pets and can be responsible and ethical pet owners. To have this brought before Council is almost silly. There are so many more things going on in the Village that should demand your attention rather than what goes on in our private homes. We have a Constitutional right to privacy and Council should not be able to know what goes on inside our homes if it doesn't affect the Village at large. How is this Ordinance seen as a benefit for this community?

The Mayor responded by saying it came about through Planning when there was a house fire with 37+ cats in the house and we were concerned for their safety.

Tammy also added that in Planning they came up with a number because the APL was no help. They didn't want a bunch of virile cats running around the neighborhoods so they decided on four.

Cindy Slanina stated we should be focused on issues that will benefit their property values not determining the number of pets the citizens should have.

Edie Cawley said the best way to reduce the virile cat population is to trap, neuter and release and she has been doing that. She would like some help in doing this. If anyone traps a cat, she will get it spayed or neutered at her own expense.

Monica Matzel said that she is the one we are talking about. She had 34 cats and since the fire 10 have been adopted. There are still four she cannot find. She is working hard to get her C3. All of the cats she has had papers and have had their rabies shots. They have all been spayed or neutered on her dime. She is trying to do the right thing by finding them homes and adopting them out. What this legislation is doing is creating a lot of negative energy. Some people are trying to do the right thing.

Kevin Maloney brought up that having legislation based on one incident where there was no malintent involved, makes you ask, should there be any legislation at all? This is an isolate incident and should not be legislated.

Mayor Clark stated that this was discussed in Planning back in May and they have researched this, so this is not something that we jumped into. She thanked all of the residents for coming in and expressing their opinions. Council will decide tonight whether to pass this legislation or not.

The Mayor asked if anyone was present to discuss Ordinance 2022-30, an Ordinance adopting a revised schedule of fees for Zoning permits and related services.

No discussion.

- Scott motioned to adjourn the Public Meeting. Marty second. All ayes.

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:50 PM

Regular Council Meeting called to order at 6:50 PM by Mayor Clark.
Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Steve Thorn, Tammy Meyer, Heather Paisley, Nina Schroeder, Scott Weaver, Marty Hura

Others Present: Police Chief Joe Urso, Mayor Linda Clark, Village Administrator Maryann Fabian, Fiscal Officer Teresa Criblez, Village Engineer Gene Arters

Mayors Report

- Soap Box Derby in August has been cancelled.
- The Fiscal Officer and the Mayor will be attending a Budget Commission Hearing on August 9th at 6:00 PM.
- We have a new business opening in town. It's called the Chrome Shop at 10483 Main Street. They are having an Open House on Sunday the 24th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Ray Thomas is our new part-time employee. Maryann introduced him to Council and requested he be moved to full-time as of September 1st.

Citizens

- Phil Rath introduced himself as being on the Board of DMRC. He is part of the liaison committee that works between DMRC and Council. They understand we have requested a memorandum of understanding and they have no problem with that. They want to work with Council and have raised over \$50,000 for the Village. They help match grants and do scholarships for this community. He requested that Council come to DMRC meetings and engage with Board members and be supportive of them. The Mayor's response is that Council understands the contributions DMRC has made to this community and are very appreciative of their efforts. Phil acknowledged that we do have some real concerns that he is addressing with DMRC. The Mayor said we should have some guidelines in place so everyone knows what is DMRC's role and who should be the go to person when Phil is not available.
- The Mayor introduced Gail Pavliga, our State Representative for District 72. She discussed her background and what she is involved in and working on.
- Discussion ensued on the house on Maple St. The mayor advised that it is going up for Sheriff Sale.
- Joan Diarillio spoke of the wine and chocolate walk that the Sisters of St. Joseph's want to have on 9.17.2022.
 - ❖ Tammy motioned to approve the special event form contingent on receiving the special event form, insurance, and an F4 permit, a security contract, and a firm plan in what businesses will be involved. Scott second. All ayes.

Financial Reports

Teresa summarized the financial reports. Heather asked a question about Jenny August getting paid, and it was a return of a deposit on the park lodge rental.

- ❖ Tammy motioned to approve the financial reports. Scott second. All ayes.

There was no correspondence.

Minutes

- ❖ Nina approved the Public Hearing minutes from 6.21.2022. Heather second. All ayes.
- ❖ Tammy motioned to amend the 6.21.2022 minutes the spelling on Kimble and YouTube. Steve second. All ayes.
- ❖ Scott motioned to approve the 6.21.2022 minutes as amended. Tammy second. All ayes.

Legislation:

ORD. 2022-04 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 159 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND DISSOLVING THE MANTUA VILLAGE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION. Tabled on 2nd reading, and remains tabled.

ORD. 2022-29 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 400.011 OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA RELATING TO HOUSEHOLD PETS. 3rd reading

- ❖ Steve motioned to bring ordinance 2022-29 to a vote. Marty second. All nays.

ORD. 2022-30 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR ZONING PERMITS AND RELATED SERVICES. 3rd reading

- ❖ Tammy motioned to approve 2022-30. Marty second. All ayes.

ORD. 2022-33 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 913.02(b) OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING REPAIRS TO SIDEWALKS. 2nd reading, no discussion.

ORD. 2022-36 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 305.09(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY PARKING ON EAST HIGH STREET. 1st reading. Discussion to amend to add a 15 minutes parking on W Prospect, and no parking on Elm St.

- ❖ Scott motioned to amend to eliminate parking either side from Franklin to Prospect, on Elm St. Heather second. Steve-aye, Tammy-aye, Heather-aye, Nina-aye, Scott-aye, Marty-aye.
- ❖ Tammy motioned to amend to add 15-minute parking only in marked space at West side of 4690 Prospect. Marty second. Steve-aye, Tammy-aye, Heather-aye, Nina-aye, Scott-aye, Marty-aye.

ORD. 2022-37 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA BY CHANGING AN AREA OF PROPERTY FROM THE “I” INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO THE “R-2” RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION. 1st reading. There will be a public hearing on 8.16.2022. Michele gave explanation exactly what this was.

ORD. 2022-38 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1307 OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL INSPECTIONS. 1st reading. Steve asked the words “outlets are” to “protection is”. He also asked that the handrails specify “more than one step”.

❖ Steve motioned to amend 2022-38. Heather second. All ayes.

ORD. 2022-39 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2022 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading

❖ Tammy motioned to suspend the rules. Scott second. Steve-aye, Tammy-aye, Heather-aye, Nina-aye, Scott-aye, Marty-aye.

❖ Steve motioned to approve. Tammy second. Steve-aye, Tammy-aye, Heather-aye, Nina-aye, Scott-aye, Marty-aye.

Department Heads and Village Engineer-

Police Chief Joe Urso summarized the safety meeting. No questions.

Village Administrator Maryann Fabian gave her report it is turned in and on file. No questions.

Village Engineer Gene Arters, from C.T. Consultants, turned in his report and it is on file.

Committees-

Scott Weaver summarized the Service and Planning meetings.

Tammy Meyer summarized the Finance, Fire Board and PCRCP meetings. She turned in the PCRCP meeting minutes to file.

Marty Hura summarized for Parks and Shade Tree.

Mayor Clark summarized for Cemetery, and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Heather Paisley said she had no additional information for Safety.

(Please refer to individual committee meeting minutes if you need more information)

Mayor Clark recommended hiring Maryann Fabian as the new fiscal officer, effective August 1, 2022 and to train with Teresa Criblez for 2 months.

❖ Tammy motioned to hire Maryann Fabian as the new fiscal officer. Steve second. All ayes.

Mayor Clark asked Maryann to post her Village Administrator/Zoning Inspector job opening at village hall, and the police station as well as advertise.

Chief Urso requested a payout of vacation hours.

❖ Tammy motioned to payout Chief Urso 83.04 hours of vacation. Scott second. All ayes.

Mayor Clark stated that CT Consultants sent in a new contract and recommended the village advertise for RFQ Engineering firms.

❖ Scott motioned to advertise for RFQ for Engineering firms. Heather second. All ayes.

Heather found a bench that used to be in the Mantua barber shop. Council must decide if they want to keep the bench, and what to do with it.

Adjournment

❖ Scott motioned to adjourn. Tammy second. All ayes.

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.