Present – Members Ken Aselage, Andy Baldonado, Riley Schumpert, Darla Bender, Gary Strasser; Mayor Mark Pulfer, Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Officer Mahaffy, Public Works Superintendent Mathew Dawson.

Mayor Pulfer called the meeting to order with roll call followed by opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Strasser made a motion to waive the reading of the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by D. Bender. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Schumpert moved to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Baldonado. Roll call – All Yeas.

Strasser moved and D. Bender seconded to approve the payment of bills. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Amended agenda approved by verbal vote. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Citizen Concerns:**

- None

**Legislation:**

Ordinance 22-1820 – 2023 SIDEWALK NECESSITY

Aselage moved and D. Bender seconded to table the Ordinance until documents are ready. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Ordinance 22-1822 Third Reading – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE RATE OF REPUBLIC GARBAGE BAG PRICES 0.25 CENTS, WILL BE IN EFFECT MARCH 1, 2023

Strasser moved and Schumpert seconded to adopt the Ordinance. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Ordinance 22-1823 Third Reading – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACH PAYMENT TO REQUIRE EMAIL BILLING

Schumpert moved and Strasser seconded to adopt the Ordinance. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Ordinance 22-1826 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 22-1821, AN ORDINANCE MAKING REVISIONS TO THE HUMAN RESOURCE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL, LATEST REVISION OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2022, IN REGARDS TO SECTION 1.05 JOB DESCRIPTIONS, AND SETTING EMPLOYEE WAGES FOR 2023, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

Aselage moved and Strasser seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call – All Yeas.

D. Bender moved and Strasser seconded to adopt the Ordinance, repealing 22-1821. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Original raises were passed at a special meeting held November 26th. Council will hold a special meeting to revisit raises for employees.

**Reports:**

Administrator – Pulfer notes, there has been discussion regarding Dawson’s pay due to his recent promotion to superintendent. Meyer states in recent conversation with Geuy, he would like to see him at $25 per hour with the added responsibilities. Aselage recommends no increase in pay until his 6-month evaluation.

Fiscal Officer – End of year procedures are moving forward.

Fire – Pulfer reports there is an estimated $41,000 in damage to the department’s gear and equipment/tools that will need replaced from the accident on I-75 December 24th. It was a very critical incident and the department members have talked about it and are doing well. The heat needs repaired in rescue truck 167. This truck is used in the winter for rehab for members and victims to get out of the cold and get warm.

Police – Mahaffy notes, the police K-9 is becoming more social and is doing great.

Public Works Superintendent – Dawson gives thanks to the Village of Botkins for helping to fix a fire hydrant that was struck in a hit/run accident. Two bucket trucks have been looked at however, they did not meet exactly what we are looking for. Currently interviewing for the public works position. Snow removal from the recent storm went well. When the Village lost power, the battery backup for the stoplights was not functioning and will be evaluated tomorrow. The salt truck will go to L&O Tire tomorrow for new brakes.

Finance and Personnel – Next meeting is January 10, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Works – Baldonado, Aselage, Schumpert, Strasser, D. Bender present. Dawson covered topics discussed. Next meeting is January 24, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Met tonight, no update given. Next meeting is January 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting is March 2023.

**Old Business**

- No update given on sidewalks.

- Pulfer contacted the OML regarding where to transfer the mayor’s court funds. Brinkman did not find anything in the ORC regarding guidance and was unsure if a court order is needed. Meyer notes, in the past when closing a fund, the funds were transferred into the general fund and a court order is required to move the funds.

- Aselage will advertise the Ordinance committee after the first of the year to see if he can get more interest from residents.

- Handbook review will be done at a later date.

**New Business**

- Strasser recommends donating the old rock-wall from the park to a local church. There is damage to the rock-wall and parts are missing. Pulfer is concerned about the liability since it is damaged. Aselage inquires if there are plans to replace it? Strasser recommends Geuy to look for a grant, since equipment is not cheap.

- Council agrees to hold a special meeting December 31st at 10:00 AM to reconsider employee raises.

**Other Business**

**-** Aselagerequests Geuy to look for various grants, to apply for the park. Various projects were suggested.

**-** Pulfer notes, Steve Rose is now head of the Anna Civic Association.

There being no further business to come before the group, it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

This meeting is held in compliance with Amended Section 121.22 of the ORC.

Time: 7:36 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer