

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SHERWOOD VILLAGE COUNCIL
APRIL 24, 2019

Mayor Mallett called the special meeting to order with council members Jim Hohenberger, Scott Rohrs, Chris Skinner, Mike Sudholtz and Jamie Vogelsong present. Also present were Robert Baer, Dawn Buskirk, Virgel Hoene, Matt Miller, Richard Miller, Brian Ramey, Sherri Ramey, Kirk Roetgerman, Mickey Schwarzbek, Chris Walker, Chuck Wonderly and Jennifer Zartman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Mallett asked to recuse himself from the meeting because of his business affiliation with M. Schwarzbek.

J. Vogelsong made a motion to appoint J. Hohenberger to chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Council president. S. Rohrs seconded the motion. All council members voted yea.

Schwarzbek presented a brief presentation of his plans for he and his wife's recent purchase of the old Moats building which he is in the process of remodeling. His plans include opening Iron Horse Brews, LTD, a microbrewery/restaurant, extending the cement out several feet and putting in a glass railing and expandable awning system. He would like to lease and/or acquire the entire Village of Sherwood space from the Iron Brews building to the CSX property, at least the first half of the block. He stated that he has concerns that not having full use of this area may restrict the potential growth of Iron Horse Brews and the possibility of having special events. He would like to possibly have that section of Lawrence St. closed.

R. Miller expressed concerns about what would happen during the harvest season.

J. Zartman, branch manager of Mercer Landmark, expressed concern about not knowing about tonight's meeting until this morning.

Village solicitor, C. Walker, assured those present that this meeting is just an effort to discuss the possibility of making changes to Lawrence St. and that no changes are currently planned. Walker stated that the council will go through the process of three readings of legislation before anything will be done.

C. Wonderly expressed concern that there is not enough room at the elevator to turn around and additional truck traffic would be damaging to other side streets.

K. Roetgerman, division manager of Mercer Landmark, stated that Mercer Landmark (the elevator), which has been part of Sherwood Community since 1945, serves over 150 local farmers and can have 100 vehicles per day coming to the elevator. He reported that the wheat harvest lasts approximately 7 days in early July, the soybean harvest is during October and the corn harvest lasts from October-November. Roetgerman expressed concern that a change to the traffic pattern on Lawrence St. would hinder farmers from being able to conduct business at the elevator and he stated that Vine St. would need to be widened to accommodate more than one truck or farm vehicle. He also stated that Mercer Landmark wanted to be a courteous neighbor to other businesses in the community.

S. Rohrs stated that Vine St. will be repaved in the near future and asked how much it could be widened.

Schwarzbek stated that he appreciates what an important part of the community Mercer Landmark is. He stated that he would like to dig out 3 feet of the blacktop and extend the sidewalk so that a glass railing and expandable awning system could be installed. He stated that he wanted to have special events on weekends and it would be difficult to do if he did not have full control of the area.

It was suggested that Schwarzbek have special events behind the Moats building in the grassy area.

Schwarzbek stated that it is not practical to do events in the grassy area or have temporary liquor licenses and that he would still have to confine the area for liquor.

Roetgerman stated that the elevator is not open on weekends most of the time.

The question was asked what might happen if Iron Horse Brews closed in the future.


Schwarzbek stated that there could be a provision in the lease that if the business is closed whose responsibility the street would be.


The council discussed the the pros and cons of any possible changes to the street. The discussions were about the ease of access for emergency vehicles, snow plowing in the winter and who would police the area. Also discussed was how making the street a one-way street would affect the Village and the two businesses.

J. Hohenberger made a motion that the Village's solicitor draft an Ordinance for the next regular meeting that Lawrence St. be made a one-way street from Taylor St. to Lawrence St. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. J. Hohenberger voted yea, M. Sudholtz voted yea, C. Skinner voted yea, J. Vogelsong voted yea and S. Rohrs voted yea.

J. Hohenberger thanked everyone for coming to the special meeting.

C. Skinner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Sudholtz seconded the motion. All council members voted yea.


Dawn Buskirk, Fiscal Officer


Cary C. Mallett, Mayor