

Minutes of Regular Council

February 16, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present. Present were: Mayor, Larry Haver; Council members, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly, Ron Jones and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Jones moved to approve the February 2 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to pay the bills. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky met February 5 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a water problem on Cornelia Street; Whitten Avenue sewer projects; and a suggestion from water superintendent, Mike Scranton, to revise the well drilling regulations and requests for water/sewer adjustments.

A Utility Account Policy change was requested by Cheryl Smith, Utility Clerk. During the discussion it was noted that Beverly wants progressive fines in the ***Landlord Responsibilities and Remedies*** and wording changed in the Billing section of the ***Utility Account Policy*** to state that an additional deposit “will” be required, instead of the wording “may” be required. The policy is being returned to the committee for review.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly inquired about the Safe Routes to School grant. Mayor Haver said he expects an answer in a couple weeks.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported his committee is going to have a short meeting after this meeting.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met on February 16 at 6:15 p.m. to audit the books.

HIXTV: Foster and committee met February 14th at 8 a.m. Jan & Feb. minutes will be in next council packets. A letter was sent to Mediacom requesting certain channels to replace the ones being taken off.

Administrator’s Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- A new water van has been ordered. Miller will advertise to sell the current van. Value is over \$1,000, so he asked council's permission to sell it.
- There will be a resolution for awarding the Whitten Ave. sewer job. If council gives the okay tonight, Miller will get a request to proceed in to OPWC so they can give their blessing as well. This is an Issue II project.
- Proposals for a new garbage truck were opened on February 10th. Results were given to council. He still needs to check the specs and look at the units before purchasing
- Foster wants Miller to submit tree plans or any other shovel ready projects for the stimulus Plan. Beverly asked if we could use the stimulus Plan to extend Industrial Drive. It was also questioned if we could use the stimulus plan to separate sewers. Miller stated the Clearview Loop should be ready and he has submitted to web sites where he could.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2009-01 amending the smoke detector ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2009-03 to replace the Whitten Avenue sewer line was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Foster seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2009-03 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Foster moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Essex reported he has sent mutual aid letters to several places and left a message again Friday at an Indiana agency that is supposed to be sending him papers.

The railroad easements are not done.

Clerk’s Report: Beverly moved to approve Collins entering into a five year contract with American Legal Publishing for the codification of our ordinances. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Miller did not have a report.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleucter asked council to rehire Shawn Helf as an EMT. She stated he has been on leave for around two years but is still certified. Mayor Haver recommended Shawn be re-hired. Beverly moved to re-hire pending a good drug screen and physical. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver did not have a report.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins