

Minutes of Regular Council

January 3, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Haver.

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

Jones moved to approve the December 18 minutes. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

There were no bills to approve.

Foster nominated Jones for council president. Beverly moved to close the nominations. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor Haver recognized officer Monty Ballinger for 25 years of service. Ballinger made positive comments about the community.

Resident, Delmar Brown, was present and informed council that he has a property on Spencerville Street that is plagued with sewer problems. After some discussion Miller offered to have our sewer line videoed, along with Mr. Brown's lateral line. Council was in agreement.

Mayor Haver made some 2008 Committee changes. Pocratsky will switch with Ron Jones on the Sidewalk and Cemetery committees.

Water/Sewer Committee: Beverly reported a meeting was held on December 28 to discuss partnering with another community for personnel; putting a flow meter on the gate valve at the WWTP for approximately \$10,000. Two proposals have been received for storm water regulations. The committee wants to investigate further.

Street/Light/Property: Haver reported the committee met on December 28 and January 3. They decided to hold off on planting trees at the WWTP at this time due to the wetlands that already exist and we have a Phase II to complete yet at the WWTP. We have been told we need a retention pond at the industrial park. The idea of using the RLF's to pay for it was mentioned. Matt Gilroy was present and informed council that Henry County had to return some unused funds.

The committee also met with some residents to discuss how narrow East High Street is from Maple to Hicksville Grain. Previously there was some discussion to stop on street parking. The committee would like the business owners input. Another suggestion was to move the center line to the north.

Beverly had a rough artist rendition of what a renovation municipal building would look like. Worline has used up funds appropriated for the project. The price tag is now \$400,000. Nothing was decided.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Foster reported the committee met on December 23 with EMS chief, Greg Zimmerman. Zimmerman turned in his resignation. Beverly commented that he saw the fire and EMS Depts on a run yesterday and the scene looked very professional.

Administrator's Report: Miller informed council that zoning inspector, Glenn Elser's probationary period is up and he is going to take him off probation. The trash schedule will go back to normal next week.

Miller had dug up some information on an alley running between E. High and E. Edgerton Streets that was partially vacated in 1995. It runs between 236 & 240 East High Street. There seems to be a desire to vacate the rest of the alley.

It has been pointed out that we could use more equipment at the WWTP and that equipment could possibly be purchased and added to our OWDA loan. Miller will put together a list of equipment.

There was some discussion on whether to discontinue IFM's oversight that the WWTP. The administrator was given a quote for services. Council agreed to use them for 2007 and possibly get our own licensed employee within the year.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2006-13, the Annual Appropriations, was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2006-15 to accept Old Mill Road was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2007-01 was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Foster seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-01 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Foster moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2007-01 to amend section 181.04 clarifying the tax exemptions was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2007-01 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Essex reported the First Church of Christ has not signed the Property Agreement yet.
Essex is in the process of verifying property owners in the Hicksville Grain area of Crook Street.

Clerk's Report: Collins passed out a list of Building Permits issued in 2006 and the MTD/YTD Income Tax Report.

Police Report: No report was given

Fire Department: Stats were passed out.

EMS Department: Mike Harris reported there were 289 runs in 2006 and we did get approved for ALS runs in 2007.

Jones moved to go into executive session for possible litigation and personnel. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (8 p.m. – 9:05 p.m.) Returned to regular session.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver recommended Mike Harris for a three year term as EMS squad chief with a six month probationary period. Beverly moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

There was some question if Wendy Goeltzenleuchter could be nominated as assistant chief since she presently has some license issues to straighten out. Essex gave his opinion that Goeltzenleuchter could be nominated since she expects to have her license within the month before the elections of officers.

Foster moved to enter into a one year contract with Industrial Fluid Management. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Bids to build the new fire hall are in the newspaper.

Motion was made to adjourn

MAYOR

CLERK