

Regular Council Minutes

Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins.

A Prayer was given by Pastor Jack Teeple.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Present were: Council members Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Shelia Baker, Ron Beverly, Mike Headley and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor Troy Essex; Administrator Kent Miller and Interim Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Smith. Media representatives and 2 visitors were present.

Mayor Collins read the Oath of Office for the following Hicksville Volunteer Fire/EMS Department officers: Fire Chief Scott Cramer, Deputy Chief Bruce Hart, Assistant Chief Stacy Lemper, Assistant Chief Travis Phillips, Captain Dusty Evans, Captain Brent Neidhardt, Lieutenant Bruce Silcott, Lieutenant Mike Tomecek and EMS Chief Loni Kesler.

The Mayor called for nominations for Council President. Mike Headley nominated Ron Jones to continue as President due to his experience and training. Shelia Baker nominated Ron Beverly and Ron Beverly nominated Mick Pocratsky. Mick Pocratsky moved to close nominations, Mike Barth seconded. All voted yes. Voting by a show of hands was done with Ron Jones - 3 votes, Ron Beverly - 2 votes and Mick Pocratsky - one vote. Ron Jones accepted the nomination to serve as Council President for 2016.

Jones moved to approve the December 21st minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes. There was no Bills List to approve due to the beginning of the year.

Planning Commission: A notice of a public hearing scheduled for January 7th was in the council packets. Michael Helf requested to re-zone Lots 127 through 134 Shoe Factory Addition (physical address 800 Ogen Street). The request is to re-zone from M-1 Light Industrial to Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family.

The Mayor requested Council consider Linda McMahon be appointed to the Planning Commission. Mick Pocratsky moved to approve her nomination, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Mike Barth reported that Adam Voris and Roberta Acosta will be here for a 4 pm meeting prior to the next council meeting January 18th.

Street/Light Property: Ron Beverly wanted to assure the public that the parking space situation was still being researched.

Park Board: Ron Hard was in attendance. He reported that there was no meeting in December and none would be held in January. They will resume in February.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

Miller asked council to approve Jimmy Gardner as street dept. foreman. With the sewer projects taking off, and his normal work load in general, he would like someone to take over a lot of the day-to-day (and after hour) duties. Jimmy is aware that if expectations are not met, the position may once again be eliminated. Rate of pay would be \$17.49. Shelia Baker asked if he was foreman previously. She was told he had been twice. Miller was asked if he would be on probation and Miller agreed he would be. Ron Beverly moved to approve the promotion, Mike Headley seconded. Beverly, Headley, Barth, Jones and Pocratsky voted yes with Baker voting no.

The Village will pick up real Christmas trees as usual. Lights and ornaments must be removed but white plastic outer wraps can stay on. Trees can also be taken to the lot.

The downtown decorations were removed on December 31 as the weather was decent and Miller wanted to take advantage of that before snow and low temps come on the scene. It was not an anti-decoration decision, but simply being ready for when snow hits as we can't do anything along the curb area with the decorations in place.

The rest of this is a short wrap-up of various 2015 matters.

During the year, a record **2,081,900 pounds (1,040.95 tons)** of trash was collected. This compares to 2,062,640 pounds, or 1,031.32 tons, collected in 2014. By month it was:

January	65.71 tons	July	84.61 tons
February	58.83 tons	August	72.09 tons
March	75.45 tons	September	140.28 tons
April	149.44 tons	October	69.42 tons
May	72.08 tons	November	69.77 tons
June	82.69 tons	December	100.58 tons

Based on how things seem to be going, I would predict that 2016 will be even higher.

Totals for 2015 commodities:

Served:	60+ yrs	18-59 yrs	under 18 yrs	Total
January	37	13	8	58
February	39	15	8	62
March	38	13	7	58
April	32	16	8	56
May	39	17	8	64
June	41	14	8	63
July	36	15	6	57
August	40	17	6	63
September	38	18	5	61
October	40	16	4	60
November	39	12	4	55
December	41	15	7	63

- Septage receiving receipts totaled \$28,588.48. This compares to \$10,482.86 taken in during 2014.
- 5.8205 tons of scrap metal were hauled away from the street, water and sewer storage areas.
- 39 dead animals were removed from roadways. Rabbits were far and away the most popular victim this year.
- Besides the 65 loads of leaves sucked, another 129 loads of grass, chips, and leaves were hauled from the lot. This compares to 108 loads removed in 2014. The large mulch pile from grinding is usually only taken as topping on light loads, otherwise, folks haul this pile away. Also, the limbs/brush were ground again just before Christmas.
- There were three BWC claims with one resulting in a major lost days/medical hit. The other two were fairly simple medical only claims. Police, sewer, and street each had a claim.
- In addition to 448 hours of CCNO help (31 total bodies for the year), Miller had two Paulding Muni Court people work for a total of sixty-four hours. One did twenty-fours on trash, the other did forty hours on leaf help. A few others through Defiance and Paulding Muni Courts did not pan out (show up or report to authorities), which is usual.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2015-25 to contract Dave Brown Designs for the construction of a Veteran's Memorial was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2015-26 to dispose of personal property was read by caption only for the second reading. This specifically refers to holiday decorations.

Police/Fire/EMS: EMS Chief Kesler reported that Willy Goeltzenleuchter has resigned as Assistant Chief. She asked Council to make Cody Royer Assistant Chief. She was told she must follow procedure and refer the matter to committee and they would make recommendations to full council. Police and Fire had no report.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Smith had the MTD/YTD Income Tax Report in the packets.

Mayor's Report - Collins welcomed the newest council member Shelia Baker; congratulated the firemen chosen to serve as officers for the new year and thanked Pastor Teeple for his attendance.

Beverly moved to adjourn. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor ----- Clerk/Treasurer