

Minutes of Regular Council

January 15, 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, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky and Tom Haase; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the January 3 minutes. Beverly seconded. Pocratsky & Haase abstained. Beverly, Haver, Foster & Jones voted yes.

Haase moved to approve the bills. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer Committee: Beverly reported the committee will meet following this meeting. They discussed hiring Poggemeyer Design Group for \$6500 to stress test the WWTP. There was some discussion as to whether or not that was already in an earlier contract. The importance of knowing how much water is going into the WWTP and how much is bi-passing was discussed. Miller stated the OEPA is waiting for us to select a firm to do the stress testing. The committee was asked to write off some bankrupt utility accounts for the following people: Amanda & Erik Bhrens, \$262.22; Ryan Metz, \$76.98; Laura Chambers, \$810.62. Haase moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Finance Committee: Jones and Committee met prior to this meeting and went over the bank statements.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported the minutes are in the packets. The committee met on January 13th. Mediacom is planning to add another Toledo channel. They will be expanding Basic to channel 14. HIXTV will remain at the channel 12 position. Paul King's term ended December 31 and he does not wish to remain on the board. The committee is trying to find someone interested at the school since we plan to move at least part of the station to the new school. February 3 will be the next meeting and he hopes to be able to present a name at the next regular council meeting on the 5th of February.

Administrator's Report: Miller informed council of the following: At Millers request Beverly moved to take Street laborer, Ken Blair, off probation. He would go to a regular Class I laborer at \$14.46. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

General trash collection was done for two weeks during the holiday season. We are currently back to normal. Next general pick up will be around April.

The County is making one change in the recycle trailer. Effective January 29 they will no longer accept glass from residents. Miller was asked by a private group or individual if they could collect cans at the recycling center. Council decided there would be a liability issue there and it would be setting precedence in allowing anyone else to do the same.

Miller has a contract from PDG for the Rakestraw/Perry St. waterline project. The cost is not to exceed \$8,400. Poggemeyer did our CDBG application work on this.

Miller asked Paul Westhoven to survey one sliver of ground we own off the side of the cemetery. Depending on actual size, Miller thought this may work for new well land.

The old street sweeper was on the auction block January 12. It sold for \$3500.

Miller wrote to Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) about possibly moving the lines in the 200 block of East High Street. He has not heard back from them.

Miscellaneous: Essex reported the following:
He sent the First Church of Christ the Property Agreement for their signature.
Verified the property owners in the Hicksville Grain area of Crook Street and he will begin contacting them.
He is working on vacating the remaining portion of an alley that is in the 200 block of East High Street.
He has hired an accounting firm in Defiance to draw up necessary paper work to set up a Section 125 cafeteria plan for village health care deductions. Collins also asked Essex to have something drawn up for employees that requested to start a Section 529 college savings plan.

Clerk's Report: Collins passed out a MTD/YTD Financial Statement for December; a list of property taxes; Year end reports for EMS collections and Utility Collections.

Police Report: Willis did not have a report.

Fire Department: Elwood asked to have Jamie Killian approved for the fire dept. She is a Certified Level II firefighter and a Certified Basic EMT. Mayor Haver made the recommendation. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

EMS Department: Mike Harris did not have anything to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver reported the Industrial Park is now platted & staked. AEP is waiting for better weather to go in and set up power at the north side of the park. Clark Poth is willing to stay on the Cemetery Board.

Miller stated if any council members had any questions about the street light that was ran into, they should speak to him after the meeting.

Pocratsky moved to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (7:40 – 7:45) Returned to regular session.

Foster moved to go into executive session for personnel. Haase seconded. All voted yes. (7:45 – 8:00) Returned to regular session.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn

MAYOR

CLERK