

Regular Council Minutes

Monday, January 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins.

A Prayer was given by the Mayor.

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 Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Smith. Roberta Acosta from RCAP and Adam Voris from EMH&T were present as well as 2 visitors from the community.

The agenda was revised to include a Notice of a Public Hearing to rezone parts of Ogen Street to be held at the February 1st council meeting. Mick Pocratsky moved to approve the revision, Ron Jones seconded. All voted yes. There was a short discussion about the zoning request and council members were asked to direct their inquiries to Mike Bailey, Building Inspector.

The bills list was discussed with Mr. Beverly inquiring about the vendor PSI. Adam Voris was able to answer his questions satisfactorily. Ron Beverly then moved to approve the list with Ron Jones seconding. Beverly, Jones, Baker, Pocratsky and Headley voted yes. Mike Barth abstained

Park Board: Park Director Val Shull was present but had no report. The Mayor mentioned that Board Member Marlin Eicher has resigned and a replacement needs to be approved.

Planning Commission: A Notice of Public Hearing has been scheduled to be held January 21st at 5 pm to discuss rezoning on Wendell Avenue. The lots involved would be changed from R-4 Single Family, Two Family, Multiple Family to M-1 Light Industrial.

Adam Voris was present to update council on the various sewer projects. (1) Ogen/Perry/Pearl/Columbia area: this project would extend the system and remove much of the rainwater into a separate system. The Pearl/Columbia part of the project is ready to advertise and the Ogen/Perry project will be ready to bid in approximately 3 weeks. Roberta Acosta is checking into a CDBG for the package. (2) Antwerp Drive and Haver Drive (projects for spring): Antwerp to Chicago/Arthur extension to remove overflows and create a retention pond. Haver Drive will include a water main & airtight sanitary sewer, replacing a waterline in danger of failure and will involve new culverts and a new street surface. Connections will be made in front. This project should handle any existing runoff. (3) S Main/S Bryan project will be a sanitary sewer separation that will help alleviate CSO's and send rainwater to the creek.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Mike Barth reported that the committee met with Adam Voris and Roberta Acosta at 4 pm prior to the council meeting. He also reported that he heard back on a grant we had applied for and we were turned down. He said there were others available and he would be looking into them. The next committee meeting will be January 25th at 4 pm.

Other Committee Reports: Meeting minutes were in the council packets for the January 7th Planning Commission meeting; the November 14th and January 9th minutes for Hix TV; the January 8th minutes for the Police/Fire/EMS Committee; and the January 12th meeting minutes for the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

The two week Christmas-New Year general pick-up resulted in 53.18 tons of trash being collected. The majority was cardboard and bags, although there were a number of spots with carpet, furniture, mattresses and televisions. Next pick-up will be sometime in April.

Testing updates: Steve got his CDL, Jimmy passed the Water I Supply exam (awaiting final confirmation and certificate from OEPA), and Austin passed his weed/mosquito tests. Ethan takes his weed and mosquito tests on January 27. Unfortunately, Steve and Allen did not pass their sewer test.

I will be out of the office part of the day for meetings on both Tuesday (19th) and Wednesday (20th).

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2015-25 to contract Dave Brown Designs for the construction of a Veteran’s Memorial was read by caption only for the final reading. The council decided to let it lie.

Resolution 2015-26 to dispose of personal property was read by caption only for the final reading. This specifically refers to donating holiday decorations. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the Ordinance seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Monty Ballinger, Fire Chief Scott Cramer and EMS Chief Loni Kesler were all present and had submitted year end reports to council. Kesler asked council to approve a replacement for the Assistant Chief who resigned. The Mayor recommended Cody Royer to replace Willy Goeltzenleuchter. Mike Headley made a motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendation, Ron Beverly seconded it. All voted yes.

Ron Jones moved to approve the Annual Election of Board Members of the Volunteer Firefighter Dependents’ Fund and was seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes with Ron Beverly and Mick Pocratsky abstaining.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: The Clerk submitted the MTD/YTD Cash Statement; the 2015 Year End Utility Report; the 2015 Village Property Tax Listing; and the 2015 Cemetery Report and their 2016 Budget. The Cemetery reports were written by Cheryl Miller who has replaced Don Brown as Cemetery Board Clerk.

Solicitor Troy Essex requested an executive session at 6:38 pm to discuss possible litigation. Ron Beverly made the motion and Mike Headley seconded it. All voted yes. At 6:55 pm Mike Headley made a motion to return to regular session. Ron Beverly seconded it. All voted yes.

Mayor’s Report - The Mayor reminded everyone, especially business owners downtown to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice.

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

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer