

Minutes of Regular Council

February 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mick Pocratsky.
The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

Present were: Mayor Pro Tem, Mick Pocratsky; Council members, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, Mike Barth, & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Absent were: Mayor Haver & Councilmember, Ron Beverly.

Jones moved to approve the January 18 minutes. A mistake was pointed out. Under the Water/Sewer/Refuse report is should have stated the questionnaires were due at the end of January. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Hart moved to approve the bills. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met January 25 and prior to this meeting discuss possible financing options for the \$11 million dollar sewer separation project, reviewed the questionnaires and interviews. The committee recommended Floyd Brown for engineering. Hart moved to approve the committees recommendation of Floyd Brown Company. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Next the committee will need to begin contract negotiations. Miller will contact all three firms with the decision. Miller will also try to set a meeting up for Wednesday, February 3 at 6 p.m. with a representative from the Floyd Brown Company.

HIXTV: There will be a meeting Saturday, February 13 at 8 a.m. at the library.

Administrator's Report: Miller did not have a report.

Miscellaneous:

Essex has been working on property tax issues, pulling deeds etc. He is reviewing a contract relative to appraisals that Miller gave to him. Miller is waiting for a 2nd estimate also.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins shared the MTD/YTD Income Tax Report and told council the proposed language for the fire levy replacement is currently at the Secretary of State's office for approval. Mediacom sent a quarterly franchise fee report and check. Collins sent an e-mail asking for the number of customers also. A 2009 financial report for the Hicksville Union Cemetery was passed out. Ohio Auditor of State's Certified Public Records training will be held February 19 in Defiance. Council members were reminded about the House Bill 9 training. Collins explained that utility bills were printed earlier than usual so many residents may question the amounts of their bills if they paid after the 15th of January. Also bills were estimated in January which also causes a lot of confusion. Council was reminded of a RCAP meeting coming up.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Miller told council that he will send out letters to the entire downtown business district for the purpose of making preplan. The preplan will include things the fire department would need to know in case of an emergency. They are not looking at code enforcement issues.

EMS Department:

Mayor's Report: The January Mayor's Court Report was passed out.

Headley moved to adjourn. Hart All voted yes.

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins