

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

February 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present.

Present were: Council members, Ron Beverly, Mark Haver, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky, Mike Barth and Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk Treasurer Diane Collins. There were 7 people present.

Haver moved to approve the January 21 minutes. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Planning Commission:

The Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing on January 23, 2013 at 4 p.m. to consider a Conditional Use Permit at 211 Pearl Street, applied for by Ben Carnahan. He would like to operate a home bakery. Minutes of the meeting were in council packets. The request was approved.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 24, 2013 at 4 p.m. to consider a lot split at Auditor's Plat Lot 257, a/k/a 102 Old Mill Road. Owners are Bruce and Debbie Guilford. Minutes of the meeting were in council packets. The request was approved.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported his committee met on Monday, January 28th at 5:30 p.m. Minutes were in the packets.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported he is going to be available in the council room on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. to give the employees an opportunity to stop by for a visit.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Minutes from a committee meeting were in council packets. Barth explained that a meeting with the Ohio EPA, RCAP, EMH&T and representatives from Hicksville Village were scheduled to meet in Bowling Green that morning to share ideas to deal with CSO's. The trip was cancelled due to bad weather. It was reported that Ohio EPA rep. Dana Martin-Hayden was very excited to hear the ideas. WWTP Superintendent Ron Daniels was present and reported the flows were up last month.

Refuse Committee: Robb Gerken of Erie Recycling & Services in Antwerp, OH came to the council meeting. He offered to bring a recycling trailer to Hicksville once a month on Saturdays at the Grace United Methodist parking lot. Mayor Haver stated Tim Houck of Defiance County Environmental Services did not have a problem with Mr. Gerken picking up in Hicksville. Mr. Gerken picks up more types of recycling materials than the county does. A list was passed out. The second Saturday from 9 a.m. – noon was mentioned. There was some mention about contacting the school as they also recycle. Mr. Gerken stated he has plans to contact the school. Josh Hubbell was also present and voiced his desire to have a curbside pick up service and offered to help with it.

Administrator's Report:

- Miller reminded residents not to park on snow routes. Thanked police Lieutenant Monty Ballinger for getting cars moved for the snow plow.
- The Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be in Hicksville on February 7 to conduct a tree trimming class using our downtown trees.
- A letter from the Ohio EPA was in council packets. It referenced their visit to our community on December 10, 2012.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2013 – 01 to oppose HB 5 was read by caption only for the first reading. Haver moved to suspend the rules. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2013-01 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: The following reports were passed out: The Hicksville Union Cemetery Financial Report for 2012; the January Income Tax Report; the year end Utility Collections Report; the year end EMS Collection Report; the year end Charles Schwab Report; and the Statement of Cash.

Pocratsky moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (6:25 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.) After opening the door Beverly moved to return to regular session. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver congratulated the following people: Noah Karacson for being cancer free; and Micki Gonwick for being Player of the Week. He thanked Mike Barth for purchasing mats for the utility and tax offices. Mayor Haver reminded council about the Soil & Water breakfast on February 22 at 8 a.m. The EMS covers 90 square miles and 10,000 citizens. The Rotary Pancake and Sausage dinner will be held Saturday, February 9.

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

MAYOR _____ CLERK/TREASURER_____