

Minutes of Regular Council

February 5, 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.

Haase moved to approve the January 15 minutes. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

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

Tom Fishbaugh of RCAP was present to explain the rate study council requested. The study went through 2011.

Jerry Hayes of the Defiance County Economic Development office was present to inform council that funds from the Revolving Loan are being requested. The Mayor said a committee meeting will be scheduled. Hayes would like council to act quickly as Indiana is trying to keep them there. An assistant economic development director will be chosen soon.

Water/Sewer Committee: Beverly reported the committee has decided that field tiles will not be allowed to run into the Village sewer system and it will be up to the property owners to run them someplace else.

Finance Committee: Jones did not have a report.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported the committee met on February 3. The minutes were in the packets. Mayor Haver recommended Nathan Ferrell for the cable committee. Haase moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. The 2006 4th quarter report was included in council packets along with a letter from Mediacom.

Police/Fire/EMS: The committee will meet on February 12 at 6 p.m.

Ordinance Committee: The committee will meet on February 12 at 7 p.m.

Administrator's Report: Miller informed council of the following:
He got a reply from ODOT concerning the striping on East High St. They seem willing to modify the center line.

A new street light is on order. The insurance company is going to go after the person involved.

Adkins was in and did some camera and root cutting work. The sewer on East High, running from the Wilderson school property to approximately 1000 feet needs replaced. With school construction set to begin, this needs addressed as soon as possible. He has contacted various engineering firms to get prices on their end.

The sewer along Spencerville St., from the curve to the manhole just across from Chicago Ave., needs replaced. He is planning on using this project for an Issue II application, with work to be done in 2008. He has contacted firms to get engineering prices so the winner will have sufficient time to get the application ready for submittal this fall. As for the homeowner's problem that was addressed at a previous council meeting--there was a lot of root build up in the main near his property and that could have accounted for some of his problem. Miller said "some" because if he does in fact have a check valve of some sort on that lateral, it evidently does not function properly. One issue with this line concerns a field tile running into it. It is one of the many such tiles we want to try and remove as time goes by to eliminate storm water going to the plant.

Miller has things ready to go on ordering the skid steer for the plant. The choice consists of: \$44,765.46 for a John Deere CT322 Compact Track Loader along with a utility blade and pallet forks. The sewer guys test drove both a John Deere and Bobcat brand and thought the JD best fit their purposes. This would be dedicated solely for use at the sewer plant in order to qualify for the DEFA loan. Miller would be getting the machine through State Purchasing. Council wants Miller to hold off until some further information is received from Peterson Construction.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2007-02 re-allowing well drilling within the Village limits was read by caption only for the first reading. The Water/Sewer committee is going to take a closer look at the ordinance at the Feb. 12th meeting since they didn't have much time to think about it.

Foster inquired about the status of the First Church of Christ parking lot agreement and the Hicksville Grain easement. Essex reported he has received the FCC agreement from the church and it just needs the Mayor's signature. The status is the same as two weeks ago on the Hicksville Grain easement.

Clerk's Report: Collins passed out a MTD/YTD Income Tax report for January.

Police Report: Szabo did not have a report.

Fire Department: Elwood passed out the January stats.

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

Jones moved to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (8:10-9:20) Returned to regular session.

Mayor Haver passed out the fire hall bid sheet to council members. Mayor Haver stated Worline suggested Zachrich for construction for a cost of \$518,248; Babcock for mechanical at a cost of \$78,344; and Steele Electric for electrical for a cost of \$50,703. Total cost of the project was said to be \$647,295. Jones moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to pay a \$5,058 Worline invoice for engineering work on the fire hall. It is above the signed contract price

Mayor's Report: The next council meeting will be February 19th. The Mayor will not be there. The January court report was in the council packets.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn

MAYOR

CLERK