

Minutes of Regular Council

February 20, 2006 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, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky, Tom Haase, Amy Haver, Ed Foster and Ron Beverly; Solicitor, Robert D. Aplin; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the February 6 minutes. Haase seconded. All voted yes. Aplin pointed out an error in the minutes after the vote. Foster moved to amend the minutes to show that Resolution **2006-04** was read by caption only for the second and third readings instead of Res. 2006-02 as incorrectly reflected in the minutes. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to pay the bills. Foster seconded. All voted yes. Council requested that Allied Waste be charged to Sewer Supplies/Materials instead of the Capital Projects Fund.

Bryan City Public Utilities Director, Steve Casebeer and Bryan Public Utilities worker, Lou Pendleton were present to explain the purpose of the **MICHINOH Sole Source Aquifer Group, Inc.** The group's purpose is to work together to create a partnership to protect our water source by petitioning the EPA for Sole Source Aquifer designation. One of the requirements is that the municipalities have no other feasible source of water. The petition is highly detailed and Peerless Midwest won the bid to prepare it. Besides passing a resolution of support, council was asked to consider financial support. \$8000 was suggested over two budget periods but more or less would be accepted. The deadline to have an answer from all municipalities is June 2006. The involvement of townships was discussed. They will eventually be asked to participate. The Sole Source Aquifer designation will define what an aquifer is, define a value for the area and provide information to educate when it comes to needing to know flows etc. in certain areas. It was noted the aquifer water flows from the northwest to the southeast. The group is also trying to get a 50% grant for the project. It will take up to nine months to prepare the petition. A DVD is available to watch.

Park Board: The February board minutes were passed out. They had proposed a pool rate increase which council agreed with. Ages 4-6, \$1.25; Ages 7-13, \$1.50; Ages 14 & over \$2.00; single pass \$30; family pass \$65; party \$25.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster reported a meeting was held and a new list of ideas to benefit firemen and EMT's was passed out.

Personnel: Pocratsky reported there will be a meeting within the next couple weeks.

Street/Light/Property: Haver reported the committee met on Monday, February 13 to discuss the proposed fire department building. Ruan has agreed to allow the fire department to use their building on West High Street pending its sale. There were questions about the set back on the south side of the lot. Aplin gave his opinion regarding the matter. There are questions concerning the legality of a private investor building the building and leasing it to the village. Aplin is looking into that.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:
Received two bids for the Wilderson demo: Savage Excavating at \$11,347 and Watson Construction for \$9,000. Garage to be gone by March 1 and then the house can come down; Watson Construction will be Miller's first choice. Watson is currently busy at the WWTP.

Miller filed the petition with the Village to rezone the Wilderson property to Public Use. Letters to neighbors went out Friday and the ad for the Planning Commission meeting is set to go as well. If all goes according to schedule, council will be able to give the final o.k. in mid April.

Attended a CDBG meeting last week and we will be submitting a small water project for 2007.

The recycle lot will go to the new spring hours on February 27th. The lot will be open on Mondays and Thursdays 9-1 and Saturdays 9-1. A dumpster will be placed on the lot. It is for metal and appliances only. The proceeds will go to Christmas for Kids.

Unofficially, he heard we did get the Issue II grant for the S. Main waterline project. Upon official word, he will get with Jones-Henry to continue work on it.

Getting quotes on uniform rental for the water-street-sewer-refuse depts. Our contract with Miller's is up in late March and he wants to see what we may be able to save.

Upcoming events for February and March: Bid opening for E. Smith sewer line is Feb 22nd.
Bid opening for the Escort is March 3rd.
Bid opening for the Hicks/Fountain sewer relocate is March 13th.

A letter was sent to Paul Yoder regarding water run off at a condo he is in the process of building on East Cornelia Street.

Miller will be attending a utility management meeting in Troy, OH on March 8, the Black Swamp Safety meeting on Thursday night March 2, and he will be in Columbus March 29-31 for Local Government

Officials Conference. At the same time, the Safety Expo is next door and he will try to catch some of that when not attending wild parties.

Miscellaneous: Resolution 2006-02 Drinking Water Source Protection was read by caption only for the first reading.

An Annexation Agreement requested by the Hicksville Township Trustees was presented to council. Some dates need corrected. Council will review for the next meeting.

Aplin stated he submitted the request for title work to look for easements for water/sewer lines where Hicksville Grain plans to build in the Shoe Factory Addition. We know the lines are in the ground.

Police: Chief Szabo was not present.

Fire Department: Elwood had nothing to report.

EMS: No one was present.

Haase moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (8:03 – 8:20) Returned to regular session.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver recommended Susan Gonwick, Greg Newton and Jim Siler to fill unexpired terms of park board members. Foster moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK