

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

March 07, 2011 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 Haver, Council members, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Mike Barth, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Approximately 12 visitors were present.

Jones moved to approve the February 21 regular council minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

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

Resident Donna Collins was present to ask questions about the increase in the sewer rates on her bill. Council answered her questions.

Jarod Orzolek of the Defiance County Economic Development was present to present the Land for Jobs marketing plan. He answered councils questions and offered additional services at our expense. Council did not seem in favor of spending more money than the \$10,000 annually that we already give.

Resident Dave Schooley was present to ask the Mayor and council to take a stand against Senate Bill 5 by passing some legislation. No action was taken during the meeting.

Park Board: Susan Gonwick was present but had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Pocratsky stated there were two meetings on February 28. The first meeting was at 5:30 p.m. with URS Corporation and the second meeting at 6:45 p.m. was with Robert Makeever of Makeever and Associates and Gene Rigby, President of Underground Utility Services. Each presenter was asked to quote us a price for monitoring our sewer flows for the NE section (SSO area) and the entire community. It was also noted that a company from Valparaiso IN has been in contact with the village to perform the same services. Miller is supposed to get a proposal for the same services.

Administrator's Report:

Miller did not have a report.

Water superintendent, Jessica Elson, made a February Water Supply & Treatment Report of Operations

Miscellaneous: Essex reported the following:

Essex spoke to a Mediacom representative. He wasn't sure if Mediacom counter offered \$3,00 or \$3,500 for tower rent. He needs to check his notes back at the office. Essex was given permission by council to negotiate a rate and get the agreement signed.

Resolution 2011-01 to authorize the sale of unneeded personal property by internet auction was read by caption for the second reading.

Ordinance 2011-01 which is a land incentive program was read by caption only for the second reading.

Essex reported he is unable to find a deed to a parcel of land beside the cemetery. It was previously owned by Floyd Ballinger. The Village is being billed for property taxes. Essex is going to try to get in contact with Don Brown to see if the cemetery purchased the property and has a copy of the deed. All this has transpired since 1992.

Mayor Haver inquired about the railroad easements. Essex said he just needs to get together with Kent to verify some information and then get some signatures.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins included the MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax report in the council packets.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver reported the Beautification Committee could use some volunteers. Kudos to Cody Laney for his trip to State for wrestling.

Headley made a motion to adjourn. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR

CLERK
