

Regular Council Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Diane Collins, followed by the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Present were: Mayor Diane Collins; Council members Ron Jones, Mike Barth, Shelia Baker, Ron Beverly, Mike Headley, Mick Pocratsky; Administrator Kent Miller; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; and Solicitor Troy Essex.

Ron Beverly made a motion to approve the March 22nd minutes, seconded by Mike Headley. All voted yes.

Shelia Baker questioned the line item for the internet paid by the Fire/EMS departments. Chief Cramer explained it was for the tablets being used in the fire vehicles as well as EMS reporting. Mike Headley made a motion to approve the current bills list, seconded by Ron Jones. Beverly, Jones, Headley, Baker and Pocratsky yes with Mike Barth abstaining.

Nuisance Board: March 8th meeting minutes were included in the packets. Ron Beverly asked for the minutes to be amended to include a property that was omitted.

Beautification Committee: March 14th meeting minutes were in the packets. Ron Beverly asked about work being done at Hickory Creek and if it involved any cost for the village. He was assured it did not.

Park Board: The mayor asked for specific names of any persons serving on the committee looking into construction of a Splash Pad at the park. Council is favorable to any improvements at the park and would like more details about it.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Mike Barth reported that Roberta Acosta from RCAP is finishing a letter to be sent to the Haver Drive residents outlining the upcoming work to be done on their water & sewer lines. He reminded residents that as committee chairman his door is always open for any questions or comments.

The committee will meet Thursday April 6th to rank engineering firms for the new water tower; to discuss the Haver Drive letter; and sewer wages.

Ordinance Committee: A meeting will be set up shortly to discuss bicycles downtown as well as signage.

Personnel Committee: The committee met March 31st (minutes passed out) to discuss promoting Dawn Hostetler to Senior Utility Clerk. Mike Headley made a motion to approve the promotion. Ron Jones seconded it. All voted yes. They also would like a new job created to work with all departments in basically a clerical capacity but with other duties as needed. Cheryl Smith wrote a job description and legislation will be brought to make it official.

It was also noted that the amendments to the personnel manual are fine. The committee has asked the solicitor to bring legislation to make the wording official.

Police/Fire/EMS: The committee met March 16th to discuss proposing a 2.0 mil levy on the next ballot. Ron Beverly made a motion to put forward a request with the county Auditor, seconded by Mike Barth. All voted yes.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the storm took out the cleat on the flagpole. It is being repaired and the flags will be back up.

He is still waiting on the AEP representative to get back with him about the Industrial Drive lights.

He met with WWTP Superintendent Ron Daniels as well as members of the personnel committee to interview several people interested in the WWTP position. It was recommended by the committee to rehire Jeff Rumble. He would be hired as a Grade I Laborer until he passes the Class II test. At that time, he would be promoted to Foreman. He should be able to take the test at the next opportunity. The mayor made the official recommendation for hire, pending his physical, drug screen and background check results. Mike Headley moved to accept the recommendation. Ron Jones seconded it. Beverly, Barth, Pocratsky, Jones and Headley voted yes. Baker voted no.

Thursday he will begin ranking engineering firms for the water tower construction. Phase I will include engineering reports and finding a location with Phase II covering the actual construction.

Questions were posed about changes to the general pick up as well as about recycling. The changes proposed have all been tried at different times without success. Despite the current problems handling the large amount of trash set out, as well as residents setting out items we don't pick up, it appears to be the best method at this time.

The mayor will continue to look into curbside recycling and bring more information to council when she has it.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2016-04 to create a new Assistant Clerk position and establish the pay at \$13.00 per hour was read by caption only for the first reading. Ron Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Mike Barth seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2016-04 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Ron Jones moved to approve. Mike Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Monty Ballinger reported Officer Nathan Allen has completed his probationary period successfully and he would like to promote him to Patrolman II. The mayor made the recommendation, Mike Headley made the motion to promote Officer Allen. Mike Barth seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer asked the mayor to recommend Blake Whitman to join the Fire Department. She did so, pending a good physical, drug screen and background check. Mick Pocratsky made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Mike Headley. All votes yes.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler was absent. Chief Cramer reminded everyone the EMS is holding a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on the 17th from 7 am until noon.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The Clerk submitted the MTD/YTD Cash Report and MTD/YTD Income Tax Report. It was noted that for the 3rd month in a row collections were substantially increased over last year.

A copy of a letter from Mediacom was in the packets.

Mayor's Report - The mayor reported she and several others, including Rep. Bob Latta, toured the APT Manufacturing plant. She has been down to the park with the Park Director Val Shull to catch up on what is happening there. She also attended the NOMMA Mayor's dinner.

A letter from a resident who chose not to sign their name was given out to each councilman. Ron Beverly reminded residents that the village is mandated by the EPA to eliminate CSO's (sewer overflows) not to address flooding issues.

Mike Headley moved to adjourn, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes. Council was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer