

Regular Council Meeting and Annual Joint Meeting with the Hicksville Township Trustees

May 5, 2014 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 Mark Haver, Ron Jones, Mike Headley, Ron Beverly, Mike Barth, and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

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

Pocratsky moved to approve the two bills. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor Haver called to order the Annual Joint Meeting with the Hicksville Township Trustees. Present were: Greg Collins and Zane Zeedyke. Collins reported that Zeedyke will be their representative. Mayor Haver asked if there was any other business to discuss. The answer was no. The meeting ended and council resumed their regular council meeting.

Park Board: New park board member Marlin Eicher was present but had nothing to report.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- Miller is meeting with Werlor Recycling Thursday to go over their recycling proposal. A few council members did hear comments from residents. Some didn't want their bills to go up and others wanted the service and were willing to pay extra. Resident Ken Fraley explained how things worked when he lived in Defiance.

Miller was recognized by Mayor Haver for his effort in preventing accidents and injuries in the work place with 100% achievement.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2014 - 05 to amend Section 951.01 (refuse collection) to make it consistent with other sections was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2014 – 07 regarding probationary periods for new employees was read by caption only for the first reading.

Ordinance 2014 – 08 regarding funeral leave for employees was read by caption only for the first reading.

Ordinance 2014 – 09 to vacate an alley was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2014 – 02 giving retired police chief Doug Willis his service weapon and badge was read by caption only for the third reading. Beverly moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2014 – 03 to enter into a contract for fire and emergency services with Mark Township was read by caption only for the second reading

Resolution 2014 – 04 to enter into a contract for fire and emergency services with Hicksville Township was read by caption only for the second reading

Resolution 2014 – 05 to enter into a contract for fire and emergency services with Milford Township was read by caption only for the second reading

Resolution 2014 – 06 to enter into a contract for fire and emergency services with Farmer Township was read by caption only for the second reading.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Ballinger reported that Nathan Metz has resigned from the Police Dept. effective May 1. He asked council to hire Garrett Franz as a Patrolman. Mr. Franz rose and introduced himself. Beverly voiced his trust in Chief Ballinger's decision but stated that he thought recently it was decided a committee of council would be involved in the interview process for future hires. Council members seemed to agree that had been their decision to be more involved in the hiring process and it is written in the Personnel Manual.

Mayor Haver recommended Garrett Franz to be hired as a Patrolman II pending a good physical and drug screen. He will have a six month probationary period. Headley moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

A Monthly Fire Report for the months of April and May was passed out.

EMS Chief Brad Hall asked Council to approve hiring Rebekah Ballantine as a Intermediate EMT pending a good drug screen and physical. Hall said he did a background check when questioned by a council member. Barth moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins placed the MYD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Reports in the council packets.

Mayor's Report: The April Mayor's Court Report was passed out. Mayor Haver allowed Collins to put in a good word for the Annual Plant Sale that the Hicksville Beautification Committee is holding this weekend.

Barth moved to go into executive session for possible litigation. Headley seconded. All voted yes. (6:25 p.m. – 6:35 p.m.) Headley moved to return to regular session. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to adjourn. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

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Mayor	Clerk/Treasurer