

Minutes of Regular Council

May 7, 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, Ron Jones, Ed Foster, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky, Amy Haver and Tom Haase; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; and Administrator Kent Miller.

Foster moved to approve the April 16 minutes with a couple changes. Jones reported on the Finance Committee, not Foster. Proclamations were read recognizing Pauline and Greg Zimmerman's EMT service to the community. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Foster moved to approve the bills. Pocratsky seconded. Haver, Foster, Jones, Haase & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reminded everyone of the regularly scheduled committee meeting on Saturday, May 12 at 8 a.m. in the council chambers. Upon the request of the committee, Collins sent a letter to Mediacom regarding the recent notice of a price increase and poor quality programming. A copy was put in each packet.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky reported his committee will meet following the council meeting. It was posted on the board.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met and audited the records prior to this meeting.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly said his committee will meet to discuss raising the rates. He would like Tom Fishbaugh in attendance. Fishbaugh is the person who completed our rate study.

Park Board: The minutes of their April meeting were in the council packets.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Foster reported the committee met on April 23 at 6:30 p.m. They discussed fire contracts that expire soon. They agreed to a 4% increase per year over the next three years. The committee reviewed the proposed bi-laws and found some things they wanted changed. Foster stated they are waiting for the squad chief to get the proposed changes made so they can review them again.

Administrator's Report: The County has decided to go to second shift hours for the recycle trailer during the summer months. On the following dates, all fourth Wednesdays of the month, the trailer will be on site from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. -- May 23, June 27, July 25, and August 22. Beginning in September, Wednesdays will revert to daytime hours. The first Friday of each month will remain 9:30 to 1:30. There should be an ad in the Tribune explaining this to residents.

Council was given copies of the bid results for two projects. Foster moved to hire Bontrager Construction for the tin shed work at \$8,422 Haase seconded. All voted yes. Beverly moved to give Miller the go ahead to hire Artesian of Pioneer to tear out four filters and replace the media at the Water Treatment Plant for \$47,460.00. Haase seconded. All voted yes. Essex will bring legislation to the next council meeting.

Werlor's said they could set an 8 yd dumpster at the recycle lot for cardboard only for \$45 per month. Council was agreeable to trying it for a couple months.

Bill Johnson broke his foot and has been/will be off for several weeks. Miller has decided to contract out the mowing of private yards which violate the eight inch ordinance. He plans on using employee Ken Blair for this. Blair will use his mower and gas and will do these after hours. Miller told him to wear his street uniform so anyone objecting will know who he is.

Miller wanted to know if we were going to get liability insurance quotes. Council was agreeable to stay with the Ohio Plan this year.

Strable got all the paving done around town.

Effective April 26, Jimmy Gardner is no longer street department foreman. There will not be a foreman for the time being.

Mowing at the Hostetler Park was brought up. Miller has been reluctantly mowing it so far this spring. Several council members said it was not their intention to have the Village mow the property even if the Rotary is paying \$500 for the season. It was suggested the Rotary just pay someone else.

Miscellaneous: Essex reported that he handled the transactions for the Gordon Creek Granite project. He will record the Deed tomorrow. He explained that he had to use the Meets & Bounds descriptions as the Industrial Park had never been platted, possibly due to saving taxes by having it in CAUV. Essex suggested we get the rest of the property platted so it will be ready for sale and also because the County Engineer has specific rules on how often he will allow the property split when it is not platted. Beverly moved to have the Industrial Park platted. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2007-04 to rezone part of lot number 97 of the auditor's plat of the Village of Hicksville was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2007-05 regulating golf cart use within the Village was read by caption only for the third reading. After much discussion it was decided to amend the ordinance to include seat belts and it is intended for carts that go under 15 miles per hour. Jones moved to approve the ordinance with the amendments. Pocratsky seconded. Haver, Jones, Foster, Haase & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Clerk's Report: Collins pointed out the MTD/YTD Financial Statement and Income Tax Reports in the packet.

Police: Chief Szabo was present and asked council to approve promoting Nathan Metz to a Patrolman I's position since his probationary period is up. Mayor Haver made the recommendation. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayors recommendation. Jones seconded. Beverly, Foster, Jones, Haase & Pocratsky voted yes. Haver voted no. A councilmember inquired into officer Talbott's injuries received recently.

Fire: March and April stats were passed out.

Ems: No one was present.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver read a Proclamation recognizing Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week and Public Works week May 20 – 26. Mayor Haver mentioned Mark Township has been offered a fire contract. He also mentioned there are a lot of decisions to be made regarding the water tower, water lines, Phase II of the sewer lines, and the fire dept.

Pocratsky asked residents to vote in favor of the library issue tomorrow. Mayor Haver encouraged residents to exert their right to vote. He mentioned a spring golf outing to be put on by the Community Memorial Hospital Foundation.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK