

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

May 16, 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:, Council members, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Mike Barth, Ron Beverly, Bruce Hart & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Eleven visitors were present.

Jones moved to approve the May 2 minutes. Headley seconded. Hart abstained. Headley, Beverly, Jones, Pocratsky, and Barth voted yes.

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

Chad Gray of ChaseTek completed an electricity savings review on 25 village locations. He explained how the Village of Hicksville could realize a \$6,646.38 savings over a three year period based on today's market price. The savings can vary depending on what the market price is when a contract is signed. He stated the good news is that we have the best pricing from AEP retail. We would still be getting bills from AEP as they would be a "full-swing" provider. ChaseTek would be paid by AEP over the course of the agreement. He noted we can control the cost for 70% of our bill. Gray stated ChaseTek would supply a report every ten months or so. Gray was thanked. No further discussion took place.

Cable TV: Barth explained that HIXTV held an Open House at the school as a means to attract volunteers. Four or five people showed up. The committee may be holding a contest this year for the best documentary.

Park Board: A draft of the Park Director's job duties was in the council packets.

Park Board member Brent Neidhardt asked council how he can go about requesting more funds for the pool budget. There were unexpected plumbing expenses to open the pool after it was closed for a summer. The estimated cost of repairs is \$1,000. He is supposed to give the requested increases to Collins who will then share them with the Finance Committee. It was explained that it will take legislation approved by council eventually. Jones proposed the park board bid out some of the larger projects. The next park board meeting will be May 18.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Miller showed council three logos for the water tower the HHS students designed. The current letters are 8' high and the contractor has strong reservations about making them any smaller. Water Superintendent, Jessica Elson stated she would not entertain smaller than 6' letters as that in her prior job she was given this advice by four contractors. Council decided to use the design that will wrap "Hicksville Aces" and the cards around the tower instead of putting "Aces" below the word "Hicksville" with shorter letters. The logo is predicted to add \$6 - \$8,000 to the job. Barth wished to thank the students that submitted the logo via the school.

Street & Light Committee: Beverly spoke to his committee about the sign the "Friends of the Library" requested to erect at library. She originally brought the subject up at the last council meeting. Steph Mazur was present and Beverly instructed her to go the Planning Commission and request a variance for the sign.

Nuisance Board: Minutes of the May 2 meeting were in the council packets.

Administrator's Report:

- Two bids were received for non-compliance mowing. David Miller was awarded the contract for \$18.50 per hour.
- Miller reminded residents not to mow the grass into the street.
- Mosquito spraying will take place one night a week unless conditions warrant more.
- A Monthly water report was passed out by the water superintendent

Miscellaneous:

- Essex has seen Mediacom's proposed lease and requested changes.
- Essex prepared the Summer Festival Agreement for Chamber of Commerce to execute.
- Ordinance 2011-02 to enter into a written job creation income tax credit agreement with Parker Hannifin was read by caption only for the third reading. Beverly moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Income Tax Report was passed out. Collections are up six percent compared to last year at this time.

Police Department: Chief Szabo did not have a report.

Fire Department: Chief Miller did not have a report.

EMS: Doug Miller asked council to hire Medic Tim Arnett and Basic EMT Derrick Elson for the EMS department. Mayor Haver made the recommendation pending a good physical and drug screen and the usual probationary period. Beverly moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for possible land purchase and personnel issues. Headley seconded. All voted yes. (7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) Returned to regular session. Headley moved to return to regular session. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver shared the April court report and reminded residents of the Buckeye Heritage Festival this weekend.

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

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____

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