

Minutes of Regular Council

June 1, 2009 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, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart, Ron Beverly, Ron Jones and Ed Foster; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the May 15 minutes. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to pay the bills. Jones seconded. All voted yes. There was discussion about putting cameras at the park to discourage destruction.

E & Carolyn Brown of 504 East Cornelia Street came to council stating they need to install a drainage system in their yard due to construction next door. There are no written estimates but council agreed to pay for half of the work done. Essex stated he would have an agreement for Mr. & Mrs. Brown to sign by the next council meeting.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the fire dept. has a major vehicle repair that will cause the appropriations to go over. Collins asked council to approve the expenditure in advance of legislation being passed just to make sure it is okay. Beverly moved to approve. Jones seconded. Beverly, Havaer, Foster, Pocratsky & Jones voted yes. Hart abstained.

HIXTV: Foster reported he is trying to set up a meeting with some Mediacom officials to discuss programs to replace the dropped cable programming. Foster had asked for a general rebate for everyone but was denied. Seven residents wrote to Foster that they were denied refunds when they called Mediacom. It was mentioned that perhaps a call to the Better Business Bureau would get some attention. The City of Bryan was not interested in providing Hicksville with cable service but it was noted that someone heard Sherwood is putting in their own so maybe we should call them. There will be a meeting Saturday, June 13th at 8 a.m.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Will meet after the next council meeting on June 15.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported the committee met prior to this meeting. The sidewalk ordinance will be re-written but he is giving residents advance warning that the sidewalk ordinance will be back in effect very soon and sidewalks that have previously been ignored the last couple years will be expected to be repaired. Sidewalks will be required where they have never existed. The time line will be determined by the Safe Routes to School grant.

Administrator's Report: Miller has not received any quotes for solving the Haver drive storm water problems. Foster suggested he call the contractors and give them a deadline to provide quotes to move soil at the rear and both front soils, ripping everything out.

- Miller reported that Ron Daniels passed his Class I operator exam. Foster moved to give Daniels a .50 raise as stated in the training policy. Haver seconded. All voted yes.
- Miller presented council with nine choices of trash containers for the downtown. Council told him to pick out what he wanted.
- The April IFM report was in the council packets. There was a lengthy discussion about repairs done at the WWTP and who was at fault for the problems early on. It was decided that Miller would collect the facts from the employees in writing and go from there to determine responsibility.
- Miller and Collins will provide septage receiving/revenue reports for the next meeting.
- Miller was asked if the traffic signal at the N. Main & W. Arthur Street intersection could be set to flash all the time. Miller stated he was going to have to check the warrant.

Miscellaneous:

- A representative of the State of Indiana has verbally indicated that he thinks a waiver of certain requirements for providing EMS services in Indiana will be approved. Essex is going to start calling every day until he gets a response.
- Nothing was reported on the railroad easements.
- Beverly moved to approve the Family Medical Leave Policy. Haver seconded. All voted yes.
- Foster moved to approve the EMS by-laws. Beverly seconded. Beverly, Haver, Foster, Pocratsky & Jones voted yes. Hart abstained.
- The reimbursement agreement to be signed by Wendy Goeltzenleuchter for taking a EMS training class was written by Essex and approved by council.
- School superintendent, Kevin Miller, asked if the Village could sweep the school parking lot annually for a fee. Troy did not recommend that we do that. Foster asked Essex to send a letter to the school stating the same

Miller has asked for a change in sewer tap verbage. Essex will prepare it.

Ordinance 2009-03 to further restrictions on the drilling of new water wells was read by caption only for the second reading.

Clerk’s Report: Collins presented the MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report along with a water usage and consumption report from the utility clerk.

Police Report: Chief Szabo did not have a report.

Fire Department: Chief Doug Miller did not have a report.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleuchter asked council to approve paramedic, Daniel Johnson, to the squad pending a good physical and drug screen. Mayor Haver made the recommendation. Jones moved to approve. Foster seconded. Beverly, Haver, Foster, Pocratsky & Jones voted yes. Hart abstained. Goeltzenleuchter reported that five persons from the current class are ready to take the basic registry and there will be another class in the fall.

Beverly moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel & possible litigations issues. Hart seconded. All voted yes. (8:03 p.m. ÷ 8:28 p.m.) Hart moved to return to regular session. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver shared the May Court Report, congratulated Ron Daniels on passing his Class I operator test and reminded residents about Relay for Life coming up. The next council meeting will be at 7:30

Beverly moved to adjourn. Fsoter seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR	CLERK
Larry Haver	Diane Collins