

Minutes of Regular Council

June 4, 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 Beverly, Mick Pocratsky, Amy Haver, Ron Jones and Tom Haase; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Kent Miller and Ed Foster were absent.

Haase moved to approve the May 21 minutes with the correction that Mayor Haver was not present. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills and look into discontinue mowing the properties with high weeds. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. Collins gave a brief explanation about the County Auditor's Office not enforcing payment of assessments to new property owners or even keeping a record of upcoming assessments on sheriff's auctions and foreclosures. Essex added further information. A garnishment can be done if the owner is found to be working.

Cable TV Committee: Collins announced the Saturday, June 9th meeting and noted the franchise fee report placed in the packets.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly reported that his committee met with Tom Fishbaugh prior to this meeting. They discussed rates increases. They will have a recommendation by the next council meeting.

Administrator's Report: Miller left a written report: Miller has spoken to DEFA about the WWTP and they are o.k. with the following two items. Tracked skid steer through State Purchasing is \$45,170 (that includes a plow blade and pallet forks). We will be re-doing the drying beds ourselves, and Miller would ask for DEFA money to reimburse our material costs. The cost will be around \$5-\$6,000.

DEFA wants to get the project closed out shortly. One issue which was brought to council's attention back in March is upgrading the UV channel from 2.5 to 5 mgd capabilities. Miller thinks it should be done and now is the time. Cost will be around \$32,400.

Beverly moved to have the drying beds re-worked and the UV channel upgraded with DEFA funds, not to exceed \$50,000. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. He stated materials for the drying beds should be \$10 -\$15,000

Beverly moved that we go ahead and purchase a skid loader. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

For the time being Miller will handle zoning duties. If it gets to the point where he feels it is too much to handle, he'll arrange interviews with applicants.

Council gave permission for Troy Sargent and Mike Scranton to take the Water I license test in November.

There was a meeting between Worlines, Zachrich, Bill Elwood, the Mayor, and Miller on Thursday, May 31. They discussed various issues regarding the new fire hall and some slight administrative changes will take effect from this point forward. There are two things Miller needs input on.

Miller wanted to know what Council wants for a natural barrier between the new fire hall and 119 South Main Street. He would rather get estimates than do a change order with Zachrich. Nothing was suggested.

Miller wanted suggestions on types of 42" tall guard for the retention wall. This would run through as a change order.

Collins asked Council for a motion to suspend the bidding requirements to replace a lift station on Defiance Avenue that was totaled when a driver hit it this weekend. Currently sewage is being pumped out and hauled to a nearby lift station several times a day. Jones moved to approve the request. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Financial Statement and Income Tax Reports were passed out. It was noted Will Burns is leaving Maumee Valley Planning Organization.

Police: Monty Ballinger was present. He stated golf cart inspections will begin Wednesday. The Golf cart Inspection Sheet was scrutinized and council requested some changes be made. Ballinger stated he would pass the changes on to the Chief

Fire: Monthly report was on the table.

EMS: A copy of a letter Harris intends to send to the county fair board was on the table. Pocratsky asked him to work with the Police and Fire Committee on this issue.

Mayor's Report: The monthly court report was on the table. Mayor Haver can get tickets to the Lincoln Day banquet if anyone wants them.

Referring to earlier comments to stop mowing high grass, Haase commented we just shouldn't think about the amount of expense of mowing high grass but also the neighbors.

Haase felt we should let the Relay For Life use the pool free and limit hours, if desired.

Miller sent an e-mail out listing concerns regarding bidding out fuel expenses. Haase suggested that if we bid it we should bid all services that are provided by Slattery Oil now. Essex will do research to see if we have to bid this out at all based on the amount of funds expended.

Pocratsky reported that Essex gave him insurance information for the committee to review.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK