

Minutes of Regular Council

June 5, 2006, 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, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Tom Haase, Ed Foster and Ron Beverly; Solicitor, Robert D. Aplin; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; and Administrator, Kent Miller.

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

Foster moved to pay the bills. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Shannon Villena and Susan Mack from the Hicksville Community Service Center and more specifically CAREP, were present to answer councils questions with regards to a request that the Village take over the care of the Jack Hostetler Memorial Park on Oak Street. In the past it has been cared for CAREP (Care and Respect for Each Person). They were asked to contact Rotary to see if they would make it a Rotary project. Susan agreed to do that. Shannon agreed to find out what will happen if we don't take it over. Currently \$1000 funding comes from United Way for CAREP. \$500 of that is used to maintain the park.

Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: A lot split hearing has been scheduled for June 8th.

Water/Sewer Committee: Beverly reported his committee met as an appeal board to consider a request of Amos Miller and Mike Myers for an Edgerton Street bill. The committee agreed the water was used and the money is owed. A partial payment was requested by 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Paige Hootman was present presumably to ask about her bill but quickly exited the meeting after hearing the decision of the appeal.

Beverly moved to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. Haver seconded. All voted yes. (7:20 – 8:05) Returned to regular session.

Cable TV: Foster reported there will be a meeting on June 10 at 8 am .

Sidewalk Committee: Haase has called a meeting for June 12 at 6 p.m.

Administrator's Report: Mayor Haver recommended hiring Billy Laney at \$9.31 per hour for the recycle lot pending a good physical and drug screen. He would also suggest waiving the probationary period since Billy has worked for us before through Job & Family Services and has a good work record. Foster moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor Haver recommended hiring Bill Elwood as the zoning inspector. There was some concern about a conflict of interest since he is the fire chief and on the nuisance board as such. New solicitor, Troy Essex has been asked to give a written opinion on the matter. He said it would take a couple weeks so in the meantime council decided he could be the interim zoning inspector until July 3rd. Haver moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation that Bill Elwood is the interim zoning inspector until July 3rd. Jones seconded. Pocratsky and Foster voted no. Haase, Haver, Beverly & Jones voted yes. The probationary pay will be \$11.54 per hour.

Miller recommended that Ron Beverly Jr. be taken off probation. Mayor Haver recommended the same. Pocratsky moved to approve. Haase seconded. Jones, Haver, Haase, Pocratsky & Foster voted yes. Beverly abstained.

Miller reported he has been sending weed notices out. Miller wants the council to know if complaints are received about weeds growing inside the WWTP area, as some have been, it has been declared A Natural habitat area and the tall plants can not be cut.

Mosquito spraying will begin tonight.

Tires that are found around town will be picked up and charged to the residents beginning in one week.

Beverly moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Haase seconded. All voted yes. (8:20 – 8:40) Returned to regular session.

Miscellaneous: Resolution 2006-08 hiring Mike Harris for another term was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Res. 2006-08 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2006-09 to hire a solicitor was read by caption only for the 3rd reading. Foster moved to approve. Jones seconded. Foster moved to amend the ordinance to make Troy Essex interim solicitor effective immediately. Jones seconded. All voted yes. All voted yes to the original motion.

Resolution 2006-11 to purchase health insurance for council members was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2006-04 to increase EMS rates was read for the third reading. Foster moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2006-05 (previously read as Res 2006-13) was read by caption only for the second reading.

Solicitor, Rob Aplin, thanked council for allowing him to serve them. Foster told council that next time a Focus on Hicksville occurs, he feels council should offer some type of gifts such as a discount on utility service or something. Council wasn't sure that was legal.

Clerk's Report: Collins asked council about purchasing promotional items for give away. Council was in favor of spending up to \$1000 on such items.

Police Report: No one was present.

Fire Dept. A list of firemen with longevity accomplishments was read out loud for recognition. A monthly fire report was passed out.

Foster moved to approve accepting the State Fire Marshall's \$100,000 loan that has been offered to us to build a new fire station. Jones seconded. All voted yes. The loan is interest free and pay back is over ten years.

Ems: Greg Zimmerman came to council to explain the purchase of some manikins. State grant funds were used.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver acknowledged the Defiance County Juvenile Probation departments 493 hours worked at the park plus Mick Pocratsky's hours spent overseeing the work.

Mayor Haver received two quotes for the design only to put in a retention pond at the Industrial Park. Poggemeyer Design Group bid \$4950 was for design only. Timothy Worline's bid was \$10,503. Beverly moved to hire PDG not to exceed \$4,950 plus reimbursables. Haase seconded. All voted yes. Beverly reminded council that he is still in favor of putting together some rules and regulations for drainage issues. Mayor Haver stated the hospital is putting in a retention pond also to slow the storm water flow.

Mayor Haver received quotes for preparing plans for a new fire station. Beilharz will change seven percent of the job. Timothy Worline quoted \$19,884 for engineering only. Mayor Haver felt for \$22,000 Worline would take it through the completed project. Beverly told council he would like to see the new fire station sit flush with the house next door. No council members objected.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK