

Regular Council Meeting

June 16, 2014 at 6:00 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 Mark Haver, Ron Jones, Ron Beverly, Michael Headley, and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins, and Administrator, Kent Miller. Councilmember Mike Barth was absent. There were 12 visitors present.

Headley moved to approve the June 2 regular council minutes. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills after there were a couple questions answered. (1). It was learned the Ford Explorer's transmission will not go in reverse. It has less than 100,000 miles on it and is sitting. Chief Ballinger has a new vehicle on order to replace it. (2). The monthly expense for flow monitoring should come down when the smoke testing starts. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. A second Approved Bill list was presented to council later in the meeting. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Jerry Haynes, Director of the Defiance County Economic Development office was present to update council on Haynes Transport and Logistics wanting to locate in the Industrial Park. They have applied for a Land for Jobs grant. They may also apply for the Job Creation Tax Credit. They would like to locate on Lot 4, a/k/a 606 Industrial Drive. They are affiliated with FWT but are open to other business customers. The average pay range will be \$18.26.

Mr. Dick Hutchinson, Kurt Jones & Jeff Johnson of Frontier Communications were present to update council on a system upgrade. They have expanded their service in the community and spent \$300,000 in the State of Ohio for upgrades. Customers will now be able to stream better. The network now offers residents speeds of up to 24 megabits per second (Mbps) through Frontier's Broadband Ultra and Ultimate services. Businesses have access to service of up to 40 Mbps download and up to 10 Mbps upload – a level that supports video security and the transfer of large files. Frontier also offers speeds up to 1 Gigabit through its Ethernet platform. A customer may also choose from 1, 7 or 30 days of High-Speed Internet. Mr. Hutchinson's office is located in Bowling Green OH. There is another office located in Bryan. He encouraged council to contact him if they needed any further information.

Red Angel Pizza owner John Hart was present and asked council for a dedicated parking space in front of his business in the evenings from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. This would be for 5 – 10 minute parking for 'pick-ups'. He stated when the Huber has an event the town is parked full. He brought photos of vehicles parked in various places around town. Hart is willing to pay for the sign. Headley suggested turning it over to a committee. A council member said the committee already met to discuss the matter and turned the proposal down. Beverly stated he is on that committee and it was never discussed with him. Beverly is chairman of the Street/Light & Property Committee. He stated they would set a meeting up before they leave tonight.

Resident Cory Wann was present and asked council what they found out about the speed limit on Spencerville Street between Chicago Avenue and West High Street. Police Chief Ballinger stated that the PD has been monitoring that area and have stopped some vehicles. When asked, Wann admitted that it appears that cars have slowed down.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Minutes from the June 4 meeting were in council packets. The request for a variance at 419 Ogen Street was approved.

Veteran's Committee: Minutes from the May 14, 2014 meeting were in council packets.

Park Board: Director Val Shull was present. No report was given.

Administrator's Report: Miller shared an Executive Summary/Hicksville Tree Risk Assessment sent by Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester for the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources. Stephanie Singer, Upper Maumee Watershed Coordinator with the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District sent an e-mail to Miller inviting local leaders to a Lunch Session and Afternoon Canoe Trip. She plans to unveil our 'Land to Lake' Watershed Awareness campaign and describe their plan for improvement. Mayor Haver and Councilmembers were invited to go on behalf of the Village of Hicksville. There didn't appear to be any interest.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2014 – 10 to authorize the Mayor to enter into a land incentive agreement with Haynes Enterprises was read by caption only for the first reading. Headley moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2014-10 was read by caption only for

the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2014-09 was put on the agenda prematurely and not read.

Essex needs to tweak the burial policy yet.

Police/Fire/EMS: Fire Chief Scott Cramer put May’s Monthly Report in the council packets. 13 calls were noted. Beverly asked him why firemen are responding to calls in their own vehicles. Cramer stated they are allowed to if it is a CPR run or it they missed the trucks. EMS Chief Brad Hall put May’s Monthly Activity Report in Council packets. 47 responses were noted.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins did not have a report.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver reminded residents about Relay for Life starting Friday. The Summer Fest will be August 2. There is a new Veteran’s sign at the corner of N. Bryan and West Arthur Streets. Congratulations to Damon Walters on placing 4th in hurdles in the State. Residents were reminded that they need a garage sale permit to hold a sale.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for Economic Development purposes. Headley seconded. All voted yes. (6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.) Returned to regular session. Headley moved to return to regular session. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Headley moved to adjourn. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer