Minutes of Regular Council

June 18, 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, Tom Haase and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Jones moved to approve the June 4 minutes. Haase seconded. Foster abstained. Pocratsky, Haver, Haase, Jones & Beverly voted yes.

Haase moved to approve the bills with the Zachrich bill for $143,000 withdrawn. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: Minutes from the June 7th meeting were in the packets. One of the locations referenced for a lot split was in back of 222 West High Street.

Resident Larry Schohl was present to make it known that he doesn't feel the recently passed golf cart regulations make any sense.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported there will not be a meeting in July.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly reported that his committee met prior to this meeting. He reminded the public to get in contact with Utility Clerk, Cheryl Smith, for utility billing questions. The committee proposed to council increasing water, sewer & refuse rates. Beverly felt it was important to let the public know the need for these increases and named a few. The rate increase will be enacted for five years but it can be looked at any time to make adjustments if need be. Jones moved to approve rate increases. Foster seconded. Haase, Haver, Foster, Beverly, & Jones voted yes. Pocratsky voted no. Essex will bring necessary legislation to pass.

A policy change was also recommended and agreeable to council. It will give residents a chance to take advantage of "flat billing". This is sometimes referred to as a "budget plan" with other utility companies. It will be enacted at the same time as the rate increases. Haase moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to write off three utility accounts that are in bankruptcy. The names and amounts are as follows: Tammy Sholl, $191.91; Janice E. Stephenson, $359.78; Todd A. Wulff, $99.10. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky stated his committee is looking at insurance benefits, college savings plan, etc.

Administrator's Report: Trash pick up during the July 4 holiday will be: Tuesday as usual, Wednesday people on Thursday the 5th.

Council was given copies of the bid tabulations for the Perry/Rakestraw water line This is our CDBG project for 2007. Foster moved to approve hiring Lingvai. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Foster moved to approve a change order to install a dome type fan in lieu of a prop fan for the fire hall Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Miller asked if inflatable pools require a 6' fence or not. He pointed out there are no penalties in the pool ordinance. The Ordinance committee will look at the ordinance.

Miller suggested running a 10 inch water line at the new fire hall from where the current plan has it stop at the back, around the building and set a hydrant. He feels a hydrant is needed for the back of downtown buildings. This would prevent digging up the drive later. Miller also suggested paving the driveway and rear parking areas. Council wanted to see quotes. Miller pointed out we will need to go through Zachrich to get change order estimates.

Miller would like to sit down with Zachrich/Worline and pick a nice looking design for a non-chain link fence for the retaining wall of the fire hall. He also liked the idea of vinyl for the south side of the lot but was rethinking the situation after snow removal was mentioned.

The Denan Drive lift station blew up and one of the Defiance Avenue lift stations is still down. Miller is in the process of trying to get both repaired.

Hylant Administrative Services (our claims people through the Ohio Plan) told us we will be getting our $500 deductible back from the accident which took place near First Federal this winter. The person involved is paying HAS in monthly installments and they will in turn get the funds to us.

Collins has asked the department heads to have their budgets to her by September 1. Miller asked council what big ticket items they wanted to see in the 2008 budget. Retention pond at Industrial park, Phase II of WWTP, land for water well site and the PD/EMS driveway were mentioned.

Miscellaneous: Essex explained to council that bidding fuel usually involves bulk buying & storage. He doesn't see where there would be a bidding requirement.

Foster reported that EMS squad chief, Mike Harris, has asked that a more extensive list of drugs be incorporated into an already existing ordinance. Essex will bring it back to council.

Clerk's Report: Fire & EMS payrolls were passed out to council for review. Insurance information was passed on to the personnel committee.

Police: No report was given.

Fire: Fire Chief Elwood thanked the administrator and laborers for filling in the holes at the temporary fire dept.

EMS: Mayor Haver recommended Angela Smalley to the department pending a good physical and drug screen. She is a Basic EMT. Foster moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Harris asked for more funds in his budget to make up for the unexpected expense of a new boiler. The amount was around $2,700. Council was agreeable and Collins stated she would put it in the amended appropriations.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver encouraged residents to attend the Relay For Life festivities and encouraged the public to participate in the Stevie Boon Memorial Golf Tournament.

Jones moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation. Foster seconded. All voted yes. (8:10 – 8:50) Returned to regular session.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR CLERK