

Regular Council

July 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Headley.

A Prayer was given by Mayor Headley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Present were: Council members Mick Pocratsky, Ron Beverly, Mike Barth, Mark Haver and Ron Jones; Solicitor Troy Essex; Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins; and Administrator Kent Miller. Councilmember Bruce Hart was absent. There were eight visitors present including Tom and Sandy Sholl of Oak Park Drive.

Haver moved to approve the June 15 minutes. Collins explained that the bank asked for additional wording in the Clerk/Treasurer's Report to state the following: "Diane Collins remains as Clerk/Treasurer on the accounts and everyone else are authorized signers". Beverly seconded with the addition. Pocratsky, Beverly, Barth, & Haver voted yes. Jones abstained.

Jones moved to approve the list of bills. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Planning Commission: Minutes of a public hearing held on June 25 at 5 p.m. was in council packets. The Village of Hicksville submitted an application to split parcel 1, a/k/a 801 Industrial Drive, 5 acres more or less. The request was approved.

Beautification Committee: Minutes of the June 22 meeting were in council packets.

Park Board: Board Member Jeff Wann was present representing the board. He reported the cameras were up and running. Haver asked if there was going to be a sign announcing that there are cameras present. The answer was unknown.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Barth reported the committee met with Roberta Acosta of RCAP on Thursday, June 18 at 4 p.m. to discuss rate studies, base fees, grants and surveys. Last week Barth & Miller went to visit Tippmans that own some property the village may need to acquire to take care of water issues behind Jim Schmidt's dealerships and over to the Antwerp Drive area. Tippmans were shown the engineer reports. Miller stated it relates to 2.1 acres of property. Mr. Tippman wanted to relay the information on to other family members. Beverly questioned Barth if he really thinks this is going to work. Barth stated he can only put his trust in the engineers that we pay to do the planning. Beverly feels we need a big open ditch to take the water away in a storm event. He also wondered who decided we go with a ten year plan vs. a 20, 50 or 100 year event. Tom and Sandy Sholl got in the discussion about high water in their neighborhood and where it came from and where it went. It was noted that the engineering firm is working on five different locations in town.

Miller was asked how things are going out at Haver Drive with the swale. Miller stated he is waiting on the surveys.

It was noted that a farmer's field is draining into our sewer system on Maple Lane also. Beverly made it clear that he does not want to drain farm fields and they should be disconnected from our sewers. It was pointed out that that would be an issue for our solicitor to handle.

The pond on Chicago Avenue overflowed onto Arthur Street neighbors even though there is an overflow outlet right into our sewers. Miller would like to see something done with that problem. Essex stated he will consider what we can tell the property owners to do.

Street/Light/Property Committee: Beverly asked what is happening with the decision about the culvert at the newly purchased Industrial Drive extended property. Miller replied that he is waiting for the Army Corp of Engineers to decide what is the best way to handle the water run off. Beverly made it clear that he wants to see a large Industrial Park sign incorporated in the plans since there is not space to put one at the other end. Miller will check with the engineers about such a space.

Administrator's Report: Miller wants to know what to tell Mediacom about their counter proposal for a future contract. Council does not want to lower our previous price of \$7,250 per year for five years. Miller will let Mediacom know.

Miller told council that since the commissioners actually will own the Ogen Street Waterline project through CDBG we will need to approve legislation and forward on to them. Essex reported he brought legislation with him.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2015-11 accepting the annexation of the recently acquired Industrial Drive property was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2015-11 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2015 - 12 to enter into an agreement for the Ogen Street water line replacement was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2015-12 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

A draft of a job description for a full time EMT to replace a previously written one was shared with council. Beverly moved to approve the draft of the full time EMT position. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2015 -13 setting the pay rate of a full time EMT position was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2015-13 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Barth moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2015 - 09 to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund and the Police Pension Fund was read by caption only for the first reading.

It was brought to council's attention that the park lease has expired and needs renewed. The matter was given to the park board previously without results. The lease also takes into consideration the electricity and water usage so Barth reported that the Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee discussed the matter. They suggested a \$250 increase putting the annual fee at \$1250. Essex will write the contract.

Collins informed council that some employees have asked to be paid for unused vacation. The matter was given to the personnel committee. Collins asked the committee to also take under consideration other items some department heads would like changed in the Personnel Manual. Collins asked the department heads to let the committee know what they would like changed.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Monty Ballinger reported that the Northwest Ohio Volunteer Firefighters Convention went off with very little incidence and the Relay for Life was a rough event for them with all the storms taking place.

The May and June EMS Reports were shared with council. EMS Chief Loni Kesler asked to have EMT Cody Royer removed from probationary status. Mayor Headley made the recommendation. Pocratsky moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Mayor Headley thanked the EMS Chief for putting together a job description and the reports.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report were in the council packets. Collins informed council that the income tax code is going to need to be changed quickly here at the end of the year and passed out related news articles. Collins was asked why the income tax revenue was lower. She suspects it is because the non-filer and balance due letters were not sent out as early as usual and therefore not collected. When asked how things were going in the tax office Collins replied "a little slower than normal but the summer time is a good time to catch up". Collins reported that Tax Administrator Jay Perry will be attending the Ohio Municipal League Annual Income Tax Conference later in the week.

Mayor's Report - The June Mayor's Court Report was in council packets. Mayor Headley commended everyone on the work they did during the recent floods and applauded the Relay for Life organizers. Mayor Headley heard good things about the NWOVFA Firemen's Convention.

Haver moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and more specifically hiring and firing. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (7 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.) Haver moved to return to regular session. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

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

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer