Minutes of Regular Council

July 07, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Haver.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all present. Present were: Mayor, Larry Haver; Council members, Ron Jones, Ron Beverly, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Bruce Hart and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Leesa Battershell, Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins was absent.

The Mayor presented awards to the High School students who received Superior and Excellent ratings at the State Science Day on May 10th.

Pocratsky asked to have the W/S/R committee minutes from June 16th to be corrected as sewer separation from "20 years" to "phases", not a period of time. Foster made a motion to approve the June 16 minutes as corrected.. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to pay the bills. Foster seconded. All voted yes. The W.H. Chemical check will be held until chemicals have been delivered.

Warren Schlatter was present to explain why cost had increased on the Hicksville Spencerville project since the original plan had been put together. To do "as is", with work and cost increases, we will need to come up with an additional $95,000 split between county and the village. Discussed some areas which could be cut, postponed or cancelled. Beverly made a motion to allow the county engineer to utilize our permissive tax fund money to cover our share, but to advise in advance if additional monies would also be required. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Rick Weaver of Poggemeyer Design Group explained what the contract for $4700.00 involves for the Long Term Control Plan. Weaver read it point by point and fielded questions from the council. There are still concerns over whether this is necessary or something already paid for. Weaver said if they received future separation project they would credit us and that it would not exceed $4700. Jones made a motion to continue on and pay Poggemeyer $4700. Pocratsky seconded. Jones, Hart, Pocratsky and Foster voted yes. Haver and Beverly voted no.

Wendy Goeltzenleuchter had the council look at unit 511 to discuss the advantages of a new ambulance, The bid came in without some of the options. It was decided to advertise and re-bid with all options needed. Jones made a motion to reject the bid. Foster seconded. All voted yes. Foster made a motion to re-bid. Jones seconded. Jones, Foster and Hart voted yes. Pocratsky, Haver and Beverly voted no. Mayor Haver voted yes to break the tie.

Mayor Haver recommended that Wendy Goeltzenleuchter be hired full time with wages of probationary pay starting July 1st to cover Harris's sick leave and not to exceed 3 months. Foster made a motion to hire Goeltzenleuchter and Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Park Board: No report

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Pocratsky stated a meeting was held June 23rd and discussed the Long Term Control Plan to submit to the EPA. Discussed options of helping residents and businesses with the expense of lateral lines from the home/business to the road. Confirmed that on May 19th had approval for the separate sewer project with full council. Amount of money for septage rec. rates will be left alone for now. Would like the finance committee to locate funding for the 11.8 million dollar project.
Would like future public meetings with the public to keep them informed. Foster suggested checking with Maumee Valley for grants. Miller highly recommended going to Findlay to the USDA or Columbus SCEIG Board to pitch project to the lenders & grantors. Pocratsky had concerns about the source water protection ordinance proposal which affects Zone 1 – 1000' circumference from the well head. Feels the need for a special exception for park for maintenance and refueling areas approved by council for specific number of gallons of fuel & chemicals stored at the park.

HIXTV Committee: Foster announced there will be no July meeting. The next meeting will be August 9th. A proposed questionnaire draft needs to be examined by the council with any changes brought to the next council meeting before it goes out to the public in the fall.

Finance Committee: Will meet July 21st at 6:30 to audit the books.

Sidewalk Committee: Will meet July 12th at 9:00 AM to discuss the repeal of bike laws for uptown.

Administrator's Report: Kent Miller reported the following:

- A bid from H & K Construction Services was received in the amount of $103,665 for the Bryan-Fountain waterline job. Foster made a motion to accept the bid. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

- Spencerville Street Sewer Replacement Project lowest bid was submitted by Vernon Nagel Inc. of Napoleon for $73,159.03. Mayor signed the Issue II contract that could fund approximately 45%. Council will discuss further at next meeting. Essex will bring resolution.
- Whitten Ave. sewer separation job will wait until next year.
- Meuse Argonne separation was decided to be passed on it at this time. Motion was made by Beverly to pass. Seconded by Hart. All voted yes.
- Schooley has completed his probation time and is recommended that he be removed from probation and his wage adjusted accordingly. Foster made a motion to accept. Hart seconded. All voted yes.
- Miller wanted to remind the public to please pay attention to what they flush into the sewers. The lift station on W. High was plugged up twice last week requiring several hours of work.

Miscellaneous: Essex reported the following:

- Second reading of Ordinance 2008-03 amending section 141.16 of the Codified ordinances of the Village of Hicksville, Ohio, establishing current charges for the Rescue Company service and declaring an emergency.
- 1st reading ordinance 2008-4 Vacating a portion of an alley running between Edgerton Street and High St. and finds that the vacation of the alley will not be detrimental to the general interest of the public.
- First reading of Resolution 2008-5 authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement for the purpose of participation of the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvements program for Whitten Ave. sewer line replacement in the village of Hicksville and to execute all contracts as required and declaring an emergency. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.
- Second and Third reading of Resolution 2008-5. Foster moved to accept. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk's Report: Collins had in the packets the MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report, the second quarter utility billing report, the second quarter EMS report. The EMS and Fire payroll reports.

Police Report: No report

Fire Department: Chief Elwood explained the donations for the jaws for life that will need to be appropriated to pay the bill.

EMS Department: Goelzenleuchter said a new class will be started in August for new EMT'S with 5 – 8 people interested.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver said that Ash Borer problems have reoccurred.

Foster moved to go into executive session for possible and pending litigation also personnel. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes (9:20 – 9:45) Returned to regular session.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

MAYOR CLERK