

Regular Council

July 15, 2013 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, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky, Mark Haver, Ron Jones, Mike Barth and Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. There were 13 visitors present.

Haver moved to approve the July 1 minutes. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills list including a Marathon bill added at the meeting. He wanted to make it known he is not happy about the Best Equipment bill. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor Haver presented trophies to the following retired firefighters: Bill Elwood, 36 years; Bob Sitton, 22 years; Elmer Marihugh, 33 years; Jeff Rumble, 23 years; Ron Whitman, 20 years; and Doug Miller, 21 years.

Planning Commission: A Notice of a public hearing to be held on July 25 was in council packets. Melvin Bontrager requested to re-zone Lot 6 & A pt and Lot 7 pt Shepherds & Summers Addition, a/k/a 530 & 532 North Main Street from R-2 Single Family to R-3 single family, two family, three family.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Headley reported the EMS group met and recommends hiring a full time EMT. Advertising will take place. The position is already established by Ordinance. It will be a permanent position and it is not due to a lack of EMT's. The fire chief will still be in charge of the department. M. Haver noted a new job description will be drawn up.

Ordinance Committee: Haver reported the committee met to discuss the concerns of Dave Brickel regarding smoking at the park facilities. Haver stated they would like public and council discussion. The question presented is should there be a designated area in the park for smoking or should smoking be totally banned in the park. Haver stated Brickel said he has accumulated 20 – 30 signatures.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Barth passed out a New Project Summary dated July 9, 2013 as prepared by Adam Voris. It included cost estimates and lists of projects to be completed by the Village of Hicksville to eliminate sewer overflows. Voris is willing to do the new permit application for the Long Term Control Plan for a cost between \$10,000 - \$15,000. Beverly moved to have Voris file for the permit and move right on with Phase I immediately. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Park Board: Park/Pool director Val Shull was present and reported that all is well in the park.

Administrator Report: Miller reported he is going to be out of town for a few hours tomorrow.

Miscellaneous: Resolution 2013-07 was read for the first reading by caption only. There was some discussion on the necessity of the new radio read meters. Sixty meters have been placed in the downtown area. Headley doesn't think the 200 meters should be purchased and wants to see it stopped due to money constraints in the village and the sewer projects that need done. Pocratsky, Jones & Beverly supported going forward with replacing meters.

Brickhaus I, LLC filed an application for Change of LLC Membership Interests. A copy of the application was put in the council packets. Essex reported that it is time to renew all liquor permits. No one had any objections or requested a hearing.

Jones asked Essex if there were any changes on the income tax issue. There was some question if the matter had been forgotten. M. Haver stated it is not forgotten and the Mayor and he had spoken about it before this meeting. M. Haver stated he plans to have the committee meet about the smoking issue prior to the next council meeting and since the same three people are on the ordinance committee they can deal with that issue also.

Jerry Hayes of the Defiance County Economic Development Corporation was present to ask council to approve a Hicksville Job Creation Tax Credit Incentive. A & P Tool is proposing a \$1.1 million expansion of its facility at 801 Industrial Drive in Hicksville. The company proposes to add 25 – 30 new positions to their workforce within the next 24 months. Hayes recommended a 50% tax credit for a term of ten years be enacted for A & P Tool on this project. Haver moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Hayes also stated that Ohio Jobs and Commerce is considering an extension of Industrial Drive to Route 49. Haver moved to approve the plan as proposed and legislation drawn up to that affect to follow. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

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Police/Fire/EMS:

Police Chief Doug Willis asked to hire Craig N. Doctor as a full time patrolman pending good physical and drug screen. His starting pay will be \$16.03 less .50 during his probationary period. (\$15.53). Mayor Haver made the recommendation to hire Doctor. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Willis also took the opportunity to challenge the fire dept. to compete against them in the Summer Fest 5K run in August 3.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer wrote a note to council clearing up some information about the proposed 2015 Firemen's Convention.

Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Hart stated the new grass truck is in production.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The June MTD/YTD Cash report was in the packets. Collins notified council of the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation Premium Surplus Refund; the request by the Defiance County Health Dept. to use the old EMS offices at 510 West High Street; the letter from the Community Service center requesting their presence at a meeting on July 22 to discuss the future of the organization; and that the State Auditor's are auditing 2011 and 2012 records.

Mayor's Report: The June Mayor's Court Report was in the packets. Mayor Haver reminded everyone of the Summer Fest on August 3.

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

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