

Minutes of Regular Council

July 16, 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.

Mayor Haver presented five high school students with Academic Awards for their science fair projects.

Foster moved to approve the June 2 minutes with the correction that Haase was not at the meeting and therefore did not vote on legislation as written in the minutes. It was added by the solicitor that Resolution 2007-10 will have to be changed to a first reading as there was not a majority to suspend the rules when one member voted no. Haver seconded. Haase abstained. Haver, Jones, Pocratsky, Beverly & Foster voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the bills. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer Committee: Beverly and committee reviewed a request by the school to waiver water fees during the construction period. The committee recommended we do not waive the water fees. Haase moved to go along with the committees recommendation and not waive the water fees. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

The committee also requested permission to allow utility clerk, Cheryl Smith, full control over collecting a very high bill in which the resident is willing to set up a pay agreement but it is not enough money each month. Council was agreeable.

Jones moved we pay the cost for employees to participate in the Health Fair currently taking place at the hospital. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to authorize AEP to change out all the mercury vapor lamp ballasts for lumen high pressure sodium at one time instead of waiting until each one dies. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Administrator's Report: Miller gave the following report: The general pickup is tentatively scheduled for August 28 & 29th. The nuisance board met tonight and will meet again to discuss two or three more properties. The insurance company paid for claims related to the accident with the Emergency Medical Vehicle and the Defiance Avenue lift station. Miller sent out 46 sidewalk notices and has received 26 complaints. He asked council if they really wanted him to proceed with this. Pocratsky moved to put everything on hold until the Sidewalk Committee reviewed the entire ordinance. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2007-10 was read by caption only for the second reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Haase & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no. Res. 2007-10 was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Foster seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Haase & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no. (This was corrected from last meeting.)

Ordinance 2007-09 increasing the water rates was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2007-10 increasing the sewer rates was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2007-11 increasing the refuse rates was read by caption only for the second reading.

No comments were received about the liquor permit so no hearing will be requested.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Financial Report was passed out and questions were answered. The auditor's caught that the sheriff neglected to send us a bill for the 4th quarter of 2005. It will be on the next approved bills list. Due to the fact that some downtown trees are dying due to drought conditions, the Defiance County Master Gardeners are willing to water, fertilize, prune and care for the downtown trees. Everyone agreed this would be a great help but the concern about liability surfaced. Essex suggested we ask our insurance company how we would be covered if something should happen. He offered to prepare documentation if anything was needed. Collins asked the Water/Sewer committee to review the updated Customer Information Handbook before she presents it to the entire council for approval. Some fees were increased.

Police: Nathan Metz was present but had no report.

Fire: Fire Chief Elwood was present but had no report.

EMS: No report was given.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver told council about the Jim McDoniels Memorial Golf Outing.

Haase asked what was going to keep water from running into the new fire hall. The problem has not been solved yet. Beverly suggested work be done to keep the retainer wall from eventually collapsing. Pocratsky mentioned that Dan Michaels was upset because he was recently notified that he will have to pay village taxes on him farm income. One suggestion was to avoid future problems is to specifically mention the village taxes in the written contract. Foster asked that tax administrator, Cheryl Miller suggest some guidelines for tax exemptions. Jones volunteered the finance committee look into the Michael's situation and make a recommendation.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK