

Minutes of Regular Council

July 17, 2006, 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 Jones, Amy Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Ed Foster, Tom Haase and Ron Beverly; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the July 5 minutes with the addition that "Beverly moved to approve the bills. Jones seconded. All voted yes." Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the bills. Haase seconded. All voted yes. Ten OWDA draw downs were shared with council.

Mike Myers was present to revisit a past water issue with a rental property. Water superintendent, Hal Osmun, was present and responded.

Jim Neidhardt, representing the First Church of Christ, was present to present a request to council. First Church of Christ recently purchased a small piece of property behind the church. Neidhardt asked council about using or transferring some of our property that is next to theirs for easier access/usage. He will come back to council for further discussion.

Water/Sewer Committee: Beverly reported a committee meeting prior to this meeting. Beverly asked council to allow Cheryl Smith to write off uncollectible EMS & Utility bills. It is the same list that was presented several weeks ago. Jones moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes. The committee also discussed options for Phase II. A Long Term Control Plan has been requested by the EPA.

Cable TV: Foster reported there was a meeting July 8 at 8 am. Minutes are in the packets. The next meeting will be August 12 at 8 a.m. HIXTV will have a fair booth.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster said the committee met tonight. No decisions were made.

Administrator's Report: Miller pointed out some problems with tree planting in town. Mayor Haver asked the Ordinance committee to look into the matter.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for possible litigation. Jones seconded. All voted yes. (7:35 p.m. – 7:48 p.m.) Returned to regular session.

Miscellaneous: Essex explained the choices available to get council members into our group insurance program. No further comments were made.

The dog leash law was brought up at the last meeting. Essex stated he looked at the law. It is very detailed. Situations need to be reported. Corrective action will be addressed as penalty issues are included in the ordinance.

Ordinance 2006-06 to pay EMT's hourly pay for on-call time was read by caption only for the second reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. No second was made.

Ordinance 2006-07 authorizing the administrator to enter into a contract for South Main Street water line replacement. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Ord. 2006-07 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2006-08 authorizing longevity pay for part time employees was read by caption only for the first reading.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Financial Statement was passed out along with conference information that council members may attend.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Dept: No report was given.

EMS: No one was present.

Mayor's Report: A June court report was passed out. Mayor Haver pointed out to everyone that Crook Miller re-opened today after being closed for some time. There will be a meeting at the elementary school Tues. evening, the County Commissioners want to explain a couple options for the county courthouse and want public input. Mayor Haver passed out information on JEDD (Joint Economic Development District). If Hicksville Council agrees to it, we need to get together with other townships.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK