

Regular Council

July 20, 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, Ron Jones and Bruce Hart; Solicitor Troy Essex; Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins; and Administrator Kent Miller.

Hart moved to approve the July 6 minutes. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to approve the list of bills. Beverly seconded. Pocratsky, Haver, Beverly, Jones & Hart voted yes. Barth abstained.

Cody Sanders was present and asked council to consider putting a splash pad in at the park. Mayor Headley recommended he get a cost projection and take the numbers to the park board to get the idea considered.

Park Board: Minutes of the June and July meetings were in the council packets.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met and went over a large number of items in the employee handbook. Pocratsky asked for the solicitor's opinion regarding some of the matters brought up. Meeting minutes were passed out.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly would like the committee to set up a date for a meeting in the near future.

Several Oak Park residents were present for the meeting. They inquired about the status of the water problems in their area. They were sent letters notifying them of the Friday meeting with EMH&T.

Administrator's Report:

- Miller gave an update on Industrial Drive. On August 12 there will be a bid opening. The roadway completion date is set at November 1, 2015.
- ODOT is planning to pave through town this coming Thursday and Friday.
- Gerken Paving is going to start paving four streets in town.
- The surveyor is going to come and place stakes at the rear of Haver Drive
- EMH&T is coming to Hicksville for a meeting on Friday, July 24 at 11 am
- Miller will be out of town most of the day tomorrow.
- Miller wanted to know how to do the next General Pickup since several people wanted to consider a change. It was decided to leave it the same as it has been for several years.
- Miller asked the solicitor if he has any more information telling us what we can do about the flooding caused by the privately owned pond between Chicago Avenue and Arthur Street. Essex stated he will send an e-mail around when he gets any information.
- The Hickory Creek sewer project is going well.

Miscellaneous:

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 second reading.

Resolution 2015-14 to assess street light millage was read by caption only for the first reading.

Essex stated he generated an agreement with the park. Barth will pass it on to the school board. We are asking the school to pay us \$1,250 annually for five years to cover utilities and other related expenses the school incurs.

We are waiting to hear from Mediacom. That contract expires in November.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Monty Ballinger was present but did not have a report.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer was present and informed council that the Association recently purchased an old bus which they plan to turn into an equipment truck and it will replace the van they are currently using. He thinks he has a potential buyer for 501.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler asked to hire Cody Royer as a full time EMT. He is currently on the squad. Mayor Headley recommended we hire Cody Royer. Barth moved to approve the

Mayor’s recommendation. Pocratsky seconded. Beverly, Barth, Pocratsky, Haver & Jones voted yes. Hart abstained.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: The Quarterly Utility Billing and Pumping report was shared with council. Collins reminded Essex that she has the proposed tax code changes for him. Essex stated she already sent the information to him and he has started reviewing it. Information was passed out about a new invasive species called the Asian Longhorn Beetle. Residents are asked to watch for them on trees.

Collins asked that Utility Clerk Dawn Hostetler be taken off probation. Haver moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor’s Report - Shelia Baker was welcomed to the meeting. She will be coming on council in January as she is unopposed in the fall election at this time.

Mayor Headley thanked Linda Foster, the Beatification Committee, Rotary, the HHS football team and the private individuals that brought equipment to get the bushes pulled out around the park pavilion so we can improve the appearance of the area.

Beverly asked the Mayor what was happening with the Nuisance Committee. Mayor Headley state that letters are being sent to property owners.

WANE TV has been removed from Mediacom’s cable line up according to a letter sent to Mayor Headley and shared with council.

Beverly moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer

