

## Regular Council

August 3, 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; and Administrator Kent Miller. Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins was absent. There were four visitors.

Mark Haver moved to approve the July 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. Ron Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Mick Pocratsky moved to approve the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Council minutes. Bruce Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Ron Beverly moved to approve the list of bills. Mike Barth seconded. All voted yes.

**Park Board:** No one was present.

**Personnel Committee:** Mick Pocratsky reported the committee met July 14<sup>th</sup> and have some issues they asked the solicitor's advice on. They will meet again shortly and bring the answers to full council.

**Sidewalk Committee:** Bruce Hart reported the committee has received 2 personal requests. The first is to put a handicapped parking space on the corner in front of The Guilford building. The committee decided it was not necessary. The second was from a homeowner in the W High/Chicago Ave area who asked the village who should extend their sidewalk. The committee said it was up to the property owner to add to their sidewalk.

### **Administrator's Report:**

The Hickory Creek sewer Project had two change orders totaling a \$1871.00 credit. The original contract price of \$59,565.00 is now \$57,694.00. Mark Haver made a motion to accept the change order, Mick Pocratsky seconded it. All votes yes.

Adam Vorhis has asked how council wishes him to use his resources on Phase 1. (Phase 1 includes Antwerp Dr; Pearl, Ogen & Columbia Streets; the downtown separation; Westwood area and Haver Drive). Mr. Vorhis will be at council September 8<sup>th</sup> to report and answer questions. Council is in general agreement to begin with Antwerp Dr. / Pearl-Columbia St. area and then work towards Haver Drive. They don't want any area put on "the back burner" - just that the work is completed in the most timely and efficient manner. Haver Drive in Phase 1 is the even numbered side. The swale behind Haver Drive is being completed by the Village.

Phase I engineering, originally \$518,000.00 has had \$82,000.00 paid up to June 30<sup>th</sup>. A change order may be coming due to projects and scope of work added by council.

Miller asked council to decide if they wanted the Haver Drive water line replaced at the same time the sewer line is being done. Ron Beverly made a motion to approve doing both projects at the same time. Mike Barth seconded. All voted yes.

He also asked for a decision whether to put in sidewalks along Haver Drive or not. This was sent to the Sidewalk Committee for an answer at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The downtown area will probably be shut down all day when striping begins. Miller asked council to decide whether to keep the 45 degree angle parking as it is or change to a 30 degree angle. He is not in favor of the change. Ron Beverly made a motion to change to 30 degree parking; Bruce Hart seconded. All voted yes except Mark Haver who voted no, citing the loss of parking spaces.

Finally, Miller asked council how he should remedy the signage problem that will be caused by the change in the parking angle. This was also referred to the Sidewalk Committee for resolution by the next council meeting.

The long term control plan is nearly ready for public notice. Due to delays on the EPA's end, dates and cost estimates need changed prior to public notice.

**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 third reading. Ron Jones moved to accept the ordinance as read. Mick Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-10 Authorizing the Advertising for Bids for the Sale of a 1997 Ford F450 KME Mini Rescue Truck Owned by the Village of Hicksville in Conformity with Ohio Revised Code 721.15 and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Mike Barth seconded. 5 votes yes with Bruce Hart abstaining. Ordinance 2015-10 was read by caption only for a second and third time. Ron Jones moved to approve. Ron Beverly seconded. 5 votes yes with Bruce Hart abstaining.

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

Mike Barth reported he has discussed the Park Agreement with Homer Hendricks at the school. There should be a resolution by the next council meeting.

Mike Barth spoke with Mike Dickerson about the new Mediacom contract. It has been accepted and should be paid shortly.

**Police/Fire/EMS:** Police Chief Ballinger was present but no report. Fire Chief Cramer was present and reported the Summerfest Breakfast made about \$1,000.00. EMS Chief Kesler asked council to specify “on call” pay as it concerns the 2 full time EMS employees who run “on call”. The matter was given to the solicitor Troy Essex for an answer. He said the Ordinance in place covering the \$1.00 an hour pay for “on call” time is sufficient to include both full time employees. He agreed with Chief Kesler that she should have received the “on call” pay since taking office. As far as any pay for a run that occurs while “on call”, he is in discussions with other entities and hopes to have an answer soon. Ron Beverly made a motion to pay back pay to the effective date of the Ordinance in effect, Mick Pocratsky seconded. 5 voted yes with Bruce Hart abstaining.

**Clerk/Treasurer’s Report:** Cheryl Smith brought the MTD/YTD Cash Report and the MTD/YTD Income Tax Report to council. She also passed out questionnaires about possibly upgrading the current website. There was also a letter enclosed from Deputy Gary Plotts Jr. from the Defiance County Sheriff’s Department. He thanked everyone who made the 1<sup>st</sup> annual D.A.R.E. Program held in July a success. There were 43 kids from grades 3 to 11 attending.

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Headley complimented the organizers of the Summerfest held August 1<sup>st</sup>. He also thanked the village employees who have been diligently working on catch basins and other roadwork. He would like to compliment the citizens for their patience during the time the streets are being paved. He noted there will be a Teen Dance held at the Fire Hall August 11<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Hicksville Rescue Squad.

Mark Haver moved to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Bruce Hart seconded. All voted yes.

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