

Regular Council

August 5, 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, Mike Barth and Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Ron Jones was absent. There were 11 visitors present.

Haver moved to approve the July 15 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Pocratsky moved to approve two bills list. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor Haver changed the order of the agenda to discuss the future of the Hicksville Community Service Center. Boardmembers, Susie Guilford and Susan Wiley were present to explain that United Way funding to the Hicksville Community Service Center (HCSC) has been greatly reduced and will be stopped altogether. The current location is also not large enough for some of the non-profits to meet with clients any more. This will make it necessary for the HCSC to either close its doors or move to a new location. Mayor Haver asked council to consider allowing the HCSC to move to 510 West High Street which is the location the EMS offices were at until they moved back to 111 South Main Street. The free clinic, WIC, health dept., NOCAC, blood mobile and various other non-profits are organized out the HCSC office. Beverly voiced his support. Mark Haver voiced concerns about liability to the solicitor. Essex stated we will need to speak to Conrad Beck to make sure we are protected.

Planning Commission: Minutes from the July 25 meeting for a re-zoning request were in the 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. A hearing before council will be scheduled. The last time Mr. Bontrager requested re-zoning there were concerns about water run off that will be dumped into the sewer. The same concern still exists. Beverly asked if we were going to ignore our own ordinance and if so, we should get it changed. It was noted that our ordinance has been ignored in other instances concerning water run off.

Ordinance Committee: Haver reported the committee met before this meeting. The meeting concerned smoking in the park. It was the opinion of the committee that there should be a designated smoking area at the small open pavilion at the corner North Bryan Street extended and the drive way to the water tower. Collins is supposed to find out what other communities have for fines & penalties.

- **Water/Sewer/Refuse:** Barth is having Adam Voris come to the September 3 council meeting to present the Long Term Control Plan that he wrote and also the proposed changes to the sewer permit. Barth said he spoke to Jason Roerhig of Soil & Water about removing log jams that are restricting the flow in the creek outside of town. We are still on the list under "ditch maintenance".

Park Board: Minutes from the July meeting were in council packets. Susan Mazur was present and commended Val and Gary Shull on the great job they have done at the pool this year.

Administrator Report: Miller did not have a report.

Miscellaneous: Resolution 2013-07 was read for the second reading by caption only.

Resolution 2013-08 authorizing the administrator to apply for OWPC funds was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2013-08 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Beverly moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2013-09 to assess street light millage was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2013 – 10 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission was read by caption only for the first reading.

Ordinance 2013-06 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading.

- **Police/Fire/EMS:**

Fire Chief Scott Cramer asked council to re-hire Spencer Stotler as a fireman pending good physical and drug screen. He is a Firefighter I. Mayor Haver recommended Stotler. Headley moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Police Chief Doug Willis asked council to hire two part-time officers. Mayor Haver recommend Terry Ayers and Steve Schohl pending good physical and drug screen. Collins asked if there is a job description and limit to the number of hours they will be allowed to work. Willis said there is a job description for a part-time patrolman and there is not a limit put on the hours they work. Headley moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The July MTD/YTD Cash and Income Tax Reports were in the packets. Cheryl Smith asked to have the Utility Account Policy amended to reflect the change in office hours. Saturday mornings were dropped. Beverly moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor's Report: The July Mayor's Court Report was in the packets.

WIC representatives are coming to check out 510 West High Street Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. if anyone wants to come.

Mayor Haver asked council to think about how they feel about the property at the corner of North Main and West Arthur. Details were discussed prior to the council meeting according to Mayor Haver.

Resident, Larry Tomlinson was present and thanked council for the work they put towards finally having a nice lot for the proposed war memorial.

Beverly moved to adjourn. Healey seconded. All voted yes.

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Mayor	Clerk/Treasurer