

Minutes of Regular Council

August 6, 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, Amy Haver, Ron Jones, Tom Haase and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Councilmember Mick Pocratsky was absent.

Foster moved to approve the July 16 minutes. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve four batches of bills and a second Steele Electric bill for \$17261.75. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Cable TV Committee: Foster mentioned the committee will meet August 11 at 8 am. The Toledo station is moving to channel 7 and the programming on channel I7 is moving up to 61

Sidewalk Committee: Haase reported the committee will meet August 13th at 6:30.

Water/Sewer Committee: Beverly noted the committee needed to review the consumer handbook that Collins asked them to approve before giving it to the entire council.

Administrator's Report: Miller gave the following report:

Miller mentioned the Nuisance Board needs to meet in the next couple weeks. A company approached Miller about putting up a tower in Hicksville. It was not clear if it is in Hicksville or the Hicksville area. Foster questioned the zoning laws. Miller will get more information as to a location.

Foster moved to approve a change order of L.R. Babcock's to increase the size of the hot and cold water lines. The total cost is \$448. Haase moved to approve. All voted yes.

To pave or use concrete behind the fire hall was discussed. Zachrich Leasing gave written estimates for both ways. The pros and cons were discussed. Concrete is cheaper but council wants assurances the paving will meet the concrete specifications if they choose paving. Miller will get more details. On the same written estimate, Zachrich Leasing offered to install a 8" water line and hydrant to the back lot of the new fire hall for \$17,689. Foster moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

We received a mandate from the state to change the fire doors. The cost is \$1,173.70 Beverly moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve \$2,307.77 to change the window to the radio room. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Council liked the looks of a 42" high aluminum railing to a chain link fence.

Beverly moved to authorize a step enclosure on the stairs leading to the mezzanine for a cost of \$766. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

An alternative sidewalk approach with an additional 28' of retaining wall was discussed between Beverly and job foreman, Baird Slow. Beverly stated he did not agree with Slow's suggestion to transition the sidewalk down to street elevation. Everyone went outside to look at the problem. After returning to council chambers Miller was asked to get Worline to the next council meeting to explain some sort of plan.

Bid opening for the East High Street sewer replacement resulted in Poggemeyer Design Group recommending H & K Construction for the project. Their bid was \$61,950.75. Essex brought legislation. Council would like Essex to gather more information on the legalities of accepting bids other than the lowest bidder.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2007-09 increasing the water rates was read by caption only for the third reading. Haase stated he has received a lot of phone calls from mainly elderly on fixed incomes who cannot afford a rate increase. He feels sewer bills should not be tied to the water usage. He praised Hicksville's industry base but feels we need to do something to keep the residents here. Foster feels we need to inform the residents why the rates need to go up. Foster moved to table until the next meeting to give residents a chance to come to a meeting, Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2007-10 increasing the sewer rates was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to table until the next meeting. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2007-11 increasing the refuse rates was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2007-11 to enter into a contract with H & K Construction was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haase seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-11 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2007-12 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading. Collins explained the proposed changes.

Clerk's Report: The MTD/YTD Financial Report and Income Tax report was passed out. A utility consumption/billing report was reviewed and discussed. Council really liked the report. Cheryl Miller shared some written comments on the income tax seminar that she and Leesa Battershell attended.

Police: Chief Szabo reported to the residents that the storm siren failed its test last week and is not working. Miller has called Arend Enterprises to look at it.

Fire: Chief Elwood passed out monthly stats.

EMS: Chief Harris informed council there are EMT classes starting at the end of August.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver reminded council members that the NIMS information is in front of them. He reminded everyone of the McDoniels golf outing.

Council was given the July Court report in their packet.

Beverly moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Haase seconded. All voted yes. (8:40 – 8:53) Returned to regular session.

Beverly voiced a complaint about an officer putting a halt to a cruise-in burn-out event. Chief Szabo responded that she takes full responsibility and it was a safety issue. Mayor Haver turned the matter over to the Police and Fire Committee to settle.

Foster told Beverly to have his S/W Committee continue working on legislation to handle water run-off in the community. Miller received bids to do this from two firms some time ago but council did not follow through.

It was also suggested that if the fire department could go back to filling pools there would be some relief of high water costs and people would be happier.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK