

Minutes of Regular Council

August 7, 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, Ed Foster, Tom Haase and Ron Beverly; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Collins. Ron Jones, Amy Haver, and Mick Pocratsky were absent.

The bills and minutes could not be approved but Foster pointed out errors in the July 5 minutes. “Haase seconded the July 5 minutes. The part about Pocratsky seconding and all voting yes should be removed. The Mayors report at the end was also repeated and needs removed. “

Resident Bill Zimmerman was present to ask council if something could be done to allow him to drive his golf cart to the fair grounds to use it to transport the elderly around the fair grounds etc. He doesn’t want the police to have to turn their heads when they see him. He also realizes there is a problem with children riding golf carts around town for the fun of it. Beverly pointed out the State Patrol office has the requirements to ride on the roadway. Essex told council he will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Jim Neidhardt, representing the First Church of Christ, was present to see if council has made a decision regarding a previous request to use or transfer some property belonging to the Village. Essex explained that he has researched the matter and it would be very difficult, by law, to transfer or give the property away. Beverly said his committee will meet and make a recommendation to council.

Street/Light/Property: Beverly said his committee met July 31 to consider the First Church of Christ parking matter. The committee will meet again to make a recommendation to council.

Beverly & Foster were questioning the striping and new driveway entrance across from village hall. Previously council authorized Grace United Methodist Church to move the South Main Street entrance. That has been done and now the striping and handicap parking space will need re-done.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly did not have a report.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported there will be a meeting August 12 at 8 am. Joe Poffenburger from Mediacom will be there so if anyone has any questions or comments they should let someone know so they can be addressed at the Saturday a.m. meeting. The quarterly report was in the council packet.

Sidewalk Committee: Haase asked where we stand with installing sidewalks on three properties the committee recommended. Miller stated he passed out cement costs a few meetings ago.

Ordinance Committee: Haase said the committee needs to meet to discuss the “Tree Commission”.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster has set up a meeting for August 21 at 6 p.m.

Administrator’s Report: Miller did not have a report.

Mayor Haver pointed out the MTD/YTD Financial Statement, Income Tax report, EMS Report and School Breakfast information.

Police Report: Chief Szabo informed council of Steve Schohl’s resignation effective August 13th. She would like to keep him as an auxiliary officer. She would also like to meet with the police and fire committee to discuss finding a replacement.

Fire Dept: Chief Elwood passed out the July report.

EMS: A letter from squad chief, Greg Zimmerman, was passed out. He listed reasons for approving on-call pay for EMT’s. EMT, Mike Harris, was present to ask council to approve hiring Travis Hefflefinger but council could not vote on it tonight. This will put us up to 14 EMT’s.

Mayor’s Report: A July court report was passed out. The electric line will be run at the Industrial Park as soon as the crops are taken off. Josh Bard, of Verizon Telecommunications will be at the next council meeting. The WWTP may possibly be “fired up” in November but not expected to be on line for 30 days after that. Resident, Lola Myers, commended the street department for being so prompt at picking up her yard waste. Plans for the fire hall can be put out for bid at this time.

Haase spoke about water billing and encouraged residents to contact the utility clerk to get clarification on any concerns they may have about usage or billing.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK