

Minutes of Regular Council

August 21, 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, Mick Pocratsky, Amy Haver, Ron Jones, Tom Haase and Ron Beverly; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Collins.

Haase moved to approve the July 17 minutes. Foster seconded. All voted yes.
Beverly moved to approve the August 7 minutes with corrections for the July 17 minutes. Haase seconded.
Haase, Beverly & Foster voted yes. Haver, Jones & Pocratsky abstained.

Foster asked Collins to check the departments charged for the Sensus Meter invoice and then moved to approve the August 7 & August 21 approved bills list. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Josh Bard of Verizon Telecommunications was on the agenda but rescheduled for September 5 due to illness.

Street/Light/Property: Haver moved to go into executive session to discuss property acquisition. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (7:08 – 7:45) Returned to regular session.

Jim Neidhardt of the First Church of Christ was present to follow up on the church's request to use some of the Village's parking lot behind their church. Council mentioned the terms of the agreement that would be drawn up by the solicitor. Mr. Neidhardt seemed satisfied. Essex will begin preparing the agreement.

The committee scheduled a meeting for August 28th

Park Board: August minutes were passed out to council.

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

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported there was a meeting August 12 at 8 am. Joe Poffenburger from Mediacom was there. Foster felt it was a very good meeting.

Sidewalk Committee: Haase did not have a report.

Ordinance Committee: Haase lined up a meeting for September 5 at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Haver read correspondence from another community involving golf carts. He turned the golf cart matter over to the committee.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster and committee met tonight prior to this meeting. Police Chief Szabo asked to advertise for a patrolman to replace Steve Schohl who resigned. The committee recommended we fill that slot. Haase moved to fill the vacated position. Jones seconded. Haase, Jones, Pocratsky & Foster voted yes. Beverly & Haver voted no.

Administrator's Report: Miller's reported the following:
There were no takers on the used street sweeper. Options are scrapping it or putting it on an auction at some point. Beverly mentioned he is having a heavy equipment auction at the fair grounds in January. There seemed to be some interest in putting the old street sweeper in the auction.

The South Main waterline project should be starting around the week of September 11.

Miller ordered supplies in preparation for the possible bird flu situation.

The fellow doing our rate study is hoping to get something concrete to us in the near future. Miller added that Mr. Fishbaugh has been very impressed with the information he has received from Cheryl Smith and that has made the job easier after the false start of last year.

Miller would like to see the ordinance and/or sidewalk committee get the Tree Commission back in action so they can go around and see what trees are going to be posing a problem and recommend removal or whatever. Rain gardening information was passed out for council's consideration and Miller suggested this could possibly be included in the legislation if council is interested.

Beverly asked council if himself or the Mayor could find someone that would give an estimate to make a set of rules to regulate how water run off should be handled. Most council members seemed agreeable.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2006-06 establishing hourly on call pay for EMT's was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. Haver, Haase, Jones, Foster & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Ordinance 2006-08 to add longevity pay for part time employees was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2006-15 assessing street light millage was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Foster seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2006-15 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2006-16 accepting amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2006-16 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the undivided local government fund and local governmental revenue assistance fund monies as apportioned by the budget commission. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Collins informed council that since they are now allowed in our health insurance program, each must fill out a section of the Claim Disclosure Statement whether they are going to take the insurance or not. Collins will contact them.

Police Report: Chief Szabo asked that Steve Schohl be approved as an auxiliary officer. Mayor Haver made the recommendation. Foster moved to approve. Haase seconded. Beverly & Haver voted no. Foster, Jones, Pocratsky & Haase voted yes.

Fire Dept: Chief Elwood did not have a report.

EMS: Mike Harris was present to ask council to approve hiring Travis Hefflefinger as an EMT. Mayor Haver recommended we hire Travis pending a good physical and drug screen. Pocratsky moved to approve. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver reminded council members of the teachers breakfast and the Chamber golf outing,

On August 25th there is going to be a meeting about the fire hall. Mayor Haver stated the building could begin right away. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 5th due to the holiday on Monday.

Haase complimented Cheryl Smith on the information given for the Crescent News story relating to the water bills. He stated she communicated very well the issues people are having. He would like to know how much it would cost to recalibrate meters to read in the hundreds instead of the thousands of gallons used.

Pocratsky stated a resident asked that trees be planted at the WWTP to hide the view.

Beverly commented that someone needs to watch the clean up that is being done at the Cook property on South Main Street.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK