

Minutes of Special Council

September 3, 2007, at 7 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 Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Councilmember, Ed Foster was absent.

moved to approve the August 20 minutes. seconded.

Moved to approve the August 27 minutes. Seconded.

moved to approve the bills. seconded. All voted yes.

Personnel: Pocratsky thought he may have something to report after an executive session.

Sidewalk Committee: Haase reported the committee met August 13th. They looked at the current ordinance and the direction they want to go. There was no resolution.

Finance Committee: Jones asked council to write off a list of income tax names at The Income Tax Administrator's request. They are old and the amounts are incorrect as a result of a computer conversion a few years ago. Jones moved to approve. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Utility Clerk, Cheryl Smith presented the utility rates in surrounding communities as a comparison to ours and answered questions that anyone had.

Administrator's Report: Miller gave the following report:

- Miller will be seeking compensation from the company whose driver wiped out service to our traffic light on 22 August
- Over the next few years there are several sewer line projects which need to be done. He is planning on separation as part of the project on several; in particular are the Whitten, E. Cornelia (from Bunnell to Columbus), and Meuse Argonne areas. These would all have access to the storm line running in the immediate area. One very major expense is going to be W. High Street's main. It needs increased in size from roughly the Wholesale House area to the Catholic Church area. With that project, a pump station in Sholl Terrace may alleviate some of their problem by pumping into the new W. High line. The Haver Drive area needs some work as well. Projected time line for these is as follows: 2008: Whitten (along with the Spencerville line), 2009: E. Cornelia and Haver, 2010: W. High/Sholl Terrace.
- General pickup collected a bit over 71 tons of trash in two days.
- Werlors did the lot grinding on the 28th.
- The E. High sewer should be getting started in early September as we held a pre-construction meeting on the 29th.
- Miller asked council to reconsider septage receiving costs. At ten cents per gallon we have had three loads brought in for a total of \$449. One company is paying Grover Hill almost \$5,000 a month. Folks are driving to other spots to dump even with higher gasoline prices. He suggested the five to seven cent range. The Health Dept banned land application with the idea of us providing a dump spot.

Miscellaneous:

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

Ordinance 2007-14 establishing current EMS charges was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2007-12 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission was read for the first reading by caption only. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2007-12 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haase moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk's Report: Collins

Police: Chief Szabo did not have a report.

Fire: Chief Elwood

EMS: No report was given.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK