

Regular Council Meeting

September 15, 2014 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, Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Michael Headley and Mark Haver; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Collins

Jones moved to approve the September 2 regular council minutes. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the September 10 Special Council Meeting minutes with a correction.

He stated that he said "as far as he could find it's legal..." Jones seconded. All voted yes.

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

Board of Zoning Appeals: Minutes from the September 11 meeting were in the council packets. The Huber Opera House had submitted a request for a sidewalk variance. The request was denied.

Kenny Rodocker and Carolyn Gallup were present to represent the "Friends of the Huber". It was noted that our present legislation does not allow anything but cement sidewalks. The sidewalk ordinance is not part of the zoning ordinance and therefore the Board of Zoning Appeals has no authority to consider a variance for a sidewalk.

Veteran's Memorial Committee: Minutes of the July 23, 2014 meeting were placed in council packets.

Finance Committee: A meeting has been set up for October 6 at 5:15 p.m. to audit the books and discuss possible raises.

Sidewalk Committee: A meeting was set up for Monday, September 22 at 4:45 p.m.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Barth brought to council's attention a September 15 e-mail between himself and Roberta Acosta from RCAP. She send him an updated budget sheet and funding scenarios for the Village sewer projects. Roberta recommends a 3 – 3.5% inflationary increase to try to stay ahead of current expenses. She stated we have applied for OPWC funds and re-nominated our project for the WPCLF program. She requested a \$500,000 0-interest loan from OPWC and built that into funding scenarios when estimating our debt payment. If we are willing to do income surveys we could apply for a CDBG grant which would make an additional \$500,000 in construction funding available. Roberta offered to coordinate the income survey for us. Beverly made it clear he wants to get started with something as does Pocratsky. The Antwerp Drive area was suggested by Beverly as one we could get started on. Beverly made a motion to have Barth call Adam to give us an estimate to draw up plans for this project. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- General pick up is scheduled for September 16 and 17
- We have had Adkins in doing root cutting and video work which our units can't get to. We have at least three digs to get scheduled after Adkins only being here two days. The first dig is scheduled for Thursday the 18th at the intersection of S. Bryan and W. Edgerton. The other dig schedules are still unknown at the moment. This serves as a good reminder that regardless of what we do long term for CSO's and flooding, our existing sewer infrastructure is in bad condition.
- Bid results for the sale of the 1999 Crown Vic were in council packets.
- Miller reported that 15 minute parking signs will go up next week for certain businesses. Miller stated one will be between Palace Pizza/Golden China, Brickhaus/Pharmacy, and Red Angel Pizza/Jodees. Miller suggested that council check where he has placed "x's" on the sidewalk to see if they are agreeable.

Miscellaneous:

The Indigent Burial Policy was on the agenda. Essex stated he has made some changes to the original policy. Beverly asked him to hold up as he had contact with Karen (Karen Smith of Smith and Brown Funeral Home). Karen has gathered a lot of information regarding cost. Essex recommended a committee look at this. The ordinance committee will meet October 22 at 5:15 p.m. Essex offered to give people a copy of the most recent version of the policy that he has drafted. They can meet with Karen, review the information she has and hopefully put that issue to rest. Karen was present and said she wants to see this done so she doesn't have to be scrambling at the last minute in the future.

V.S. Beck placed a quote in the council packets for comprehensive insurance coverage and risk management services. He offered some options for consideration. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2014 –18 to authorize the Huber Opera House and Civic Center to use decorative bricks as materials in the sidewalk in front of the building was read for the first reading by caption only. Headley moved to suspend the rules. Beverly stated he is not against the Huber in any way and is not against anyone that has done anything up there. He was visibly upset that this project is being handled in this manner stating other residents had been ordered in the past to remove perfectly good brick walkways and told they had to be replaced with cement. Headley, Jones, Haver, Pocratsky, & Barth voted yes. Beverly voted no. Resolution 2014-18 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Haver seconded. Jones voted yes. Barth voted yes after making comments that the Huber is a great asset to the community and he supports the Huber. He doesn't remember it being brought up before and wishes things had been handled differently. Beverly stated he is not against the Huber or the people who do all the work at the Huber but he does not think it is fair to all the people who had to remove brick sidewalks previously. He feels the whole project went wrong. Beverly voted no. Haver stated he doesn't care if it is a non-profit organization, the Huber or anyone who wants to make something look nice that would require a variance from the Statute would be appropriate. He never liked the Statute to begin with. Haver voted yes. Pocratsky stated the sidewalk ordinance, in a big way, is what prompted him to get on council. He didn't agree with it then and doesn't agree with it now. He doesn't think now is the time to stop what has come this far. Pocratsky voted yes. Jones and Headley voted yes. Motion carried. Beverly asked if guidelines were going to be written up stating who was responsible to maintain it. There was no response. Beverly asked whose responsibility it will be to maintain. It was indicated it will be the Village responsibility. Kenny Rodocker commented that he said something about brick sidewalks at two previous council meetings. Rodocker and volunteers were thanked for their work. It was noted the legislation was not passed as an emergency and therefore the Ordinance will take effect for 30 days.

A Resolution to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was in the packet but not on the agenda and not read.

Police/Fire/EMS Reports: Fire Chief Scott Cramer reported that reimbursing grant funds were received. He reported EMS Chief Brad Hall resigned as of September 9, 2014. Mayor Haver recommended Loni Kessler as Interim EMS Chief. She will work Mondays and Tuesdays and get paid \$10.30 per hour plus \$1 per hour for on call time outside Mondays and Tuesdays. Applications will be received until September 30. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation to hire Loni Kessler as Interim EMS Chief. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Essex was reminded to get some legislation brought to council that would designate the Clerk/Treasurer to attend the Elected Officials education session on the Open Records Act for them.

Mayor's Report – There was nothing to report.

Haver moved to adjourn. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. (6:42 p.m.)

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer