

Minutes of Regular Council

September 17, 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, Amy Haver, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky and Ed Foster; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Council members Ron Beverly and Tom Haase were absent.

Mayor Haver read a statement which stated that future council meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner and when he hits the gavel to the table things need to quiet down or the offending person will be required to leave.

Jones moved to approve the September 4 minutes. Haver seconded. Haver, Jones & Pocratsky voted yes. Foster abstained.

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

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee will meet Thursday, September 20th at 7:30 p.m. to go over the proposed departmental budgets.

Police/Fire /EMS Committee: The committee met on August 11. They reviewed the use of the bicycle.

Cable TV Committee: Foster reported the next meeting will be October 13 at 8 a.m. at the TV station.

Administrator's Report: Miller gave the following report:

- The lots in Industrial Park which Gordon Creek Granite has purchased need rezoned. Essex will check to see if it can remain agricultural. Miller needs to assign addresses.
- The guys will be chipping the week of September 24th and that will be the last until leaf season is over. First date for sucking leaves is unknown.
- Rick Weaver told Miller he doesn't feel we need to build a retainage pond as we could have each property owner build their own. So far all of the owners have their own retainage ponds.
- Someone is interested in purchasing three acres. We believe the covenants states we will set lots in 5 acre increments. Essex is going to check into this.
- The East High Street sewer project should be starting next week. The finance committee will decide whether to take the funds out of Capital Projects or Community Development funds.
- A letter from a resident was in the packets. It related to flooding issues.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2007-14 establishing current EMS charges was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2007-15 to establish collection service fees was read by caption only for the first reading. Foster asked Essex to see if we can direct bill the home owner for mowing.

Council was asked to pass an Open Records Policy. Foster moved to up the cost per copy to 10 cents per page. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Jones moved to approve the policy. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Council was asked to approve the updated Records Disaster Recovery Plans. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

A Sewer Reduction Policy for new lawns was presented to council for approval. Essex is going to consider whether this needs to be an ordinance or a policy.

An Irrigation Metering and Service Requirement Policy was presented also. Again, Essex is going to consider whether it should be an ordinance or a policy.

Clerk's Report: Collins put the MTD/YTD Cash reports in the packets. Council was asked if they wanted to grant a request from an insurance company to accept an expedited price for a rescue run. Council was not agreeable.

Police: Chief Szabo did not have a report.

Fire: Mayor Haver recommended Willy Goeltzenleuchter to the fire department. He is already an EMT. Foster moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

EMS: Elwood asked council to consider hiring Tondra Bailey as an EMT. She is already a certified EMT. Mayor Haver recommended hiring her. Foster moved to approve pending a good physical and drug screen on file. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Foster stated that Hicksville EMS will be covering additional territory temporarily. Williams County EMS is discontinuing service to northern Milford Township or the west end of Farmer Township. A committee has been appointed to consider other alternatives.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver had a court report in the packet. He mentioned two events coming up. The Gordon Creek Festival and the Herb Harvest Festival will be held soon.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK