

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

September 17, 2012 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: Council members, Mark Haver, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Beverly, Mike Barth, and Mike Headley; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins; Administrator, Kent Miller and Solicitor, Troy Essex. Councilmember, Ron Jones, was absent.

Haver moved to approve the September 4, 2012 minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

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

Conrad Beck was on the council agenda but did not show.

Park Board: Val and Gary Shull were present and commented that there has been vandalism again.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: A councilmember asked if we have had a reply from LA Electric. We had accepted a bid from them to do some work at the WWTP quite some time ago but they have failed to produce. Essex stated he sent a letter to them but has not heard back. They are failing to return calls. It was suggested that the next step is to sue them. Haver asked if we couldn't rescind the contract instead of spending the money on a lawsuit. Essex stated that is an option, however a council member stated that kind of defeats the purpose of bidding a project. Mayor Haver wants Troy to send LA Electric a letter threatening to sue them. Barth reported there is going to be a committee meeting on September 20 at 6 p.m.

Personnel Committee: In Jones absence, Headley reported that the committee would like Essex to bring some legislation to council to make the Clerk/Treasurer's position appointed instead of elected. The meeting minutes were passed out.

HIXTV Committee: Minutes were in the council packets.

Police/Fire/EMS: Meeting minutes of August 30 and September 5 was passed out. Headley stated the committee wants to make the Fire Chief's position full time. He will run the EMS operations also. The plan is to have the operations of the EMS parallel the fire department.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- General pickup generated 65 tons of trash at a cost of approximately \$6,000. One of our employees suffered a prick from an unknown source and had to be treated at the hospital. Out of town trash is being hauled in. Resident seeing this are asked to report license plate numbers to the police department. Residents are complaining about "Pickers" strewing trash all over their yards. Beverly asked Miller if he had any ideas to more effectively run the general pickup. Using dumpsters was suggested.
- Residents are complaining about the conditions of the sidewalks. Miller would like to get back on track with sidewalk repairs.
- EMH&T will start smoke testing very soon.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance – 2012 – 09 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2012-10 Establishing pay ranges for employees and volunteers was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2012 – 17 to hire Gerken Paving for construction of a turn lane on West High Street was read by caption only for the first

reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2012-17 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Headley moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly stated he would like to see us take a look at truck traffic going through the community. There is a lot of difficulty making turns in some areas. He feels better routes are needed

Police/Fire/EMS: Scott Cramer, Fire Chief, thanked everyone who made donations to the fire dept. recently. Every fireman will now have a personal air mask.

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Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins did not have a report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver gave kudos to the football team. FWT had a grand opening on September 11. Trick or Treating will be held October 27, 2012 from 5 – 7 p.m. The Fire Dept. will hold activities during that time also. The August Mayor's Court report was in the council packets.

Barth would like to see the Village recognize new businesses to the community. Beverly stated he suggested this months ago. Essex is working on a Hospitality Policy that should allow us to spend money for such things. Headley would like to see the Chamber involved in such recognitions.

Haver moved to adjourn. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR _____ CLERK/TREASURER_____