

Minutes of Regular Council

October 2, 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, Amy Haver, Ron Jones, Tom Haase, Ron Beverly and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Ed Foster was absent.

Jones moved to approve the September 18 minutes. Haase seconded. Haver, Haase, Beverly & Jones voted yes. Pocratsky abstained.

Haase moved to approve the bills. Pocratsky seconded. Haver, Haase, Pocratsky & Jones voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee will meet October 10 at 7 p.m. to go over the proposed departmental budgets. Dept. heads were invited.

Personnel Committee:

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Beverly said his committee met with Bonar and Poggemeyer Design Group regarding possible renovations to this building. (111 South Main). Miller received bids from both today.

Ordinance Committee: Haase stated the committee will meet on October 16 at 6:45.

Administrator's Report: Miller received the bids to do a study on water run off regulations. Bonar bid \$5,100. Poggemeyer Design Group bid \$2,750. Mayor Haver requested that all council members look at both bids before deciding.

Ward Construction is 90% done with Dixon Avenue. Brooks started South Main Street today. Ewing Nursery is 75% done in replacing trees at the Village parking lot between High & Smith Streets. General pickup begins tomorrow. The South Main Street water line is going well.

Mayor Haver recommended hiring Kenneth Blair as a Grade I laborer pending a good physical and drug screen. The six month probationary pay will be \$13.54 per hour. Jones moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Miller plans to give Jimmy Gardner another chance at the street foreman's position retroactive to September 28. There will be a 90 day probationary period. Al Schooley will move up to a Grade I laborer retroactive to September 28.

Miller pointed out that all council members got a written request for public records relating to the proposed ethanol plant to be built a few miles outside of town. It was noted that we have no public records because we have had no meetings relating to this.

The Natureworks park grant funds in the amount of \$19,000 were received. Word was received that we would get a Workers Comp. rebate of approximately \$1,200. ASAP funds in the amount of \$288,700 were drawn down and paid to Peterson.

Miscellaneous: Ordinance 2006-11 to annex land on S.R. 2 was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2006-10 amending the annual appropriations was read by caption only for the second reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Ord. 2006-10 was read by caption only for the third reading. Haase moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2006-18 authorizing the renewal of liability insurance was read by caption only for the first reading. Haver moved to suspend the rules. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. Res. 2006-18 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Essex said he is waiting on a survey from the First Church of Christ before putting together an agreement.

Essex stated someone from the county will probably call to get on the agenda to speak to the public about the sales tax levy on the next ballot.

Clerk’s Report: A MTD/YTD Income tax report and a notice from Mediacom were shared.

Police Report: Chief Szabo asked Mayor Haver to recommend hiring Nathan Metz as a Patrolman II at a probationary rate of \$13.95 per hour pending a good physical and drug screen. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation. Jones seconded. Beverly & Haver voted no. Pocratsky, Haase, & Jones voted yes.

Fire Dept: Chief Elwood passed out a monthly report.

EMS: No one was present.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver reported on the colors chosen for the new fire dept. Trick or Treat will be held on October 28th from 5 – 7 p.m. The fire dept. will have a haunted house at the fire hall on the 27th & 28th. The WWTP is going on line in November. The septage receiving system should go on line in December. Jared Rosebrock from the News Tribune is writing an article about the project.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK