

Regular Council

Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Headley.

A Prayer was given by Mayor Headley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Present were: Council members Mick Pocratsky, Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Bruce Hart, Mark Haver and Ron Beverly; Solicitor Troy Essex; Administrator Kent Miller and Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins. There were 9 visitors present.

Jones moved to approve the September 21 minutes. Haver seconded. Barth, Hart, Jones, Pocratsky and Haver voted yes. Beverly abstained.

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

Planning Commission: Notice of a Public Hearing for a lot split was put in the packets. Vogelsong Properties LLC requested to split .44 acres more or less at Lot 24, Edgerton's Outlots, a/k/a 338 Chicago Avenue. The hearing is scheduled for October 22 at 5 p.m.

Insurance Committee: Collins asked the insurance committee to choose between two options of health insurance plans that BORMA proposed. One was referred to as 2016 True Pooling - Mapped Benefit (\$1250. Individual deductible with copays) and the second option was referred to as 2016 True Pooling - Current Benefit (\$750 Individual deductibles w/o copays). Collins stated she polled the employees via the department heads and the results were favorable for the 2016 True Pooling - Mapped Benefit. Insurance Chairman Mike Barth moved to approve changing to the favored option. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Personnel Committee: The committee met to discuss raises. Pocratsky moved to give 3% pay increases to everyone across the board beginning January 1, 2016. Jones seconded. Jones, Pocratsky, Haver & Barth voted yes. Hart abstained. Beverly voted no.

Street/Light/Property Committee: There is a meeting at 7:30 tonight.

Water/Sewer/refuse Committee: Barth reported the committee met prior to this meeting discuss the village finances in the water and sewer funds. Collins provided 2015 Year-To-Date Revenue and Expenses and 2016 Estimated Revenue figures along with carryover figures and proposed departmental budgets for 2016. The committee is proposing reducing the sewer base rate from \$35 to \$15 per month and begin charging for the first 1,000 gallons of water used each month instead of giving it away free as we have in the past. Haver felt very strongly about reducing this monthly sewer base rate since we have not started any projects and we have a comfortable savings in the bank to use up. Beverly state he is not in favor of reducing the sewer base rate and then jacking it back up and people have acclimated themselves to the cost. Beverly pointed out we will be giving up \$360,000 in revenue a year. Haver replied that this is the resident's money, not ours and it is not needed now. The proposed changes would result in a \$17 savings per month. Barth was asked when the plans are going to be approved. He replied that Adam told him they are basically done but the EPA is waiting for some info from Adam yet. Haver moved that we adopt the recommendation of the committee to charge for the first 1,000 gallons of water and drop the sewer base rate to \$15. Jones seconded. Hart, Beverly & Barth voted no. Pocratsky, Haver & Jones voted yes. Mayor Headley broke the tie by voting yes.

Administrator's Report: Miller told council he would like to take Ethan Hathaway and Austin Zeedyk off probation. After some discussion it was noted that Ethan Hathaway has his CDL which is a requirement but Austin does not. Mayor Headley recommended taking Ethan off probation. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Pocratsky moved to extend Austin's probation for 30 days until he gets his CDL. Hart seconded. All voted yes. Other discussions included how our other employees are coming along with getting their water and sewer licenses and if WWTP employee Steve Nye has his CDL. He also shared a Certificate of Excellence in recognition of the quality of the sewer laboratory in proficiency testing.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2015-11 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2015-12 authorizing the Mayor to sell Lot 6 in the Hicksville Industrial Park for the Defiance County Community Improvement Corporation was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2015-21 to enter into an agreement with the County Commissioners for Indigent Legal Counsel was read by caption only for the first reading.

Resolution 2015-22 authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to sign a Consultation, Interpretation and Guidance Services Agreement with Eligibility Tracking Calculators LLC was read by caption only for the first reading. They provide consultation, interpretation and guidance of the Affordable Care Act. They are doing this for all the BORMA entities. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2015-22 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Barth moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.

Essex told Miller to go ahead and execute the Mediacom Lease Agreement that Miller was sent.

Essex is hoping Adam Voris can give him copies of the surveys of the properties involved in the Pearl/Columbia Street Sewer Project so he can use the legal descriptions for the easements he is drawing up.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Ballinger stated his new officer is doing okay.

Mayor Haver reported that the solicitor is going to put together an ordinance spelling out how the EMT’s are paid. As it is right now there are various papers floating around saying various things about a how the EMT’s are getting paid. Fire Chief Cramer asked council to promote Jason Zimmerman to Paramedic status. He is currently considered an Auxiliary EMT but runs for the squad when he returns home on the weekends. His pay will be \$15.91 per run hour. Mayor Haver made the recommendation. Haver moved to approve. Barth seconded. Barth, Beverly, Pocratsky, Haver & Jones voted yes. Hart abstained.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins asked council to hire Kim Forster as the Income Tax Administrator. Mayor Headley recommended we hire Kim Forster. Haver moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation pending a good physical, drug screen and background check. Starting pay will be \$14.97 per hour. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report were in the council packets.

Collins asked Essex if the Income Tax Ordinance/Rules and Regulations could be done in time to have them reviewed before passing. Essex said they will be done at the end of October so there should be time for a committee to review.

The proposed 2016 Departmental budgets are turned in and ready to be reviewed. Jones reported the committee will meet October 12 at 5 p.m.

Mayor’s Report - Mayor Headley announced Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 5-7 p.m. Congressman Latta will have a representative in the council chambers October 7 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. if anyone wants to stop by to speak to him. The Christmas Cruise through purse bingo event was announced. All departments were thanked for the work they do. Mayor Haver mentioned that he has noticed a difference in the community clean up efforts. It is important to make a good first impression. Mayor Haver said he would like to see some funds in the budget to clean up nuisance properties. The September Mayor’s Court Report was put on the council table before the meeting.

Beverly asked Kent how his guys were coming along with the licensing they are studying to obtain. Miller reported that Schooley and Nye are going to take their wastewater test November 6 for the second time. Gardner is going to take the test for a water license soon.

Rebecca Holley was introduced as the new reporter for the Tribune.

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

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer