

Regular Council Meeting

October 6, 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 15 regular council minutes. Headley seconded. Barth, Pocratsky, Headley, Jones & Haver voted yes. Beverly voted no.

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

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met prior to this meeting to audit the books and discuss possible raises. The committee does not recommend raises for 2015.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Headley reported they will conduct interviews for the EMS Chief position soon.

Ordinance Committee: Haver stated the committee met to discuss indigent burials services. Mayor has some information for them to review prior to making a decision. They also discussed Section 181.19 Duties of Owners of Rental Property.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported the committee met on Monday, September 22 at 4:45 p.m. There were no conclusions although Beverly did say he had information to share. Collins is going to e-mail the committee the information she gathered from other communities.

Park Board: Minutes from their last meeting were in council packets.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Barth did not have a report.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- 60.6 tons of trash was picked up during the General Pickup. It took two full days but on the first day we also dealt with two water main breaks (Antwerp Dr. and Beech St.). The approximate cost for the trash collection was \$5,500 (fuel, wages, Werlor help, and disposal fees).
- The day after they were done with trash, the guys had an eleven hour sewer dig at W. Edgerton/S. Bryan St. Another W. Edgerton sewer dig on Thursday September 25 took half a day.
- You will notice the large bill from Adkins Sanitation. They brought their camera unit and vac truck to town for a couple weeks. They did work that our camera and vac could not due to heavy roots, lengths of runs, etc. The two above digs were part of what they discovered.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2014-16 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the 1st reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules and read by caption only. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2014-16 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2014-19 to appoint a designee to take records training for council members was read by caption only for the first reading. It was brought to council's attention that they may want to include the Mayor. Essex is going to bring legislation back next meeting to include the Mayor.

Resolution 2014-20 to amend the Investment Policy was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones stated the committee agrees with the legislation.

A Memorandum from Mr. Essex relating to Landlord Reporting was shared with council. After some discussion it was decided to send it to the Ordinance Committee. The memo related to requesting tenant information from landlords, how frequently to do so and penalties if not done.

A Memorandum from Mr. Essex relating to probationary time was shared with council. Council was agreeable to the proposed language. Essex will bring legislation back to the next council meeting.

Police/Fire/EMS Reports: Acting EMS Chief, Loni Kesler asked council to hire Cody Boyer as an EMT. Loni states he is a Basic EMT and firefighter. Beverly asked who checked him out.

Loni stated Fire Chief Cramer checked his references with Ney and Delaware Departments and received a good reference. Mayor Haver moved to hire Cody Boyer as an EMT pending a good

physical and drug screen with a six month probationary period. . Headley moved to approve Mayor Haver's recommendation. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Reports were in council packets. Tax collections are down 4%.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Haver reported on the Hicksville Beautification Committee's Volunteer appreciation breakfast at the Huber Opera House on Saturday, October 18. He also shared his condolences to the Etchey family of previous Village Administrator, John Allen who passed away. Allen served as Administrator from 1983-1985. Community Memorial Hospital requested to put a tax levy sign at Industrial Drive. It was concluded that it would not be legal. Tax Administrator, Zoe McMaster and Mayor Haver attended a gathering with other municipal officials and representative Cliff Hite to discuss Sub HB5 that is being pushed through the Ohio House and Senate. Tax Loss Carryover is a big issue and it was reported that that change alone would cost Hicksville 25% of our revenue over the past ten years. Mayor Haver reported that Hite said he would vote with the small communities.

Mayor Haver stated it is in his best interest to retire with OPERS before November 30 and gave council the option of replacing him or allowing him to fulfill his unexpired term. Headley moved to rehire the Mayor after he retires with OPERS. Jones seconded. Barth, Headley, Jones, Pocratsky, & Haver voted yes. Beverly abstained.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for possible land purchase and Economic Development. Barth seconded. All voted yes. (6:30 – 7:20 p.m.) Returned to regular session. Pocratsky moved to return to regular session. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

While the live TV broadcast was being turned off Fireman Bruce Silcott approached the Mayor and informed him of a meeting scheduled to discuss the upcoming 2015 Fireman Convention.

Headley moved to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer