

Minutes of Regular Council

October 19, 2009 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, Ed Foster, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Council members Ron Beverly and Amy Haver were absent.

Jones moved to approve the October 5 minutes. Hart seconded. Foster abstained. Pocratsky, Hart & Jones voted yes.

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

Planning Commission: Minutes from an October 8 meeting were in council packets. The committee approved a lot split at 315 Chicago Avenue.

Personnel Committee: Jones reported the committee met prior to this meeting and will meet again October 26. Park Director, Ron Bauer was asked to present some suggestions to the park board to save some money.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee will meet with some engineers regarding separating the sewer systems and some other things including but not limited to the Haver Drive drainage issue.

Police/Fire & EMS: Foster reported there will be a meeting on October 26 at 6:30 p.m.

HIXTV: Foster reported a meeting was held Saturday, October 10th at 8 a.m. The minutes were passed out. The next meeting will be November 14 at 8 p.m.

Insurance Committee: Collins had council clarify why they wanted to have a representative from BORMA come to a meeting. Council would like an explanation on the use of a Medical Mutual PPO network vs. our current traditional plan. Miller would like the employees spoken to. Collins will arrange.

Finance Committee: Jones reported a meeting was held Monday, October 12 at 6 p.m. to go over the proposed 2010 budget with department heads. Foster moved to approve the fire department spending between \$2500 and \$3000 not in their budget to repair a pumper. Jones seconded. Hart abstained. Jones, Foster, Pocratsky voted yes.

Administrator's Report:

- Miller presented council with the three bids on the 1995 garbage truck. Legislation to sell was read later in the meeting.
- The village will no longer collect newspapers for the school at our recycling center as the school now has capabilities to collect them all at the school. Foster pointed out that people can still use the county recycling that comes to the Methodist Church.
- Saylor did stump grinding. The chips will be cleaned up when the ground gets firmer.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2009-11 authorizing the administrator to sell the 1995 garbage truck was read by caption only for the first reading.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report:

- Collins informed council that since it would be an even year it would be less than \$500 to put a replacement levy on the ballot in 2010. If the two fire levies were combined it would still be the same cost. There is no fee by the county auditor. Essex will see if the levies can be combined.
- Collins asked if council is going to approve paying for employees to get the flu vaccine. Foster moved to reimburse employees, council members and volunteers up to \$15 each for the seasonal flu vaccine. Hart seconded. All voted yes.
- The quarterly Mediacom franchise fee report was passed out. Collins is trying to get the number of customers we have.
- The State Auditors report has been released and was passed out.
- The current Cash Report was passed out. Collins explained that a man from the Ohio Department of Development called and stated he would like to see the Housing Rehabilitation account closed out since there is very little activity. Since the funds are CDBG funds they may be able to be used on the West High Street waterline project as long as the project is in a MHI area. Miller stated since it is borderline MHI the project was approved for CDBG funds.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Miller explained the community plans for Halloween as follows: 4:45 costume judging at the fire hall; 5 p.m. Ð 7 p.m. Trick or Treating; 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. carnival games at the fire hall. There will not be a parade.

EMS Department: Chief Wendy Goeltzenleuchter was not present.

MayorÕs Report: Mayor Haver reiterated the Halloween plans.

Jones moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Hart seconded. All voted yes.
Hart moved to return to regular session. Foster seconded. All voted yes.

Jones gave a list of actions that may be a savings to the village. They are as follows:
Eliminate two holidays; Presidents Day and Columbus Day
Make changes to the health insurance
Reduce work week to 35 hours
Eliminate personal and bonus days
Make the water & sewer superintendents salaried
Eliminate the MayorÕs Court clerk position and have the work done by another employee
Council wages cut back to the wages of two years ago
Brush chipping will cease the first of the year. Branches can be taken to the recycling lot

It was also noted that we need to start having any employees that are minors get work permits.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted yes.

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins