

Regular Council

Monday, October 19, 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 7 visitors present.

Haver moved to approve the October 5 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Barth moved to approve the bills list. Pocratsky seconded. Beverly, Hart, Haver, Jones, & Pocratsky voted yes. Barth abstained.

Street/Light/Property Committee: Beverly reported that Kent is getting an estimate to light Industrial Drive from AEP. Once the cost of underground vs overhead wiring is known, the committee will meet to decide which they will recommend.

HIXTV Committee: Barth reported the September meeting minutes are in the council packets. The committee also met October 3 at 8 am. The station now has programming available on You Tube.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met on Monday, October 12 at 5 p.m. to go over the department heads proposed 2016 budgets. Haver told council the department heads did a good job as there was less than a one percent increase over this year. Collins will get the Ordinance put together to approve the budget. The committee also met prior to this meeting to audit the financial records.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the guys are starting to suck leaves. There is progress at Industrial Drive with the roadway. Things appear to be on track with the November 1 deadline.

Hart moved to amend the agenda to include Ordinance 2015-14 and Ordinance 2015-15. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2015-11 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

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 second reading.

Ordinance 2015-13 to amend Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances regarding Municipal Income Tax was read by caption only for the first reading.

Ordinance 2015-14 to reduce the minimum sewer charges was read by caption only for the first reading. Haver moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded. Haver, Barth, Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no. We are unable to suspend the rules with this vote.

Ordinance 2015-15 the amend the water rates 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 second reading.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Ballinger asked to have Kirk Stickney taken off probation and promoted to Sergeant. Mayor Headley recommended we take Patrolman Stickney off probation. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Mayor Headley recommended we promote Patrolman Stickney from a Patrolman I position to Sergeant. Hart moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. Beverly took the opportunity to tell Chief Ballinger that an officer stopped by a group of neighborhood children recently to talk to them and give them each sticker badges. Beverly was impressed by the actions of the officer and wanted the Chief to know it.

Fire Chief Cramer reported that the ladies auxiliary is going to have a Fish Fry at the Catholic Church on November 7. They are hoping for good attendance. Mayor Headley reported that he is meeting with Hart, Cramer and Essex to get some clarification on the EMT pay.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins pointed out the Quarterly Utility Report in the packets and suggested councilmembers contact utility clerk Dawn Hostetler if they have any questions.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Headley reported resident Bob Evans voiced concerns about parking and downtown business. Mayor Headley thanked village employees and volunteers for their work and relayed the resident's appreciation for the job they do. He also stated we are blessed with a good image.

Beverly asked Essex if he got all the Deeds that we need to begin the Columbia/Pearl Street project. Essex reported that he just spoke to Adam Voris Friday and Adam has a couple more survey points to add. Essex said he has everything ready so he can just cut and paste the legal descriptions in and then signatures can be obtained.

Pocratsky inquired into the status of the CDL's for Nye and Zeedyk. Miller reported they passed the written exam and November 5 they will get the driving part completed.

Barth moved to go into executive session for possible land acquisition. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (6:33 p.m. - 6:48 p.m.) Beverly moved to return to regular session. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

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

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer