

Regular Council

October 21, 2013 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 Mark Haver, Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Mike Headley, and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Councilmember Ron Beverly was absent. There were 8 visitors present.

Jones moved to approve the October 7 minutes. Headley had the following message put in tonight's minutes on Beverly's behalf: *It was not in the council minutes included in the upcoming meeting packet that I asked Zoe the tax lady " if she had all of the free time to put on tax seminars". And I followed up with, " if you have that much free time maybe your position should not be full time". It was at that moment that I felt she was VERY disrespectful to Cheryl Miller as she answered. "Maybe I am just a lot more efficient than the last person.* Headley seconded. All voted yes.

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

Board of Zoning Appeals: Notice of a Public Hearing on an application for a sign variance was included in council packets.

Planning Commission: Notice of a Public Hearing on an application for a Lot Split was included in council packets.

Police/Fire/EMS Committee: Headley reported the committee met today to discuss some issues and will meet again at a later date.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Barth reported he called Adam Vorhis and also Dana Martin-Hayden at the Ohio EPA to see if they had any comments about the Long Term Control Plan we submitted. Barth said that Dana is to call him back. Tom Sholl was present and asked council what was happening with the cleaning of Gordon Creek. Barth reminded him that Soil & Water wants to clear it of logs and debris rather than dredge it.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met prior to this meeting to audit the books. They also met with First Federal representatives Lisa Stauffer and Ken Wenner to discuss using an Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) account that would pay us a better interest rate. The committee agreed to use the ICS account after the investment policy is updated and approved by council. The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Monday, October 28th to go over the proposed departmental budget figures for 2014.

Park Board: Minutes of the October meeting were in the council packets. Val reported that bubble gum and sunflower seeds were the only thing stolen when the concession stand was broken into.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2013 -15 authorizing an Enterprise Zone Agreement between the County of Defiance and A&P Tool, Inc. and NW Partnership, LLC was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2013 -16 to enter into an agreement for the recovery of monies expended for providing legal counsel to indigent persons was ready by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2013-16 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Haver moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Essex explained to council that it has been brought to his attention that there is an unreleased mortgage in Defiance on Defiance Precision Products. A release form will be sent to Essex and he will present it to council.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins gave an update of the recent BORMA meeting and reported that she has provided The Ohio Plan Health Care Consortium with the necessary information they requested to give us a quote. Collins asked council if they want to approve a Grandfathered Amendment and Summary of Material Modifications to our current Plan. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Barth questioned the speed limit downtown. He suggested the speed limit be posted. Miller believes that ODOT regulates the speed on State highways including through the downtown area and will check into it. Adding a crosswalk was another idea.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver acknowledged Sandra Brown for years of service as a worker and director of the Hicksville Summer Playground Program. He also passed along an invitation to the Community Memorial Hospital's Legacy Luncheon. October 26 is Trick or Treating in town. The Stoett Open House is October 25. Flu shots for employees is tomorrow.

Jones moved to adjourn. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

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