

Regular Council

Monday, November 2, 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.

Haver moved to approve the October 19 minutes. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Beverly moved to approve the bills list. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Nelson Hershberger of Tri-State Dairy was on the agenda but unable to attend due to his wife being in labor. Miller explained that Nelson wants to purchase the two properties north of his business on Wendell Avenue to expand the dairy. They would need to be rezoned but Nelson didn't want to go through the process if council was not going to be in favor of it. Miller was asked if he proposed the Industrial Park.

Planning Commission: Minutes of the October 22 meeting were in council packets. Kenneth Vogel song of Vogel song Properties, LLC applied for two lot splits at 338 and 340 Chicago Avenue. The two lots would be split in half leaving around 20,000 square feet for each lot. There was some concern about flooding issues. The Commission tabled the request and will call another meeting regarding the matter. Council wants the owner to come up with a plan for water run-off. Beverly thinks this should be treated like an addition. Two to four homes is a possibility.

Beautification Committee: Minutes from the October 22 meeting were in the council packets.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported Steve, Allen and Jimmy will be going to Columbus this week for sewer and water (Jimmy) tests. The sewer is November 4, and water is on the 5th. Steve and Austin go to Perrysburg on the 5th for their CDL driving test.

I will have the pay request for Ogen at next meeting, but there is one change order to approve. Due to running across two mystery sewer lines and a catch basin, some extra cost was incurred. The change order comes to \$1,893.00, making the final contract price \$109,598.50 (original was \$107,705.50). The contractor is coming in to do the punch list items this week.

Miscellaneous:

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 third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-13 to amend Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances regarding Municipal Income Tax was read by caption only for the second reading. Essex said he made a couple changes and the gals here at the offices need some questions answered.

Ordinance 2015-14 to reduce the minimum sewer charges was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2015-15 to amend the water rates was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2015-16 the 2016 Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading. Hart questioned the need for \$600,000 in the capital projects fund. Pocratsky wants a \$25,000 EMS contingency line account added along with a pool contingency. Miller asked for a correction concerning CDBG funds for paving. Beverly wanted to make sure there was enough money budgeted for underground power at Industrial Drive.

Resolution 2015-21 to enter into an agreement with the County Commissioners for Indigent Legal Counsel was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Ballinger was present but did not have a report. Julie Cleland was on the agenda but was ill and unable to attend. Julie wants council to know that she wants to retire with OPERS November 30 and rehire with the Village December 1. The Police/Fire/EMS Committee said they met about it previously and they were okay with Julie doing this. Council had no objections. Her pay will remain the same. Her benefits will cash out. She will continue to use Village insurance since it is offered.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer reported that the ladies auxiliary is going to have a Fish Fry at the Catholic Church on Friday, November 7 from 5:30 – 8 p.m. followed by a band until midnight. Cramer thanked everyone who attended the carnival and the Rotary for their help with the food.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler asked to have Cody Royer and Derrick Elson’s status changed from Intermediate EMT to Advanced EMT. Mayor Headley made the recommendation. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation. Jones seconded. Barth, Beverly, Haver, Jones & Pocratsky voted yes. Hart abstained.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins shared the MTD/YTD Cash Report and Income Tax Report with council. We are up 2%. A letter requesting a refund of overpaid estate tax money was shared with council. A Quarterly EMS report was given to council.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Headley put a call out to the residents for the local board of tax review. Council has to appoint 2. He asked people to turn their names in if they are interested. And he told council they need to be thinking about someone. He thanked the people of Hicksville, employees, council and volunteers for the work they do.

Barth moved to go into executive session for land [acquisition](#). Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (6:38 p.m. – 6:48 p.m.) Haver moved to return to regular session. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

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

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer