

Regular Council Meeting

November 3, 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 Mick Pocratsky, Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Michael Headley and Mark Haver; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller and Clerk/Treasurer Diane Collins. Councilmember, Ron Beverly was absent.

Haver moved to approve the October 20 regular council minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Headley explained what he found out about the Bassett Electric Motors invoice council did not approve paying at the last council meeting. Headley felt the bill was okay to pay at this point. Jones moved to approve the bills, including the Bassett Electric Motors bill. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met Thursday, October 30 at 5 p.m. to go over the proposed departmental 2015 budgets. Meeting minutes were passed out.

Sidewalk Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met but ended early due to a family emergency with one of the members. Minutes from the meeting were in council packets.

Ordinance Committee: Mark Haver mentioned the indigent burial fees did not come to a formal vote either since he got called away.

Park Board: Minutes from the October board meeting were in council packets.

HIXTV Committee: Barth reported there will need to be a new contract negotiated with Mediacom in 2015 and wondered if the committee does that or the council.

Beautification Committee: The group held a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast meeting. The agenda was shared with council.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

During the week of November 10, the trash route will be run on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY due to Veteran's Day on Tuesday. The normal Tuesday route will be done on Wednesday and the Wednesday route will be picked up on Thursday.

The guys have been out picking up leaves every day that weather permits and are way ahead of last year as far as volume. By the end of October 2013, fifteen loads had been collected. As of Thursday afternoon they had already picked up thirty-three loads. Fall started a few weeks earlier this year.

The North Main Street Waterline project was completed today.

Miscellaneous:

Resolution 2014-19 to appoint a designee to take records training for council members and the Mayor was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2014-20 to amend the Investment Policy was read by caption only for the third reading. Haver moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Police/Fire/EMS Reports: Fireman, Bruce Hart announced that he is retiring from the Hicksville Fire Department effective November 30, 2014 after 28 ½ years of service due to changes in OPERS benefits. He wants to be re-hired after the necessary two month waiting period. He was thanked for his service and assured he is welcome back. EMS Chief, Loni Kesler reported there were problems with the electrical system in one of the squads and it is going to have to be sent out of town for repairs.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: The MTD/YTD Income Tax Report and Cash Reports were passed out. Collins told council what the 2015 medical and dental renewal rates will be. A couple other options were sent to Collins today for consideration. She asked for a meeting with the Insurance Committee to review them. We were informed there is going to be a Local Government Revenue revision which will reduce our revenue. Collins passed out the Open Meetings Act Overview that she received at her training in the spring. She thought it would be a good idea for council to read it. An Ohio Legislative Report from OML was passed out. Collins asked permission to hire a part-time utility clerk and transfer utility clerk, Cheryl Smith to the

Assistant to the Clerk/Treasurer position with the same pay she has been receiving. Council seemed receptive to giving it a try. The pay ordinance needs adjusted to reflect the pay change. The Income Administrator position is being advertised at this time.

Mayor's Report – The October Mayor's Court Report was in the council packets.

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

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer