

Minutes of Regular Council

November 21, 2006, 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, Amy Haver, Ron Jones, Ed Foster, Ron Beverly, Tom Haase, and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins.

Foster moved to approve the November 6 minutes. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

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

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met with SJS Investment Consulting tonight prior to this meeting to get an overview of how investments are going.

Cable TV: Foster reported there was a meeting on Saturday, November 11 at 8 a.m. Minutes are passed out. The Athletic Boosters are putting up a new press box which will benefit us. Foster has spoken to a Mediacom representative and there is talk about moving HIXTV to a high channel. Presently 47 people have basic service only. Saturday, December 9 will be the volunteer breakfast.

Police/Fire/EMS: Foster scheduled a meeting for November 13 at 7 p.m.

Personnel Committee: Pocratsky reported the committee met November 13 at 6 p.m. to discuss three issues. The first item was to consider possibly passing on part of the 16.5% insurance increase to the employees. The committee was not interested in passing that increase on to the employees. The second item discussed was raises for the employees. The committee decided to give 3% increases only to full time employees and volunteer firemen & EMT's. The third issue was establishing a new income tax position called "Senior Income Tax Administrator" to get the pay comparable to the foreman's range.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the Christmas decorations are up. The leaf collection will be finished at the end of the month. Chipping will be resumed in December. The trash collection schedule will remain the same with boxes and extras bags being picked up. The subject of trees at the WWTP was passed on to the Street/Light/Property committee at Pocratsky's recommendation.

Foster passed on compliments received about the good job done during leaf pickup.

Miscellaneous: No action was taken regarding the proposed agreement between the Village of Hicksville and the First Church of Christ. The agreement relates to parking in the back of the church. We are awaiting the church's approval.

Ordinance 2006-12 increasing employee pay was read by caption only for the second reading.

Ordinance 2006-13, the 2007 Annual Appropriations ordinance, was read by caption only for the first reading.

Foster moved to go into executive session for possible litigation. Jones seconded. All voted yes. (7:23 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) Returned to regular session.

Clerk's Report: No report was given.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: Chief Elwood reported a \$98,000 regional grant was received for the purchase of equipment.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver commended the Village workers, firemen & EMT's for the good work they do. Mayor Haver had been asked that the Village provide parking for semi trucks or help find such a place. Beverly stated that it is the driver's responsibility to find their own parking. Mayor Haver asked council to choose between the Catholic Church and the County Club for the Employee Dinner. Jones moved to go with the Country Club. Haase seconded. All voted yes.

Motion was made to adjourn.

MAYOR

CLERK