

Regular Council

Monday, December 7, 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 Mike Barth, Ron Jones, Mark Haver, Ron Beverly, Mick Pocratsky and Bruce Hart; Solicitor Troy Essex; Administrator Kent Miller and Clerk-Treasurer Diane Collins. There were 16 visitors present.

Hart moved to approve the November 16 minutes. Barth seconded. Haver, Hart, Jones, Barth & Beverly voted yes. Pocratsky abstained.

Pocratsky moved to approve the November 23 Special Council Meeting Minutes. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the two bills lists. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: Minutes of the November 30 committee meeting were in the council packets. It was noted that the Vogelsong lot split request was sent back to the Zoning Board.

Barth reported that Adam Voris has been in contact with him recently. Plans for Ogen Street, Columbia Street and Haver Drive should be done soon. Other areas of town are being studied at the same time but plans are not as far along. Adam wants on the council agenda in January to update council. We recently applied for a grant with the University of Toledo for a project near Antwerp Drive. Barth noted that the results should be announced in December.

Park Board: The minutes of the November meeting were in the council packets. Board Member Cory Wann was present but did not have anything to add.

Street/Light /Property: Pocratsky stated he would like to see the committee meet so they can discuss the road going through the park. Miller stated that he already has the plans made to widen and pave it in case that is what Pocratsky wanted to discuss. Nothing more was said.

Beverly addressed the crowd that was there concerning the downtown parking spaces. He told them Miller hired an engineer to give us five different options to gain parking spaces back that were given up in August. The parking was changed to 30 degree angles and the spaces were made wider. The committee intends to review the information, hold a meeting for the public to review the options and figure out which option will work best. The business owners had a few comments and questions but seemed satisfied at what they heard.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- Downtown Christmas lights went up on November 23. Two of the guys helped Jared Saylor do the Chamber tree on December 4.
- Last day for leaf pick up is Monday, December 7. As of this writing the guys have sucked up 65 loads.
- The recycle lot has reverted to winter hours. It will be open only on Thursdays from 1:00 to 6:00 and Saturdays from 9:00 to 1:00.
- No bids were received for the Veteran's Memorial project so it has been re-advertised. The next bid opening will be December 14. More details will follow later.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2015-02 establishing the pay rate for the Mayor's Court Clerk was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2015-02 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-16 the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-17 to restructure the pay for full time employees of the EMS Department was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Barth moved to approve the legislation. Jones seconded. Haver, Barth, Pocratsky, Jones & Beverly voted yes. Hart abstained.

Ordinance 2015-18 to reduce the sewer base rate for non-residential customers was read by caption only for the second reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded.

All voted yes. Ordinance 2015-18 was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Haver seconded. Haver, Jones, Hart, Barth & Pocratsky voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Ordinance 2015-19 to establish pay rates was brought to the meeting to give council an opportunity to review for the next meeting.

Essex explained there needs to be an interim Clerk/Treasurer to replace Diane Collins when she is sworn in as Mayor. The Personnel Committee suggested assistant Cheryl Smith. The term would be from January 1 through March 31. Mayor Headley confidently recommended appointing Cheryl Smith to the position. Pocratsky moved to approve the Mayor’s recommendation. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Ballinger reported the Christmas Parade Saturday night went well. Prisoner Charles Adams escaped from a Pendleton IN prison and has ties to Hicksville. Chief Ballinger suggested the residents be cautious and report anything they may see.

Fire Chief Scott Cramer informed council that Chief Loni Kesler earned her Advanced EMT designation. She had been a Basic EMT. Next week she will start doing EMS billing.

EMS Chief Loni Kesler reported that Williams County is going to hold a Basic EMT class beginning December 15 and Hicksville has four people in the class. Two people are paying their own way and not committing to working for the Village for a year. Kesler asked that Bruce Silcott and Payton Hugg be approved to have the physical, drug screen and background check. We are paying for their classes and we have a signed agreement to pay the village back if they fail to finish the class or pass the exam. Mayor Headley recommended we pay for the class and expense to get the testing done. Pocratsky moved to approve. Beverly seconded. Haver, Beverly, Jones, Pocratsky & Barth voted yes. Hart abstained.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: The MTD/YTD Cash Report and Tax Reports were put in the council packets.

Mayor’s Report - The November Mayor’s Court Report was put in council packets for review. Mayor Headley reported good things are going on in Hicksville. The new downtown lights look great; the Community Christmas Cruise-Thru at the Fairgrounds is doing very well; and the lighting of the Christmas tree went very well. Mayor Headley thanked everyone for a job well done.

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

Mayor Clerk/Treasurer