

Regular Council

December 16, 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, Ron Beverly and Mick Pocratsky; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. There were 4 visitors present.

Haver moved to approve the December 2 regular council minutes. Headley seconded. All voted yes

Beverly moved to approve the bills list. Jones seconded. Beverly, Jones, Pocratsky, Barth & Beverly voted yes. Headley abstained.

Beverly stated he received several e-mails and saw Facebook postings complaining about the recent snow removal efforts. He sent a firm message to the residents that our guys worked hard during long hours moving snow throughout the storm. As if that weren't enough, there was a water main break to deal with. Beverly said for what they had to contend with they did a heck of a job. He wanted people to know there is a lot more to snow removal than what people see. "Our hats off to them".

Next Beverly wished to discuss the angled parking downtown. It was recently pointed out that perhaps changing the angle would make it easier for people to see past 4 x 4's, extended cab trucks and vans. He asked for feedback. Pocratsky stated he likes the idea. Miller stated that ODOT has design standards but nothing set in stone. Also council voiced concerns about drivers turning left across double yellow lines to park on the opposite side of the street in the downtown area. Willis asked Essex to research and see if we can enforce as is. If the parking angles are changed it may be very difficult to try that left hand turn parking. It was noted that several parking spaces will be lost if the angled parking is changed. ODOT may be repaving the downtown in 2015 so the lines could be changed then. Beverly offered to lay out four or five spots in the spring to see how it looks. Beverly suggested Miller do smaller sections at a time rather than try to do the entire downtown in a couple days. Miller stated the handicap spaces concern him more than anything.

- **Administrator's Report:** Miller reported the trash collection schedule for the next couple weeks.

Miscellaneous:

- **Ordinance 2013- 14** to approve the 2014 Annual Appropriations was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes.
- **Ordinance 2013-15** to amend the 2013 Annual Appropriation was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.
- **Resolution 2013-18** authorizing the purchase of real property from the school for a Veteran's Memorial was read by caption only for the first reading. Headley moved to suspend the rules and read by caption only. Barth seconded. All voted yes. Resolution 2013-18 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Barth moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

The agenda contained an item to approve the sale of Industrial Park property to Arc Solutions. Essex plans to speak to Defiance County CIC director, Jerry Hayes, about the matter before council makes any decisions.

Police/Fire/EMS: Police Chief Willis was present. He was going to ask council to authorize him to give away or sell two pair of outdated in-car cameras. One works and one would only be good for parts. In the meantime the Fire Department voiced an interest in having them to record burns. Council agreed to pass them on to the Fire Department.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver thanked the Chamber of Commerce and Shannon Villena for the tree lighting ceremony and parade; Denise Sutter of Alliance Tax Services for the drive through Christmas displays at the fairgrounds; and the Village workers for the weekend work plowing snow and main break repairs. Eric Recycling was not able to come due to bad weather last Saturday. They will come to St. Michael's Catholic Church parking lot this Saturday, December 21 from 9 – 11. Mayor Haver wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanked Palace Pizza for giving our employees a break on their food during snow plowing and main break work.

Beverly moved to go into executive session for possible litigation. Headley seconded. All voted yes. (6:28 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.) Headley moved to return to regular session. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

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

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