

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

December 17, 2012 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: Council members, Mark Haver, Ron Jones, Mick Pocratsky, Mike Barth and Mike Headley; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Administrator, Kent Miller; and Clerk Treasurer Diane Collins. Absent was: Councilman, Ron Beverly. There were 6 people present.

Headley moved to approve the December 3, 2012 minutes. Pocratsky seconded. Barth abstained. Jones, Pocratsky, Headley, & Haver voted yes.

Jones moved to approve the bills including a Gerken Paving bill that was \$1080.21 over the bid amount when added to other Gerken invoices. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Haver moved to approve a \$1080.21 change order on the S.R. 2 Turn Lane project. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Susan Mack of the Hicksville Beautification Committee was present to explain to council what was accomplished in 2012 and she named a few things she would like to see done in the future including the hanging baskets downtown, flower beds, farmer's market etc.. She asked council to consider hiring a part time employee to assist the volunteers in all the work involved.

Planning Commission: David and Delores Michael are requesting a lot split at Lot 78 pt. Auditor's Plat, a/k/a 603 Antwerp Drive. The hearing will be held on December 20.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Jessi Elson, water superintendent reported that as of tomorrow 51 radio read meters will have been installed, completing Phase I.

Cable TV Committee: Minutes from the November meeting were in council packets.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported the following:

- Christmas week trash pick up will be Wednesday (26th) and Thursday (27th). This will also be the schedule during the first week of January. We will pick up boxes and furniture as usual for these two weeks. Christmas trees will be picked up but residents need to remove decorations and lights
- Along with the thought of general pick ups; Miller checked into dumpsters as an option. It is cheaper to continue the pick-ups in April and September as we have been doing. An outside source confirmed we are doing things in the most cost effective way now. When weighing the pros and cons of each. Miller prefers to stay with the current system.
- We had our annual OEPA inspection of the sewer plant on December 10. A report will follow at a later date.
- The Village had ten Worker's Comp claims: six fire dept., two water dept., one refuse dept. and one police dept. Of these, six will also be Public Employers Risk Reduction Program reportable. All people involved are back to normal without complications, although an employee will need one more blood test in March to get the final results of the unknown sharps injury.
- There were 10 water main breaks or emergency digs and 5 sewer related digs as well as the Oak Park storm line work by our employees and Mark Savage. This total doesn't include routine, non-emergency digs.
- We hauled 5,507 pounds of scrap metal from water-sewer-street dept piles.
- 76 loads of leaves were collected and hauled. Another 141 loads of grass and chips were also hauled out during the

year.

- Septage billing receipts came to \$7,039.73.
- 37 animals of all sorts were scooped off the streets. Besides three deer, the weirdest was a dead wild turkey which someone either clipped or tossed out along Elm St.
- 950.67 tons of trash was collected as of December 12. That's 1,901,340 pounds of garbage people tossed out in 50 weeks

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2012 –16 the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2012 – 17 authorizing the sale of a 1975 Chevrolet dump truck was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Headley seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2012-17 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Headley moved to approve. Barth seconded. All voted yes.

Ordinance 2012 – 18 to amend the 2012 Annual Appropriations was read by caption only for the first reading. Pocratsky questioned the wording in Section 2. Collins stated she would correct it to reflect that it is an emergency. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Pocratsky seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2012 18 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Pocratsky moved to approve. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2012 – 25 granting ARC Solutions the right of first refusal on industrial park property was read by caption only for the second reading.

Essex brought three policies for council review before passing. 1) privacy of personal information policy; 2) Hospitality Policy; and 3) EMS billing and collection policy.

Police/Fire/EMS Reports: Willis plans to ask for Josh Flanary to be removed from probation at the next meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins asked the council to write off five uncollectable income tax accounts. Some of the accounts were returned from the collection agency as uncollectable. A couple people were transients and one was deceased. The total amount for write off was \$628.75. Pocratsky moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes. There was an Income Tax Balance Dues report as of December 12, 2012 passed out. Collins also reported she has been unable to collect \$4200 from Mediacom that was due November 2 for tower rent. Barth is going to call Mike Dickerson and see if he can get anywhere.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Haver has announced that future council meetings will be at 6 p.m. The S.R. 2 turn lane is completed. Stoett should be moved into the factory on Defiance Avenue by now if all went as planned. He thanked council and the employees for a job well done this year. Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The November Mayor's Court was passed out.

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

MAYOR _____ CLERK/TREASURER_____