

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting and Re-Zoning Hearing

December 20, 2010 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 Haver, Council members, Mick Pocratsky, Ron Jones, Bruce Hart, Mike Barth, Ron Beverly & Mike Headley; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; and Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. There were approximately 11 visitors.

Jones moved to approve the December 6 minutes. Headley seconded. Beverly abstained. Jones, Barth, Headley, Pocratsky & Hart voted yes. Pocratsky moved to approve the bills. Hart seconded. All voted yes.

Jared Orzolek and Jerry Hayes of the Defiance County Economic Development office was present to present a Proposed Industrial Park Land Incentive as a marketing idea. Pocratsky suggested the Street/Light & Property Committee look into it and in the meantime everyone can look the proposal over. It was noted by Headley that we need to be proactive. Mayor Haver asked Essex to research the idea since it may involved giving away property.

Park Board: Board member Ron Hard was present but had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer/Refuse: Pocratsky reported meetings were held December 7 & 16 to discuss future staffing at the water treatment plant and how to approach the EPA regarding the CSO plan. They did an interview for a water superintendent.

Street/Light & Property: Beverly has recommended that Rock Street become a one-way street and he would like to hear from residents about the matter. The police chief offered to speak to a resident in the area. Mayor Haver has received complaints about extended cab vehicles sticking out in the street when parked up town. They are very difficult to back around. Mayor Haver suggested maybe they could park in the village parking lot.

Administrator's Report: Miller did not have a report.

Miscellaneous:

The Railroad easements need to be signed and recorded.

Essex forwarded the tower lease to Jackie Noder of Mediacom in the middle of November. Since that time he has left a telephone message and then followed up with an e-mail today and has not had a simple reply. He stated he may need to send a letter requesting everything be removed from the tower. It was noted that it has taken eight months to get two dishes removed from the ground. Council directed Essex to send a letter to Mediacom giving them 30 days notice and a month to month lease.

Ordinance 2010-15 to re-zone Lots 23 & 24 of Woods Second Addition a/k/a 117 Defiance Avenue from R-4 (residential) to M-1 (Light Industrial) was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Headley seconded. Ordinance 2010-15 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Headley moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Essex suggested to council that it may be time to take a wholesale look at the zoning code. Someone suggested this would be the Street/Light & Property Committee's job.

Ordinance 2010-16 to increase sewer rates was read for the first time. The base fee will increase by \$12 this year and \$12 next year along with a couple other changes. Collins questioned the need to include some wording that would bill all residents for water also whether in town or not but was told we are only dealing with sewer at this time and will deal with water later.

Ordinance 2010-17 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading. Beverly moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2010-17 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Headley moved to approve. Beverly seconded. All voted yes.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Collins had put the EMS & Fire payroll reports in the council packets.

Police Report: Szabo did not have a report.

Fire Report: Miller did not have a report.

Ems Report: Goeltzenleuchter was not present. No report was given.

Mayors Report: Mayor Haver read off the names of employees and volunteer firemen that received longevity pay and thanked them for their service. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Pocratsky moved to go into executive session for personnel reasons. Beverly seconded. All voted yes. (7:30 p.m.-8:25 p.m.) Barth left during executive session. Hart moved to return to regular session. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

There will be a special council meeting Thursday, December 23 at 3 p.m. to hire a water superintendent.

Alternate swale maps designed by Floyd Browne were viewed and discussed briefly as a means to get rid of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's).

Jones made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Headley seconded. All voted yes.

MAYOR

CLERK
