

Minutes of Regular Council

December 21, 2009 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, Ed Foster, Bruce Hart, Ron Jones, Amy Haver, and Ron Beverly; Administrator, Kent Miller; Solicitor, Troy Essex; Clerk/Treasurer, Diane Collins. Councilmember Mick Pocratsky was absent

Foster moved to approve the December 7 minutes. Haver seconded. All voted yes.

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

Finance Committee: Jones reported the committee met December 14 at 6 p.m. to look over the proposed 2010 appropriations.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Committee: In Pocratsky's absence Foster reported the committee met at 5:30 p.m. on December 14. Council agreed that even though the hearings for the MICHINDOH proposal are over, they would like Mayor Haver send a letter to let someone know that Hicksville opposes the idea.

Sidewalk Committee: Beverly reported that Laurie Adams sent a letter stating that comments have been received from ODOT about the Safe Routes to School project. She wanted to be sure it was noted there were no tree cutting restrictions.

HIXTV: Foster reported there was a quick meeting on Saturday, December 12 at 8 a.m. followed by an appreciation breakfast for volunteers at 8:30 a.m. We have ordered some very expensive equipment for the station. The next meeting will be at the library on January 9 at 8 a.m. The power and heat are off at the North Main Street location. The school is going to pay to have the rack that holds the broadcasting equipment moved to the other side of the room. Mediacom will move the cable themselves. Council was being broadcast live tonight for the first time in a few months. Miller will check on the utilities at the North Main Street location.

Administrator's Report: Miller reported:

The chipper clutch blew up when being readied to go out early this month. While waiting on parts, employees collected limbs using the mini dumps, then chipped on Friday the 18th to make sure the machine was running properly. That was also the last day they will be out for 2009. Residents are reminded that there will be no chipping in 2010 unless a major storm causes damage. We will collect Christmas trees (without lights/decorations still attached).

There will be a general pick-up during the week of December 29.

Miscellaneous:

Ordinance 2009-13 the 2010 Annual Appropriations Ordinance was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules and pass it as an emergency. Haver seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Hart voted yes. Beverly voted no. Hart moved to rescind the vote to pass as an emergency. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Jones moved to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency. Hart seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2009-13 was read by caption only for the third reading. Jones moved to approve the third reading. Foster seconded. All voted yes. The ordinance is effective immediately

Ordinance 2009-14 to eliminate a holiday was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve as a non-emergency. Haver seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Hart voted yes. Beverly voted no. The ordinance will take effect in 30 days.

Ordinance 2009-15 to eliminate personal days was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency. Jones seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Hart voted yes. Beverly voted no. Jones moved to approve the third reading as a non-emergency. Foster seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Hart voted yes. Beverly voted no. The ordinance will take effect in 30 days.

Ordinance 2009-16 to amend pay ranges was read by caption only for the second reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency. Haver seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Hart voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Ordinance 2009-17 to eliminate hourly on call pay for the EMS was read by caption only for the second reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency. All voted yes. Ordinance 2009-17 was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes. The Ordinance will take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2009-18 to eliminate part time employee personal days was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency. Hart seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Hart voted yes. Beverly voted no.

Ordinance 2009-19 to state that overtime will not be paid until after 40 hours are worked was read by caption only for the first reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2009-19 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Jones moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes. The Ordinance take effect immediately.

Ordinance 2009-20 to amend the annual appropriations ordinance was read by caption only for the first reading. Jones moved to suspend the rules. Haver seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2009-20 was read by caption only for the second and third readings. Foster moved to

approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes. The Ordinance will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2009-16 combining two fire levies was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve. Jones seconded. All voted yes. The Resolution will take effect in 30 days.

Resolution 2009-18 to reduce the employee work hours to 35 hours per week was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency. Haver seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Hart voted yes. Beverly voted no. Jones moved to approve the third reading as a non-emergency. Foster seconded. Jones, Haver, Foster, Hart voted yes. Beverly voted no. The resolution will take effect in 30 days.

Resolution 2009-20 to pay a longevity bonus to councilmember Ed Foster was read by caption only for the second reading.

Resolution 2009-21 to enter into a farm lease with Dan Michael was read by caption only for the second reading. Foster moved to suspend the rules. Jones seconded. All voted yes. Ordinance 2009-18 was read by caption only for the third reading. Foster moved to approve. Haver seconded. All voted yes. The resolution will take effect immediately.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Collins had placed the semi-annual EMS & Fire pay records in the council packets. A 2010 fee schedule including utility rates were passed out to council.

Police Report: No report was given.

Fire Department: No report was given.

EMS Department: No report was given.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Haver presented outgoing council members Amy Haver and Ed Foster with plaques thanking them for their 12 and 20 years of service respectively. Mayor Haver briefly mentioned that we have had a difficult year with the loss of Trident and the moving of Nemcomed out of town. He mentioned we need to fill up our empty buildings and welcomed Mike Barth and Mike Headley to the council in 2010.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted yes.

MAYOR

CLERK

Larry Haver

Diane Collins