

VILLAGE OF HICKSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday May 19th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Barth. The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Steve Eyers and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following present: Mayor Michael Barth; Council Members Toni Egly, Kent Miller, Ron Beverly, Charlie Martin, Eric Bassett and Rob Bailey; Fiscal Officer Cheryl Smith; Administrator Cory Wann; Solicitor Rachel Hammersmith.

Minutes from the May 5th Regular Council Meeting were presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

A list of bills to be paid was presented. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Boards & Commissions: No meetings were held.

Council Committees: The Personnel Committee met May 5th at 5 pm. Minutes were provided tonight. They discussed possible pay increases and updates to the personnel manual. Eric Bassett made a motion to include the increase to the EMS Chief's pay as he has completed his first year in that position and add it to the Ordinance being voted on tonight. The motion was seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted yes.

NOTE: All committee meeting minutes are available in their entirety in the Fiscal Officer's office at 111 South Main Street, Hicksville or by email request to hixcs@defnet.com. All council meetings are shown on YouTube, and minutes are on the website.

Administrator's Report: Cory Wann had the following report:

- There was a meeting recently for CDBG funding. Hicksville has one project entered - the Columbia-Hattery project.
- The Splash Pad opened on the 15th. There are still some things to accomplish. A flooding problem was corrected with installation of a catch basin. Grass seed has been planted but needs some time. There was some issue with the "bucket" dumping water smoothly. A technician has been called to make any adjustment needed.

Solicitor's Report:

- Final reading of **Ordinance 2025-07** by caption only amending pay ranges to include K9 Handler annual stipend and pay increase for EMS Chief. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. Bailey, Egly, Bassett, Miller and Martin voted yes. Beverly voted no.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2025-08** by caption only amending Section 1165.09 of the Hicksville Codified Ordinances pertaining to parking and storage of certain vehicles.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2025-09** by caption only amending Section 905.06 of the Hicksville Codified Ordinances pertaining to failure to comply; remedy of municipality.
- Second reading of **Ordinance 2025-10** by caption only amending Section 505.13 of the Hicksville Codified Ordinances pertaining to keeping animals near dwellings. It will be amended to include rabbits as approved animals.
- First reading of **Ordinance 2025-11** by caption only rezoning Parcel E06-0016-0-033-00, 125 N Main Street, from commercial to residential and declaring an emergency. Ron Beverly made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Eric

Bassett. All voted yes. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-11 by caption only. Rob Bailey made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron Beverly. All voted yes.

- First reading of **Resolution 2025-09** by caption only to enter a contract with Fenson Contracting LLC for the Elm Street Water Main Replacement Project and declaring an emergency. Charlie Martin made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Rob Bailey. Second and final reading of Resolution 2025-09 by caption only. Eric Bassett made a motion to approve, seconded by Charlie Martin. All voted yes.

Department Heads:

Police Chief: *Mark Denning had no report.*

Fire Chief: *Darrick Crochran reported he has a company coming to fix the leak in the tanker. Unit 504 needs the AC fixed but will not be taken out of service. Electrical work is being done on the new generator. There is trouble with the sirens working properly. Crochran and Wann are working on the problem. Parts have been ordered. The dumpster below the pole where the siren is attached will be moved soon. They only come on Wednesday. The department will be giving rides to the first graders on Wednesday. The department is getting ready for the Memorial Day parade.*

EMS Chief: *Bruce Silcott reported he would like to hire Michael Thomas (15-year Paramedic from Edgerton) and Andrew McDougall (AEMT from Antwerp). Mayor Barth recommended the new hires. Charlie Martin made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Toni Egly. All voted yes. Silcott reminded everyone that this is EMS Week.*

Park Director: *Christina Tadsen was absent.*

Fiscal Officer Report: The following reports were submitted to Council:

- Current Fund Status and Cash Summary Report.
- Police Department Pay In Report

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Barth reported preparations are ongoing for the 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration for Hicksville that will take place June 5th through the 7th.
- The Splash Pad had the ribbon cutting ceremony recently. Everyone was impressed.
- Congratulations to the Class of 2025. Graduation is Sunday at 2 pm.
- The line up for the Memorial Day Parade starts at 9 am. Be sure to honor any veteran or military person you know and thank them for their service.

Ron Beverly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Eric Bassett. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Cheryl Smith, Fiscal Officer

Michael Barth, Mayor