

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on December 5, 2011.

INVOCATION

The Mayor offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Tim Clapper, John Curtis, Steve Hart, Darrell Levings, Dianne Matuch, Emily Shaffer. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Todd Brininger, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Hart moved and Levings seconded to approve the 11/21/11 minutes. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman and Ed Kline.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 234 calls for service, 6 accidents, 75 charges and 4 felonies during November. Included in the report was a breakdown of the convictions of former Mt. Gilead Police Officer Joseph Hughes. Hughes was convicted of 18 charges including theft, theft in office, tampering with evidence and receiving stolen property. Sentencing is scheduled for 12/22/11.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS

The committee is scheduled to meet with Chief Zerman following tonight's Council meeting and with Chief Staiger on 12/13/11 at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and reviewed the proposed 2012 Budget. The Capital Improvements Fund will fund the street resurfacing project. \$26,000.00 was budgeted to fund new Police radios. Hart explained the FCC's change from wide-band radio communication to narrow band and then to digital. It is unclear whether the current radios will be compatible with the new narrow band or digital or if it will be necessary to replace all 12 radios. The unfunded mandate is expected to take place in 2012. The committee recommended an employee wage increase of .30 per hour in 2012.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to renew the annual contract with Solicitors Griffith & Brininger at \$31,800.00 annually. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the annual contract with Magistrate David Stamolis at \$5,350.00 annually. Chief Zerman endorsed the contracts with the Solicitors and the Magistrate, reporting a positive working relationship with all three Attorneys. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

A resolution amending the current ING Retirement Plan will be included in the Council packet for Council approval on 12/19/11.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 8:00 PM on 12/12/11.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 1/3/12.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the continuous rains, resulting in 2,000,000 gallons of water per day through the WWTP, have delayed the installation of the second Siemen’s drive. Rogers commended the WWTP employees for their operational skills. WWTP employee McKirgan will resolve a problem caused by backflash from the jetter during routine line cleaning on Baker St. Rogers reported he suspects the on-going bacteria problems at the WWTP are originating from either the Christian School line or the line from Dogwood Valley. Chlorine tablets are treating the problem. Clapper offered to research possible solutions.

Less expensive and more portable replacement options for the Water Plant dehumidifier are being considered.

Communication signal controlling the water levels in the Douglas St. water tower malfunctioned between the tower and the Water Plant this week. Century Link was eventually able to trace the lines, reconnect the system and document the connection information for future reference.

The salt shed has been repaired and is ready for the first order of salt before the winter weather begins.

The leaf pickup and brush pickups are completed for the year.

Crack and Seal will be applied to Lincoln Ave. and possibly Town St. before the end of 2011.

Time Warner representative has completed the initial walk-through the buildings before the installation of the equipment for the phone/internet hookup.

HPM Brownfield Restoration project assessment is 20% completed.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor congratulated Ed Kline and John Curtis who were elected to the 2012-2015 Council term and expressed appreciation to Darrell Levings who will retire from Council at the end of this year.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Curtis moved and Hart seconded to approve the payment of the bills. Roll call; Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1666.

Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call;

Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Resolution 11-12-11A was presented for the second reading. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to pass the resolution to oppose the centralized collection of income tax by the State to the third reading. The Mayor encouraged Council to voice their opposition to the proposed legislation. The OML and others are diligently opposing the legislation and any future proposals that would cause huge revenue losses for municipalities across the State of Ohio. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfers. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes.

OTHER

The Mayor invited Council to share the employee’s Christmas Dinner on 12/23/11 at 11:30 AM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator