

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on August 20, 2012.

INVOCATION

Clapper 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, Ed Kline, Dianne Matuch, Emily Shaffer. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Tod Brininger, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to approve the 7/16/12 minutes as presented. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Taylor Kaser from the Sentinel, Angela Segraves, Jim and Kim Fleeson, Brian Zerman, Greg Young, Ken Kennedy, Carolyn Matlak, Dan DeVille from Ohio Edison, and Karen McClelland. Mrs. Matlak expressed appreciation to Council for addressing the problems she had brought to their attention on 6/4/12. She reported that several issues have already been resolved and that many of her neighbor's blight issues could have been avoided if stricter inspection requirements had been in place prior to the purchase of the property.

Ms. Segraves requested use of the park area on the southeast and southwest corners of the Square for an Arts Festival on October 20, 2012, from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to approve the request. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes.

Mrs. McClelland requested permission to hold a community-wide garage sale on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Following a brief discussion, Hart moved and Clapper seconded to approve the request, to waive the permit requirement and to allow the sales from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM on 9/22/12. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Mr. DeVille gave a brief report of the severe summer storm on 6/29/12. Within 45 minutes 16,000 residents in the Marion-Morrow County area were without electricity. One half of those were back in service within 30 minutes and 90% were back in service within 48 hours. Over 1,000 locations needed individual attention. Mr. DeVille expressed appreciation to the Village for their assistance during and after the storm.

A Street Light Problem Report instructing the methods to report a street light problem was distributed and explained.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 285 calls for service, 48 reports, 9 felonies, 80 charges and 15 accidents during July. The 2012 Dodge Charger Cruiser is in service with varied comments from residents who approve the design and appearance but are concerned about the cost over the former Ford Crown Victoria. Chief Zerman requested that the Sentinel report the Ford Crown Victoria is no longer being manufactured.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported a total of 31 responses since 7/16/12, including 2 structure fires, 5 vehicle fires, 3 Haz-Met incidents, 3 false alarms, 4 vehicle accidents and 3 illegal burns. Normal maintenance and repairs were reported.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JOHN CURTIS

Street resurfacing is scheduled for the end of the month.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

The 8/14/12 committee minutes were distributed. Chief Young reported a significant decrease in the 2011 real estate tax revenue was the result of an appeal to the Board of Revision filed by the WODA Group and the First Richland Housing. The WODA Group (Chartwell Green Housing) that had originally assured Council that the homes would not be low-income housing, has filed and won an appeal to lower each of the homes from an appraised value of \$120,000.00 to the current value of \$40,000.00.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on 8/22/12 with Chief Zerman.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed in detail the real estate tax appeal of the WODA Group that will result in approximately \$17,000.00 per year in lost revenue in the coming years.

The committee discussed a policy that could consistently and fairly manage comp-time. Following a brief discussion, the committee requested that the Solicitor consider a policy recommendation.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 9/17/12.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on 8/27/12.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The 2012 Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence will be presented to Elizabeth Ritchey and Marilyn Weiler at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon tomorrow.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 9/4/12.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the repair of a water leak at the WWTP will be completed tomorrow morning. The removal of a building at the Fairgrounds exposed a water meter to traffic. Protective posts were installed around the meter.

Poggemeyer Design Group will conduct the bid opening for the W. Marion St./S. Main St. Waterline Project on 8/23/12 at 11:00 AM.

Underground Utility Service has located 3 water hydrant leaks and 2 major leaks from abandoned lateral services. Employees worked through the night on 8/8/12 to repair a major water leak on N. Delaware St. and Highland Ave.

The retaining wall on Arnold St. has been completed.

New computers will replace two of the current 7 year old ones in the Police Department.

The HPM Plant I Clean Ohio Project Phase II assessment is completed but the final in-depth report from the Ohio Department of Development will require some time to review. The next phase will be decided by Brownfield Restoration. Rogers reported that the possible loss of funding through Brownfield/ Clean Ohio will affect the future of the HPM Plant I.

Rogers gave the following report on the HPM Plant II:

- Randy Sheldon with the OEPA advised that he received a warrant to inspect HPM Plant II and make an assessment for the purpose of involving the USEPA.
- Mr. Sheldon's warrant was given by the Morrow County Common Pleas
- The Prosecutor's investigator, Al Carey, was working with Mr. Sheldon on his assessment
- Steve Wolff, from the Westlake office of the USEAP Region 5 is also working with Mr. Carey but he has never spoken with Prosecutor Howland or anyone from that office.
- Mr. Wolff is working with the Department of Justice to get a warrant to enter the site and remove items discovered in his visit at the request of Mr. Sheldon from the OEPA to make an assessment for the USEPA and get the warrant for removal.
- The warrant will take up to 6 months, because the amount of funds being requested for remediation of the following (this list is not complete) Transformers w/PCB's, weirs that are west of the plant used for containment, pump out all pits with contaminated oil, remove tanks if they still exist and some soil that has been identified as contaminated.

Rogers stated the property is seriously contaminated and estimated the cost to be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor attended the Council on Aging meeting in Mansfield where County resident Bill Hershner was honored.

Over 250 runners participated in the 8/9/12 Dash At Dusk at the Recreation Center.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$445,341.14. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Kline moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1678. Roll call; Kline yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes. Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1679 was presented for the first reading. Hart moved and Kline seconded to pass the DKMM ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Hart yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes.

Shaffer moved and Matuch seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 8-20-12. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment for blight resolution. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes.

Resolution 8-20-12 A was presented for the first reading. Kline moved and Hart seconded to pass the DKMM resolution to the second reading. Roll call; Kline yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes.

Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 8-20-12 B. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer moved and Matuch seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment for delinquent water bills resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes. The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets along with a real estate tax revenue comparison spanning the past 6 years.

OTHER

Matuch recommended that the Finance & Personnel committee investigate a time-keeping software program that would allow employees to clock in and out on their computer. Matuch stressed that she would like the committee to seriously consider such as a program that would aid accountability of sick time, over time and comp-time. Chief Zerman stated that when he is called to a crime scene in the middle of the night he would not come into the office first nor would he require that of an officer. Council discussed special circumstances as well as the benefits and disadvantages of a software program that would also allow and/or require salary direct deposit.

Shaffer reported Columbia Gas held a meeting for the residents concerning the repair project in the Bank St./Pine Drive area.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator