

SWEARING IN CEREMONY 6:45 PM JANUARY 4, 2009

The Honorable Judge Howard E. Hall officiated the Oath of Office to the following elected members of Council: Timothy Clapper, Steven Hart, Dianne Matuch and Emily Shaffer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on January 4, 2010.

INVOCATION

Levings 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 Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the 12/21/09 minutes. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Curtis nominated Steve Hart to serve as Council Pro Tempore for 2010 and Shaffer seconded the motion. Levings moved and Clapper seconded to close the nominations. The nomination roll call vote was taken: Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Hart abstained.

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to continue to meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm., with the exception that during July and August the Council will meet on the third Monday only. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the current Council Rules of Procedure. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes.

Curtis moved and Hart seconded to retain Griffith & Brininger as Solicitors for 2010 at an annual fee of \$30,000.00. Roll call; Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

GUESTS

Don Staiger was the guest.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused for a death in the family. The written report detailed 57 calls for service, 6 reports, 5 citations, one theft arrest and the arrest of a female for a warrant.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 366 responses for 2009, 13 structure fires and 33 accidents.

Life Safety Inspections were conducted at the schools. Issues with State regulations were addressed.

Grant applications have been submitted for training and equipment. Several training classes are available in the area for new firefighters.

Staiger invited new Council members to visit the Station and requested a meeting with the new Fire & Police Committee.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart requested any preferences or suggestions for committee assignments for 2010.

UTILITIES-

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee will meet following the Planning Commission meeting on 1/21/10.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported three main line water breaks on New Year's Eve; 2 on E. Union St. and 1 on W. Marion St. The E. Union St. breaks were the result of defective valve bolts and improperly bedded line by the State during the time the jail was being constructed.

Street maintenance has been a priority following continuous snows beginning 12/27/09.

Rogers stated the Village will continue the practice of plowing the snow and then going back to spread salt.

Pre-construction meetings have been scheduled for the two ARRA projects.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported the employees held their annual Christmas party on 12/21/09.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith reported he would file a lawsuit against individual officers of Taylor Trucking for failure to pay employees Withholding Taxes. A court-order prohibits the removal of the equipment or company property. Rogers reported all but one or two employees were terminated and rehired under the HPM Polaris name. A public notice is scheduled for this week. Rogers stated freezing water lines will cause a major loss of water if the building is abandoned and the water fire-lines are allowed to freeze and break.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Ordinance 1631 was presented for the second reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the ordinance to vacate an alley to the third reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1632 was presented. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Appropriation Ordinance. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Members of Council sworn in tonight were reminded of the HB9 Open Records Training required during their term of office.

The Clerk commended all employees and departments who completed the year 2009 without a Worker's Comp claim. A CompManagement representative will be in the office on Friday 1/8/10.

OTHER

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss a pending personnel discipline and/or litigation issue. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes. Curtis moved and Clapper seconded to reconvene the Regular Open Meeting. Roll call; Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes. Hart reported that Council met in Executive Session with Mayor Porter, Solicitor Griffith, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Administrator Rogers and discussed the pending investigation and/or discipline of an employee.

Curtis moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn at 7:50 pm.