

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Curtis 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, Darrell Levings, Dianne Matuch, Emily Shaffer. Steve Hart was excused. 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 Matuch seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Rachel Mendell from the Sentinel, Don Staiger, Brian Zerman, former Mayor Tom Whiston, Marsha Taylor, Mike Lancaster, Ed Kline, Betty Williams, Don & Kay Hines, Mike & Nancy Bachelder, and Ruby Jackson.

Guests expressed concern for the proposed water and sewer rate increases. Council assured Mr. Kline that both the water and sewer ordinances were amended to authorize increases for only five years rather than "indefinitely" as originally proposed. Mrs. Hines requested that Council consider the elderly and residents who are on a fixed income before adopting the increases. Mrs. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Bachelder and Mr. Lancaster questioned the need for increases, what improvements and/or repairs are slated for the additional funds, and what cost-saving measures have been considered. An in-depth discussion followed as Council addressed the group's questions and concerns focusing on funds currently available in both the water and sewer funds, the increased cost of operation and future improvements and repairs. Curtis noted the savings and the number of projects that are accomplished by employees. The residents suggested using the Electric Aggregation funds of \$75,000.00 or the \$2,000,000.00 in the General Fund to fund services rather than increase rates for citizens who are already struggling to meet monthly utility bills. Mayor Porter explained his desire to allocate the electric aggregation funds for a particular project and to have a separate account for the inheritance funds utilizing the interest to periodically fund special projects. He also noted other entities that have depleted their "rainy-day-fund". The residents maintained their concern for the number of delinquent utilities customers. Council has remained divided on the adoption of the rate increases.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 308 calls for service, 80 charges, 9 felonies and 10 accidents during September.

The 2010 cruiser has been returned to service after repairs were completed for the second time within two months.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 336 responses for the year; 40 in September, 5 in October.

The recent New Ohio Expo offered a number of critical training classes including "Point of No Return" for firefighters who are in life-and-death situations. Twenty firefighters are currently enrolled in the 140-Hour Training.

Procedure policy is being reviewed and updated to comply with new state regulations.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met on 9/29/10. OEM Doheny quoted a price of \$37,925.00 to replace the Vactor-Jetter tank. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to accept the Marengo Fabricated Steel

quote of \$8,500.00 to replace the tank. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

The committee recommended delaying the purchase of a tilt-trailer. Pine View Trailer LTD's quote to replace the 30-year-old trailer was \$5,825.00.

Two quotes were reviewed to sandblast and paint two truck beds, Striker Sandblasting at \$850.00 and Dexter at \$900.00. Levings moved and Clapper seconded to award the project to Striker Sandblasting to repair both the 650 and the 550 truck beds at a cost of \$850.00.

Seniors on Center proposed commercial kitchen plans were discussed. The W. Marion St. parking lot will be completed in 2011.

The committee recommended the purchase of a Chemtrol Digital Chemical Automated Controller, at a purchase price of \$2,695.00, is included in the 2011 recreation budget. The unit would regulate the chemicals added to the municipal pool, which would result in a considerable savings in chemical costs.

The right of way and a storm water ordinance to fund EPA mandates were discussed.

Levings described the 3 or 4-phase renovations planned for the Police Department at the west end of the municipal building. Ceramic flooring, moving lockers and files, removing the dividing wall between the former Mayor's Clerk's office and the Police Department are part of the renovations that would comply with state mandates. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to approve up to \$17,000.00 to complete the remodeling project. Matuch requested a layout of the proposed changes. Following a brief discussion, Levings withdrew the motion and Curtis withdrew the second.

Ruby Jackson presented a detailed estimate and description of the proposed S. Main St. park/green space to the committee. The total estimated cost of \$26,446.00 including the back wall, plant material, bedding soil, mulch and installation. The fencing, mural and irrigation system would be added later. Levings reiterated the project could not be completed in 2010. The final plans would be referred to the budget committee.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart was excused.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

Clapper moved and Matuch seconded to hold Ordinance 1641 and Ordinance 1642 until a list of improvements could be provided to justify the proposed increases. Following a brief discussion, Bringer approved the procedure and the roll call vote was taken; Clapper yes, Matuch no, Shaffer no, Levings yes, Curtis no. Motion was lost.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 11/1/10.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

At the WWTP, the foundation for the 10' X 10' alum feed system building is completed.

Gorman Rupp pump assemblies will be replaced. Continued dry weather has caused low-flows.

Preventative maintenance at the Water Plant continues to be a priority. Clay valves have been rebuilt. Water Dept employees have offered to assemble the valves in the future. Roof repairs have been completed on two well houses. Valve boxes throughout the Village are being repaired.

2011 Issue I application to sandblast and paint both water towers was submitted. The project cost is estimated at \$252,000.00; \$47,000.00 from Village funding, \$205,000.00 State funding. SR 95 Issue I project kickoff meeting is scheduled for 10/6/10 at 10:00 AM. Morrow County Hospital and the Village will share the match funding for the project.

Both ARRA projects have been completed. Billing from Miller Pipeline is still outstanding. ODOT has reviewed the Clean Ohio HPM application. Phase II will define the extent of the cleanup project.

Signs prohibiting advertisements have been placed on several Ohio Edison utility poles. Rogers reported the company appreciates the warning signage. Leaf pickup will begin this week.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported he attended the OML Conference and the Mayor's Court Training last week. Public & private partnerships and Public Records classes were part of the OML schedule. County Republican headquarters opened last week and the County Democratic headquarters will open this week. Porter urged Council and residents to carefully consider the November elections.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Resolution 10-4-10 was presented. Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules.

Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes. Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment resolution. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1641 was presented for the third reading. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to adopt the water rate ordinance. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Curtis no, Matuch no, Shaffer no. Adoption of the ordinance failed.

Ordinance 1642 was presented for the third reading. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to adopt the sewer rate ordinance. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Matuch no, Curtis no, Shaffer no. Adoption of the ordinance failed.

OTHER

Shaffer expressed appreciation to the residents who took the time to attend tonight's meeting, to learn the issues and to be willing to address them.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator