

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on December 6, 2010.

INVOCATION

Mayor Porter 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

Shaffer moved and Matuch seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

GUESTS

Along with Rachel Mendell and Brian Zerman, Council welcomed 16 Troop 56 Boy Scouts and 4 Troop Leaders. Each Scout introduced himself and his rank. Troop Leader Dave Grossman explained that to attain the Citizenship in Community badge, the Scout is required to attend a governmental meeting, to listen while the meeting is conducted and to later state how he would have favored one side or another in a particular issue. Throughout the meeting Council and the Mayor were attentive to the group and explained different aspects of the proceedings.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 218 calls for service, 7 felonies and 64 charges during November. Changes to the traffic regulations on Park Ave have lessened the problems for parents who transport their students to or from school. Following an armed robbery in Cardington, Officers assisted in the pursuit, tracking and capture of the suspect. The chase ended on SR 95 west of Marion where the suspect abandoned his vehicle and attempted to flee on foot.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

Matuch reported the committee met on 11/22/10 to review and approve the plans to renovate the west end of the building. The long-needed improvements will comply with recent Federal legislation regulating interviews and privacy rights as well as expanding the Police offices.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met on 11/29/10 to review the proposed 2011 Budget, included in Council packets. No wage increases were projected. Hart requested that Council consider a Resolution and Agreement, already signed by the Gilead Township Trustees, authorizing the Trustees to enter into an agreement with the Village of Mt. Gilead to manage Rivercliff Cemetery and all cemeteries that the Township manages.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

Clapper reported the committee met to continue to look at the sewer rates and expenses. The committee will request that several Water Funds be combined before the Water Notes are due in the spring.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to the Council meeting to complete the proposed changes for Chapter 725 regulating taxicabs and to continue the review of Chapter 721 regulating peddlers or mobile food service. The recommended amendment of Chapter 725 has been turned over to Solicitor Griffith for review and approval.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 1/3/11.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal maintenance at the Water Plant and WWTP. An up-to-date review of the septage receiving accounts was included in the report.

Lloyd, Porter & Porter completed the street repairs in front of Auto Zone on W. Marion Rd. Several vehicles sustained minor damage after hitting the pothole in late November. The insurance company contacted the complainants with the explanation that the hole was the result of water leak repairs and continued rains following the original patching caused enough settling to damage tires if motorists hit the hole.

Water employees worked through the night to repair a major water leak at Bank St. & E. North St. this week.

The Vactor-Jetter repairs are nearing completed with a savings of approximately \$30,000.00.

Deer Creek Excavating has begun the relocation of the water line on the SR 95 Storm Sewer project in front of the Hospital. The project is on schedule; final seeding will not be scheduled until warmer weather.

Clean Ohio Grant paper work for the former HPM Lincoln Ave. is completed.

Village Christmas decorations are completed and ready for the annual Christmas Festival this Saturday.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported that carry-in-meals sponsored by the Management of the Senior Housing complexes have helped ease the conflicts between the residents and managers. Safety regulations will be enforced.

A food drive this Saturday will go to support the County Food Banks.

The Mayor noted that tomorrow would be the 69th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for Resolution 12-6-10. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Levings moved and Matuch seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules for Resolution 12-6-10 A. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes. Hart moved and Levings seconded to adopt the transfer of funds resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1646 was presented for the third reading. Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the water/backflow regulations. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes.

Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1647. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Supplemental Appropriations. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

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

Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to approve the carry-over of 2010 vacation hours for 13 employees. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes.

OTHER

Hart explained the request from the Gilead Township Trustees to enter into an agreement with the Village. Hart stated that according to the County Prosecutor, Resolution 5-3-10 was not approved because the passage of the legislation would require the majority of each of the entities-Mt. Gilead Village Council and the Gilead Township Trustees. The Council voted unanimously to adopt the legislation but only one of the two Trustees voted in favor of the passage. Prosecutor Howland further ruled that the cemetery tax, which is inside millage, is not strictly a Rivercliff Union Cemetery tax. Solicitor Griffith offered to review the resolution and agreement and to make a recommendation. Hart recommended a joint meeting with the Trustees soon after the first of the year.

Matuch reminded Council of the Toys for Tots drive this Saturday.

Council commended the Boy Scouts and their leaders for their attendance and attention during the meeting. The Scouts were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Curtis moved and Levings seconded to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator