

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 1, 2010.

INVOCATION

Matuch 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 Shaffer seconded to approve the 1-18-10 minutes. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman and Sentinel reporter Rachel Mendall.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 236 calls for service, 12 felonies, 63 charges and 6 accidents during January. K-9 Training began today and will continue through the end of March.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

The meeting scheduled for 2/3/10 was cancelled.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

The committee met at 6:00 pm on 1/21/10 at the Fire Station. Chief Staiger presented a list of requests to be considered, including a fourth daytime firefighter and a review of the current Police & Fire False Alarm ordinance.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on 2/15/10.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet following the Council meeting on 2/15/10.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met at 6:00 prior to Council meeting tonight to discuss the Wind Energy Conversion System regulations. The committee proposed a Public Hearing to be held on 3/15/10 at 6:00 pm if the notification can be published within the next week.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal maintenance and management at both the Water Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Cold weather caused an unusual bacteria problem at the WWTP requiring minor equipment adjustments.

The water plant dehumidifier is working more efficiently which will reduce the natural gas usage. Three major water breaks were repaired; High St., E. Union St., and Town St.

The street department building renovations are nearing completion. Rogers reported the building is structurally sound but will require new siding.

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to approve \$5,750.00 to Poggemeyer Design Group for the engineering services for the pool repairs. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

The surprising discovery of a large cistern under the parking lot just south of Chase bank caused a minor delay when the TEP (Transportation Enhancement Project) project began last week. The 25' X 15' cistern, approximately 9' in depth, was filled in before the project work could proceed.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter explained Resolution 2-1-10 B, a resolution authorizing a governmental electricity aggregation program to be presented for voter approval on the 5/4/10 primary ballot. First Energy introduced the program to area leaders, including Mayor Porter and Administrator Rogers, as an incentive for residents to elect to stay with Ohio Edison when federal deregulation becomes effective. The aggregation program with an opt-out option for residents would reduce the monthly electric bill by 3%. If the majority of the electors vote favorably for the program, the Village would receive \$75,000.00 from First Energy Resource and then would need to hold at least two public hearings to inform residents of the program. Porter explained that if the Village joins the County in the program, the County would receive \$25,000.00 and the Village would then receive only \$50,000.00. Council expressed several concerns especially the lack of time to learn more about the program. Who is promoting the program? Will First Energy conduct the public hearings? Are we creating a Co-Op? Will residents be locked into the program if another, better program is offered? Rogers assured Council there is no hidden agenda, it is regulated by Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, and citizens will have to option to leave the program every three years or in mid-term for a charge of \$25.00. Council requested Rogers contact the First Energy representative for a letter summarizing the support they will provide. Following a lengthy discussion, Council agreed to trust the program will be as presented. The Mayor requested that Council go into Executive Session before the close of the regular meeting to discuss a personnel discipline matter.

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.

Ordinance 1632 was presented for the first reading. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the ODOT ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1633 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Clapper seconded to pass the income tax amendment ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Clapper yes, Curtis no, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes.

Resolution 2-1-10 was presented. Hart moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Hart moved and Levings seconded to adopt the transfer of funds resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Resolution 2-1-10A was presented. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt resolution to purchase a cruiser. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Resolution 2-1-10B was presented. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the electricity aggregate program resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

The Clerk encouraged Council members to attend the Auditor of State Local Government Official’s Conference in April.

OTHER

Curtis moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending discipline/employment of an employee. Roll call; Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes. Curtis moved and Hart seconded to reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call; Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes. Hart stated Council discussed the pending discipline/employment of an employee while in Executive Session with Chief Zerman, Solicitor Griffith, Mayor Porter, Administrator Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann present. Curtis moved and Levings seconded to adjourn at 9:35 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator