

PUBLIC HEARING 2011 TAX BUDGET

Mayor Porter called the 2011 Tax Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:45 PM on June 21, 2010. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the budget as presented. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on June 21, 2010.

INVOCATION

Shaffer 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

Clapper moved and Shaffer to approve the 6/7/10 minutes. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Rachel Mandell, Tim Beougher and Neil Patel. Mr. Beougher, owner of the Joy Wagon Ice Cream business, distributed brochures and business cards advertising the Mt. Vernon, Ohio, business. The family-owned business, in operation since 1965 throughout several counties in Ohio and South Carolina, pays close attention to safety, cleanliness, and courtesy as well as local regulations, permits and tax requirements. The trucks operate Monday through Saturday allowing employees' time for worship and family activities on Sundays. He requested that sections in Chapter 721 of the Mt. Gilead Codified Ordinances regulating "Peddlers" be reviewed. Mr. Beougher stated the regulations, allowing music only while the trucks are stopped, are directed solely at his type of business and have restricted his ability to operate within the Village. Drivers are instructed to keep the music on while traveling through 25 mph neighborhoods but to turn off the music while stopped for the safety of the children. Drivers are careful to instruct the children approaching the vehicles. Council could offer little explanation to the reasoning behind the 1987 legislation but Shaffer offered to take the request to the Codes & Regulations committee at a special meeting on 6/28/10 following the Public Hearing for the Electric Aggregation Plan.

Mr. Patel, stated he is a concerned father, pro-family, pro-education candidate for District 19 in the Ohio State Senate. His goal is to bring more jobs and better education to Ohio. A native of India, he spoke briefly of his past accomplishments and his hopes for Ohio's future.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met on 6-16-10 and discussed the one-way traffic laws on Arnold Lane. The committee recommended an ordinance with 3 readings to allow two-way traffic. The committee discussed a grant, with matching funds, to paint the Douglas St. water tower. Street paving bid opening is scheduled for 7-1-10. Walnut St. & Park Ave. are the first on the priority list.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to the Council meeting and continued the review and possible updates/revisions to the Personnel Policy. The final recommendations are expected in August.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

No report.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

Council was invited to attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on 7/20/10 for the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence ceremony.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met on 6/7/10 and considered the letter from the Recreation Advisory Board written to the swim team coach. The committee recommended 2 lifeguards during all swim team practices. The costs of providing lifeguards during practices will be evaluated later but the safety issues have been addressed for the 2010 season.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported on the normal maintenance and repairs at the Water and WWTP.

Employee Felder has returned to work full-time, Cox is on light duty following a Worker's Comp medical-only injury, and congratulations were extended to Kit St. Clair for successfully passing the EPA Water I Technician test.

Notice has been served and the HPM lawn on SR 95 W. Marion Rd. will be mowed and the cost assessed on the real estate taxes. Rogers reported the grass and weeds have grown to about 3' height.

The ARRA Sanitary Sewer Project with Miller Pipeline is scheduled to begin next week. The total project cost is \$469,265.00. The completion of the ARRA Storm Sewer project is completed. Streets requiring paving or patching have been prioritized.

The Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled to meet on 7/13/10 at the pool.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor met with local realtor Ron Harper to discuss the property located at the west point intersection of W. Marion St. and W. High St.

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.

Resolution 6/21/10 was presented. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules.

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

Resolution 6/21/10 A was presented. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes. Hart moved and Clapper seconded to adopt the real estate tax delinquent utility bill assessment resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1640 was presented for the 2nd reading. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to pass the Firefighters ordinance to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1641 was presented for the 1st reading. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to pass the water rates ordinance to the 2nd reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Matuch no, Shaffer no, Levings yes, Curtis no. Mayor Porter broke the tie vote with a yes vote.

Ordinance 1642 was presented for the 1st reading. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to pass the sewer rates ordinance to the 2nd reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer no, Matuch no, Curtis no, Hart yes. Mayor Porter broke the tie vote with a yes vote. Porter explained his decision to support the proposed ordinance stemmed from the hope that a rate increase now could avert the need for a greater increase in the future.

OTHER

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to authorize an ordinance approving the First Energy Electric Aggregation Plan. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch no, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Council briefly discussed the placement of a bronze plaque of the inscription on the Monument in the downtown southeast park area.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator