

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on September 20, 2010.

INVOCATION

Clapper 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 9/7/10 minutes with the correction that the proposed park/green space costs of 23,400.00 did not include the pergola or arbor, fencing, retaining walls, or sprinkler system. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

GUESTS

Guests included residents Ed & Marsha Taylor and Rachel Mendell and Don Staiger.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 32 responses in August; 20 to date in September. The department has been conducting inspections and directing the placement of the sprinkler systems at the Flying Horse Farms prior to its opening this autumn. Staiger urged Council to visit the nearly 200-acre camp located on SR 95 east of Mt. Gilead and dedicated to children with serious illnesses. 23 Firefighters will attend the Ohio Expo Classes. Fire Fighter I classes begin tonight. Mechanical problems are continuing on Tower 18.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

The committee is scheduled to meet on 9/29/10 at 5:30 PM. Clapper recommended the proposed downtown park/green space project be referred to the Streets Committee for review.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to this Council meeting and continued the review of the Personnel Policy. The Policy and recommended revisions will be distributed to Council in November for adoption by 1/1/2011.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet following Council meeting tonight.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 10/4/10.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Dry weather has contributed to the low flows and reduced septage receiving at the WWTP. A 10' X 10' X 8' building at a cost of approximately \$2,500.00 will be erected for the alum-feed system.

3" of iron deposits were removed from the Water Plant detection tank during the annual maintenance/cleaning.

Issue I applications are due 10/1/10. The cost of the project, estimated between \$200,000.00 and \$225,000.00 will include sandblasting and painting both water towers; 80% from State Issue I funding and 20% from the Village.

The two ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) projects are completed with the exception of the final DEFA paperwork and payments.

Police office renovations to comply with new federal regulations have been referred to Stegal Construction. Rogers reported he is working with Chief Zerman and Captain Underwood to meet the departments need for additional space.

Recreation Board met on 9/14/10 at 7:00 PM. Rogers reported he would meet with the Baseball Commission and parents on 10/12/10 to resolve a dispute brought about by several angry parents at a recent Commission meeting.

Storm Sewer SR 95 project resulted in 10 bids on September 16th, ranging from \$352,648.65 to \$539,193.70. Poggemeyer Design Group reviewed the bids and determined that despite the variance in bids, all contractors understood all phases of the project and bid accordingly.

Rogers explained some contractors are able to reduce costs and the present economy may have influenced the number of contractors eager to bid the project. The bid was awarded to Deer Creek Excavating at \$352,648.65.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter expressed appreciation to the 15 young people from Tri-State Youth Authority who helped repair damage at the Fort Gilead playground. Despite extra police surveillance, the area continues to be vandalized.

Morrow County United Way kickoff was a success on Saturday 9/18/10.

The Mayor met with Ohio Governor Strickland in Marion recently.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Ordinance 1641 was presented for the second reading. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to pass the water rates ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Curtis no, Matuch yes, Shaffer no, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1642 was presented for the second reading. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to pass the sanitary sewer rate ordinance to the third reading. Mayor Porter explained his reasons for continuing to break the tie vote with a yes vote; although funds are more than sufficient for current expenses, future costs of repair and improvements should be considered. Shaffer opposed the rate increases and expressed concern for residents who are already struggling financially. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis no, Matuch no, Shaffer no. Mayor Porter broke the tie vote with a yes vote.

Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1645. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes. Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to adopt the codification ordinance. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

Hart moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for Resolution 9-7-10. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes. Hart moved and Levings seconded to adopt the resolution accepting the County Auditor's tax levy resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio certificate as Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider was distributed.

Updated codified ordinances were distributed.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to adjourn at 7:35 PM.