

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on November 16, 2009.

INVOCATION

Strait offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; John Curtis, Steve Hart, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer, Keith Strait, and Betty Williams. 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 Strait seconded to approve the 11/2/09 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Williams yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Council -elect Tim Clapper and Diane Matuch, Brian Zerman and Tom Cronenwett.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman requested that former Officer Shari Rice be returned to the Auxiliary. Officer Rice, who resigned to accept a position with the Otterbein University Police, feels she has time to serve both departments. Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to re-instate Officer Rice to the Auxiliary. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Sgt. Cronenwett gave a comprehensive report of his research into a K-9 Unit. Council approved the program, along with the necessary equipment in February 2009, however the dog developed health issues and was retired. Cronenwett, who would be the handler for the canine, has located a 20-month old Shepard ready to be trained. The dog and training would be at a cost of \$5,500.00. Dr. Prathman, D.V.M. has promised free Veterinarian services and Milk Bone, in partnership with Kroger's, has offered \$5,000.00 toward the program. Other donations included free dog food from Pet Land and monetary contributions from numerous area businesses and organizations, including First Federal Bank, Drug Mart, and Morrow County Dispatchers. OSU Veterinary would transport an injured police dog and would replace the animal if necessary. Council expressed appreciation for the extensive research but expressed concern for the amount of time Sgt. Cronenwett would be asked to contribute to other agencies within the County. The discussion focused on the costs and the manpower away from the department. Chief Zerman explained the Mutual Aid agreement between the other villages, townships, county and Ohio State Patrol; the overtime hours and the use of the dog would be controlled in a similar manner as the Mutual Aid hours. Other entities would not be asked to reimburse the expenses but Chief Zerman would determine when the dog and Sgt. Cronenwett would be sent out. Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve the letter from the Clerk to Mr. Sorem, Chief of the Local Government Services, requesting permission to establish a Special Revenue Fund for the K-9 Program. The fund, if permission is granted, would track both expenditures and revenue, particularly donations. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart no, Levings yes, Shaffer yes. Referring to the proposed 2010 Budget, Rogers questioned if the funding from the General Fund would be needed to get the program started. The Fund will be established following permission from the State Auditor and donations will be accepted.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

Strait reported the committee met on 11/12/09 to discuss and recommend the proposed K-9 Program.

The Fire Protection Agreement with Edison was finalized. The one-year contract will be forwarded to Edison Mayor Ackerman.

The committee agreed to recommend the reinstatement of Officer Shari Rice to the Auxiliary.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council with Solicitors Griffith and Brininger to discuss the proposed 2010 contract which will be presented for Council approval on 12/7/09.

The committee scheduled a meeting on 11/30/09 at 6:00 pm to discuss possible changes and revisions to the Personnel Policy. The committee requested any recommendations or suggestions.

The Council was given copies of the proposed 2010 Budget to review.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following the council meeting to discuss the three projects scheduled to begin before spring.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met on 11/1/09 to address concerns residents have voiced about the proposed wind turbine on property within the Village Corporation Limits. Research into the alternative energy equipment has led to additional questions and concerns. Neighboring residents have voiced concerns varying from health issues, flicker factor, noise levels and reduced property values. Currently, the Zoning Codes height restrictions would not allow the equipment within the Village, however the Zoning Board of Appeals could grant a variance. Council discussed banning the equipment until legislation could be established regulating the wind turbines. Solicitor Griffith offered to meet with the committee on 11/30/09 to develop legislation to regulate the placement of wind turbines.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported no problems at the WWTP.

The dehumidifier at the water plant has been repaired and returned. Approximately 3' of rust was cleaned from the detention tanks. Water test results show a 30% improvement following the cleaning. Cleaning the tanks annually should continue to improve the testing results as well as reduce the salt usage.

Home Road paving is completed except for the striping in the spring.

Street Department office is under renovation; work will continue as weather allows.

The ARRA project for rehabilitation of sewer lines should be issued by December. Poggemeyer should be ready to make a recommendation by early December. The loan papers are ready for signatures.

The TEP project on the Monument is scheduled to begin on 12-1-09. Rogers assured Council the project will not interfere with the Christmas Festival on 12-12-09.

Leaf collection is nearing completion with few complaints. Residents who parked their vehicles in front of their homes have sometimes blocked the leaf machine.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported the annual Mayor's Court Training featured a retired anti-drug officer who has offered, through Federal Stimulus funding, to conduct anti-drug training in schools, hospitals or other interested agencies in central Ohio.

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, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1627 was presented for the second reading. Williams moved and Levings seconded to pass the income tax amendment to the third reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Mermann reported a meeting today with CompManagement, the new Third Party Administrator for Worker's Comp.

Bricker & Eckler, LLP are reviewing the 1999 Series Water System Mortgage Revenue Bonds, to determine if regulations would allow the Bonds to be refunded at this time. Numbers should be available before the December 7th Council meeting.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator