

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whiston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on November 5, 2007.

INVOCATION

Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Whiston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following answered roll call; John Curtis, Steve Hart, Emily Shaffer, Brandon Strain, Keith Strait, and Betty Williams. The Clerk declared a quorum.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strain yes, Hart yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Darrell Levings, Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman. Resident Dustin Mangrum had requested to address Council but did not attend.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 239 calls for service in October, several suspicious persons and 7 felonies. Trick or Treat was a fun evening for children despite cool rainy weather and no problems were reported.

Amanda Barrick has joined the Auxiliary/Part-time force.

Zerman commended all the officers for passing the physical fitness and firearms qualifications testing on 10/21/07.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-BRANDON STRAIN

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met briefly prior to Council. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the 2006-2007 and 2008-2009 audit proposal from Julian & Grube, Inc. at \$9,000.00 per 2-year audit. Hart requested a meeting with the Planning Commission. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on 11/15/07 to review a rezoning amendment.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee met following Council on 10/15/07 and recommended that the water service applications contain an agreement stating that the property owner shall bear the financial responsibility for meter tampering repairs or replacement. Replacement cost of the meters is \$500.00. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded that an ordinance be prepared amending Chapter 911.06 to include the changes. Solicitor Griffith offered to review the issue to determine if the landowner can be held responsible for the destruction of the equipment. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.

Williams reported that the committee requested input from Water Technician Mike Fry for the Town St. storm sewer problems reported by Mr. & Mrs. Walker at the 10/15/07 meeting. The Water & Sewer Department is conducting a thorough check of the area to determine where the problems are originating.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to purchase a Pow-R-Mole at \$3,500.00. The equipment is used to push rods through the lines under streets and normally sells for \$11,000.00 new. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to accept the bid of \$74.90 a ton for water softening salt from Cargill Salt. Three bids were received. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

The committee will meet following Council on 11/19/07.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee will meet briefly following Council tonight.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers extended appreciation to the Council and guest who attended the dedication service of the WWTP prior to Council. The final punch list should be completed by the next week. Two water leak repairs were reported, one on W. Union St. and two on W. Marion St. Rogers reported that the leaks are the results of improper shut-off practices when the hydrants are checked. He will work with the Fire Department to see that the water is turned back on properly. Rogers reported that he avoided a proposed price increase and purchased the materials to replace the faulty Cedar St. water line.

No definite answers have been found on the storm sewer problems on Town St. Most Lincoln Ave. residents have been contacted and dyeing has been completed to determine where the problems are originating. Rogers stated that residents have been cooperative.

An Issue I meeting is scheduled for 11/9/07. Scores should be available at that time.

The preliminary 2008 Budget was distributed for Council's review.

Rogers commended the Council, Mayor and Water and Sewer employees for their contributions during the two year construction of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The planning for the project began in 2002 and has progressed on schedule because of the dedication of all those involved.

MAYOR- TOM WHISTON

Whiston reported on the progress of HB 154, which would abolish Mayor's Court in many communities.

The annual Veterans Day services are scheduled for 11/11/07 at 11:00 am and the Mayor will introduce Congressman Jim Jordan at a 2:00 pm dedication service of the Veterans Memorial on the Court House lawn.

Council agreed that no hearing would be requested for the liquor license transfer request for Pines Golf Club.

The Orchard Drive bridge is currently closed for repairs. The S. Delaware St./Loren Rd. bridge has remained closed for the past two years.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Attorney Griffith stated that he would review and determine the best way to regulate and charge for future water meter tampering.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills as presented. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes.

Ordinance 1587 was read for the second time. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the septage receiving ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1588 was read for the second time. Hart moved and Williams seconded to pass the monument grant ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1590 was presented. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strain no, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Williams moved and Strait seconded to adopt the generator sale ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strain no.

Resolution 11-5-07 was presented. Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strain no, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Strait moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment resolution. Roll call; Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes.

OTHER

Mayor Whiston wished all candidates the best of luck in the upcoming election tomorrow.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Dan Rogers, Administrator