

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 PM on December 7, 2009.

INVOCATION

Curtis 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 Tod Bringer, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Tim Clapper, Dianne Matuch, Don Staiger, Brian Zerman, and Tom Cronenwett.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 292 calls, 59 reports, 9 accidents, and 84 charges during November; deer caused 4 traffic accidents within the Village. Officers Stark and Gifford apprehended 2 juveniles and 1 adult following a report of extensive property damage in several areas.

Numerous headstones, grave flower-urns and section markers were destroyed at Rivercliff Cemetery; windows were broken at the middle school on 3 separate occasions. Two of the three suspects will be charged with at least 6 felonies for crimes dating back to October.

Sgt. Cronenwett reported the K-9 Unit Fund has been established, State Auditor approval for the Fund was received on November 30th allowing the department to begin accepting donations. Donation requests have been well received bringing in a total of \$1,000.00 in the first few days. Council discussed the total of \$5,500.00 needed to purchase the dog and begin training. Cronenwett stated only \$1,000.00 is required to purchase the dog and the remainder is due on completion of the training. Williams noted the Law Enforcement Trust Drug Fund, which currently has a balance \$11,990.00, could be used to fund the project. Following a brief discussion, Hart moved and Strait seconded to authorize a Supplemental Appropriation from the Law Enforcement Drug Fund #214. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes. Chief Zerman assured Council that our schools will be the number one priority for the K-9 Unit, the Village will be the second priority and mutual aid to neighboring entities will be the third consideration in using the dog. Sgt. Cronenwett was commended for his dedication in bringing the project into reality. Council suggested a picture and story in the Sentinel and Mayor Porter noted scripts have already appeared on Morrow County.net and recommended that avenue to help promote the K-9 Unit.

Mayor Porter expressed appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments who work every day and holidays and Water Department who was called in to repair a major water leak on Thanksgiving Day.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported a house fire on W. High St. on Thanksgiving Day. The home was not destroyed, thanks to an alert neighbor. Staiger stated Tower 18 is the second truck out on all calls, including mutual aid calls. Calls are averaging one per day.

Equipment was reported to be in good repair. Fire fighters complete the minor repairs and maintenance, saving on labor costs.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 4:30 pm on 12/16/09.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met on 11/30/09 to review and update the Personnel Policy and again on 12/7/09 prior to Council to finalize the Solicitor's contract and to review the 2010 Budget. The committee will meet at 6:00 pm on 12/14/09 to finalize the 2010 Budget.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee met on 11/16/09 following Council to discuss several projects proposed to begin in 2010, including the American Recovery and Reimbursement Act (ARRA) Storm Water Collection project and the SR 95 Issue I project. An Issue I grant of \$347,257.00, along with the Village and the Morrow County Hospital will fund the proposed project. Rogers reported the paperwork is slated to be completed this week.

The new committee will meet in January to recap and the proposed projects.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer requested that the Village Development and Zoning committee meet to discuss a recommendation to develop a training program to encourage business expansion within the Village. A downtown merchant offered to serve with the committee to promote new businesses. The Codes and Regulations committee met on 11/30/09 to discuss and finalize recommendations to regulate wind energy conversion systems (wind turbines). Solicitor Griffith recommended a resolution to pass the proposed regulations to the Planning Commission. Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to refer the proposed Chapter 1165 of the Zoning Codes to the Planning Commission supplement for review and approval. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on 1/21/10, a Public Hearing will be scheduled and recommended Ordinance will presented for three readings to finalize the Wind Energy Conversion Systems regulations.

Normal maintenance and repairs were reported at the WWTP and the Water Plant. Factory representatives will determine the cause of unusual wear patterns on the #1 Vaughn pump at the Sewer Plant. Valve leaks have been repaired at the Water Plant.

The Water Plant dehumidifier repairs are completed and the equipment is service-ready. Use during the winter months will be monitored.

Repairs to overhead doors have been completed at the Street Dept and the Water Plant.

Rogers reported he was requested to speak at a recent Kiwanis meeting on upcoming projects and future plans for the Village.

The Village is qualified for a 10% cost reduction program offered by First Energy for large commercial users.

Rogers stated he has been assisting Edison with Issue I funding grants.

Continuing maintenance of trouble sanitary sewer areas is helping eliminate emergency problems.

TEP/North Square project contractors will begin work after the annual Christmas Festival on 12/12/09.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter announced the Business After Hours for December is scheduled for 12/16/09.

A community-wide food drive, scheduled for 12/19/09 will distribute food items to the four county food pantries. Volunteers are invited to help from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith was excused, Solicitor Brininger had no report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Resolution 12-7-09 was presented. Levings moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and Levings seconded to adopt the Transfer of Funds resolution. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Resolution 12-7-09 A was presented. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Miller Pipeline resolution. Roll; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1627 was presented for the third reading . Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Income Tax Amendment ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfer. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to accept the YTD Fund Report. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

OTHER

Council appointed Darrell Levings and John Curtis to serve on the 2010 Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund Board.

Shaffer reported the Living Word Christian Book Store and Jan’s Barber Shop would be relocating from the downtown area to Edison.

Strait expressed appreciation to members of Council after serving with them for four years.

Strait did not seek re-election and expressed disappointment the traffic problems at the W. High St./W. Marion St. intersection and the E. High St./E. Marion St./ Bank St. intersection were not resolved during his term.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator