

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 2, 2009.

**INVOCATION**

Curtis offered the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MINUTES**

Hart moved and Williams seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call: Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings abstained, Curtis abstained, Strait yes. Following a brief explanation, Hart moved and Levings seconded to amend the 10-20-08 minutes to include a motion and second to amend the downtown parking regulations from 9:00 pm to 6:00 pm, motion carried. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes,

**GUESTS**

Guests included Don Staiger, Brian Zerman and Sentinel reporter Rachel Mendell.

**POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

Chief Zerman reported 219 calls for service, 33 reports, 63 charges and only one accident for the month of January.

Zerman requested that Council go into Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss a personnel employment matter.

Chief Zerman's written report noted that Officer Jarrod Powell resigned as of 1-30-09.

**FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER**

Chief Staiger reported 28 responses for January including 2 major house fires. The chief will prepare a newspaper article to promote safety and to caution residents of the dangers of using kerosene heaters or disposing of hot coals during the winter season. While the fire fighters were not able to save the homes, the residents were unharmed.

Four fire fighters will attend the customer-service training on 2-12-09.

**COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

The committee will postpone meetings until after the severe winter weather.

**FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT**

The committee met on 1-21-09 to appoint members and officers of the Fire Fighters Dependents Fund Board for 2009.

A meeting with the Chief Zerman is scheduled for 5:30 pm on 2-11-09 to discuss parking restrictions on US 42/E. Union St.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on 2-16-09

**UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS**

The committee met after Council on 1-19-09 and discussed the deterioration of the storm sewers and ways to fund the replacement or repairs. Several options were considered, including an additional charge on the current utility bills or Issue II funding. Rcap, an EPA funded organization will conduct a rate study to determine is a rate increase is necessary.

**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS**

Former committee chairman Shaffer stated that the information from the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award will be turned over to Curtis for the 2009 award.

**CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER**

The committee will meet at 6:00 pm on 3-2-09.

**ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Roger reported only minor problems at the WWTP or the Water Plant. Two major water leaks were repaired, the first on Lee St. and the second on Church St.

A shortage of road salt is making conservation a necessity; salting of hills and intersections only. Heavy snowfalls have kept the street crews working overtime. Council and Mayor Porter commended the employees for keeping the streets cleared despite the continued snows. The Mayor expressed appreciation to Administrator Rogers for working weekends and evenings to complete the renovations of the municipal offices. Rogers reported the Utility/Tax/Mayor's Clerk office space is 95% finished. The combined office staff will allow a more secure area for the office employees. Council met for the first time in the new east Council Chamber.

The Village received a check in the amount of \$46,760.00 from FEMA for the 9/15/08 storm cleanup. The funds will be deposited in the FEMA Grant account.

Discount DrugMart is continuing plans to renovate the 25,000 square foot former Pamida store on Marion Rd. No interest has been shown in the numerous empty stores downtown.

**MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

The Mayor reminded Council of the upcoming customer-service training scheduled for 2/12/09. A light lunch will be provided. Three Council members offered to attend the training.

**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 1611 was presented for the second reading. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the sale of equipment ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1612 was presented for the first reading. Williams moved and Levings seconded to pass the flood plain ordinance to the second reading. Rogers explained the ODNR regulations requiring the amended legislation. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1613 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to pass the downtown parking ordinance to the second reading. Council discussed the ordinance that would amend the hours, the streets that would be affected, and the best resolution to the downtown parking problems. Solicitor Griffith offered to review the proposed legislation and the current regulations and to amend or correct the proposed ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss an employment issue. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Williams moved and Hart seconded to reconvene regular council meeting. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes. Hart stated that Council discussed a Police personnel/employment issue while in Executive Session. Strait moved and Curtis seconded to allow Chief Zerman to begin the hiring process for an officer to replace Officer Powell. Roll call; Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes. Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

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Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Porter, Mayor

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Dan Rogers, Administrator