

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whiston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 19, 2007.

INVOCATION

Strait 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. Betty Williams was excused. The Clerk declared a quorum.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved to approve the minutes with the correction in the Economics & Development report that 1 or 2 awards will be presented once a year. Strait seconded the motion. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strain yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Don Staiger, Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported that the 2007 cruiser should be in service by the end of this week. A recall order for the 2004 cruiser was received today. The faulty part will be replaced at no cost.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 88 responses for the year.

Daily work schedules include vehicle maintenance, SOG reviews, and station cleaning.

The 2007 Rescue/Pumper chassis was ordered on 3/9/07.

Chief Staiger requested a meeting with the Codes & Regulations committee to review sprinkler & fire alarm regulations. The alarm systems at the S. Delaware St. apartment complexes do not report emergencies accurately.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-BRANDON STRAIN**

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart reported that the committee met prior to Council and reviewed a collection agency proposal to collect the Village's delinquent utility or tax bills or Mayor's Court fees. The committee agreed that the office staff should continue the collection process.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/16/07.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams was excused.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer distributed the minutes from the 3/5/07 committee meeting and reported the next meeting is scheduled for 4/2/07 at 6:00 PM.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee scheduled a meeting with the fire department for 6:00 PM on 4/12/07.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported on the progress at the Sanitary Sewer Plant construction site and explained the plans for the coming weeks. Most of the equipment is on site. Training and the load testing of the generator will be conducted this Wednesday. The UV System is close to completion and will

be ready to begin in April. 90% of the oxidation ditch is completed with just the painting remaining. Storage tanks should be erected over the next couple of weeks; McChesney's will remove the sludge after approximately 6-8 weeks of operation. Mike Fry and the Health Department are monitoring the grease trap at the Cheng's restaurant and the W. Center St. sewer line. Both are remaining clear. Few water leaks have occurred recently. A resident on W. High St. offered to replace his lateral rather than to continue sharing a lateral with a neighbor. North American Salt has agreed to make an adjustment to the road salt invoice to cover the load of wet and frozen salt delivered in February. Minor repairs, including a new storm door, have been completed on the 81 N. Rich rental building. Resolution 3-19-07A will be presented tonight to correct the acreage listed on the E. Union St. annexation papers. Rogers reported that the acreage was listed incorrectly on the Auditor's website. The drawings have been approved by the Engineer's office. Also being presented is an ordinance authorizing the grant application to the ODOT. Cold patching is continuing as needed on potholes.

MAYOR- TOM WHISTON

Mayor Whiston reported that he attended a meeting with the County Commissioners about the tax incentive Enterprise Zone Agreements with Stahl Manufacturing, Cardington Yutaka and Hirt Publishing. Hirt Publishing, now Brown Publishing, previously agreed to grant \$3,500.00 to the schools annually and did not honor that agreement in 2006. The donation will have to be made in 2007 to allow the tax incentive to continue. Whiston and Rogers will attend the OML Legislative Luncheon tomorrow. State leaders will meet and discuss the 2007 State Budget. No potential buyers attended today's auction for the sale of the Vista property located south of the Fairgrounds.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith reported that after conferring with several other Solicitors, they have agreed that it is not a violation of the Ohio Sunshine Laws for more than 3 members of Council to attend committee meetings but they may not participate in the meetings.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Resolution 3-5-07 was read for the 2nd time. Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to pass the street resurfacing resolution to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Strain yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1573 was presented. Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Strain yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Strait moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the amendment of overtime hours ordinance as an emergency. Roll call; Strait yes, Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1574 was read for the 2nd time. Hart moved and Strain seconded to pass the supplemental appropriation ordinance to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Hart yes, Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes.

Resolution 3-19-07 was presented. Strain moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Strain moved and Strait seconded to adopt the grant application resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Strain yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Resolution 3-19-07A was presented. Strain moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Strain moved and Strait seconded to adopt the amended annexation resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Strain yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

OTHER

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Thomas E. Whiston, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator