

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on April 20, 2009.

**INVOCATION**

Strait offered the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MINUTES**

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

**GUESTS**

Guests included Sentinel reporter, Rachel Mendell, Officer Mark Meftah and Chief Zerman.

**POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

No report.

**FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER**

Chief Staiger was on vacation and was excused.

**COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

Levings reported the committee would schedule a meeting following the street-paving bid in May.

**FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT**

A meeting is scheduled for 5/12/09 at 5:30 pm. Strait moved and Levings seconded the motion to appoint Jonathon Hicks to the position of probationary Police Officer. Mayor Porter approved the motion. Solicitor Griffith advised that, according to Attorney John Latchney, hiring an officer would not be a factor in the current lawsuit against the Village. Roll call; Strait yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART**

Hart reported the committee met prior to Council. Two proposed policies; Sensitive Information Protection Policy and the Identity Theft Protection (Red Flag) Policy were discussed and distributed to Council for review. Worker's Compensation Bureau representative met this week with the Administrator and the Clerk-Treasurer to review new regulations that will affect the funding formula. Gates McDonald group rating savings for 2009 is \$83,109.00. The next meeting will be 5/18/09.

**UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS**

The committee will meet with Administrator Rogers following Council tonight to discuss the Dogwood Valley sanitary sewer connection.

**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS**

Curtis was ill and was excused.

**CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER**

The committee will meet at 2:00 pm on 4/28/09 to review the proposed Identity Theft Prevention Policy and Sensitive Information Protection Policy. The committee continues to research past street ordinances. Mayor Porter expressed appreciation to Shaffer and the committee for the detailed research.

**ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Rogers reported normal maintenance at both the Water Plant and WWTP. Water well #5 is temporarily out of operation to allow for the repairs mandated by the EPA. A raw water line will be run to waste water from well #5, necessary because of the high levels of arsenic that must be removed from the well, prior to pumping into the system for process. New floors will be poured to comply with EPA regulations. Roof leaks again plague the Water Plant. A cost estimation to temporarily repair the roof and then replace in 2010 will be considered. Cold patching of streets continues as needed. Iberia St. has deteriorated and will require repaving this spring.

Street signs, either "misplaced" or removed by vandals will be replaced as weather allows.

TEP (Transportation Enhancement Program- Public Square renovation) final drawings have been submitted to ODOT. Rogers reported he does not expect an immediate response.

Rogers presented the following comparison of parking space dimensions within the downtown area: NW parking lot spaces are 8' 6" X 17'; NE parking lot spaces are 8' 6" X 17'; street parking 8'6 X 20' 6". ODOT standard size parking space is 9' X 18'. The Street Committee offered to review the dimensions and possible changes.

**MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

Mayor Porter reminded Council that the first meeting in May would include the joint meeting with the Gilead Township Trustees.

Tree Board President Jim Helt, Porter, and Rogers accepted the annual Tree City Award at the Awards Ceremony on 4/16/09.

**SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER**

Solicitor Griffith requested that Council go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation against the Village.

**CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN**

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

Resolution 4-6-09 C was presented for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the real estate resolution to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

The YTD Fund Balance report was distributed.

**OTHER**

Williams moved and Strait seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation against the Village. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes. Hart reported that Council discussed pending litigation against the Village during Executive Session that included members of Council, Hart, Levings, Shaffer, Strait, and Williams, Mayor Porter, Solicitor Griffith, Administrator Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Mermann. Hart moved and Strait seconded to authorize Solicitor Griffith to negotiate up to an approved amount with Attorney Latchney from Hylant Administrative Services and the opposing Counsel to settle the dispute against the Village. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Strait moved and Williams seconded to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

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Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Porter, Mayor

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Dan Rogers, Administrator