

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on June 1, 2009.

INVOCATION

Levings 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

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

GUESTS

Guests included Robert T. Rush and his daughter Kathy Rush, Bobby Edwards and Jenny Kilgore, Rachel Mendell, Brian Zerman, Kenny Underwood and Mark Meftah.

Mr. Rush requested the partial alley adjacent to his property on Lincoln Ave. be vacated. Strait, noting an on-going problem between the neighbors at 331 Lincoln Ave. and 335 Lincoln Ave. moved to have an ordinance prepared to vacate the alley. Levings seconded the motion. Mr. Rush and Mr. Edwards and Ms. Kilgore all agreed that the alley be vacated and the property be divided equally. Rogers stated the property owners would need to have the survey and plat map and be responsible for filing fees. Roll call; Strait yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 297 calls for service, investigated 12 accidents, filed 64 charges including 11 felonies for the month of May.

Thomas Corey resigned from the Auxiliary to take a position with the Attica Department.

Captain Underwood reported on an accident at the intersection of US 42 and SR 61 on May 22nd. Six Life-flight helicopters responded to transport the victims of the 2-car crash. Mt. Gilead Officers responded and assisted at the scene. The accident, outside the corporation limits, is still under investigation by the State Patrol.

Shaffer stated a County Sheriff's Deputy, with only the flashing lights on, ignored a flashing red traffic signal at an intersection within the Village late last night. Chief Zerman explained that if the deputy was in route to a call, both sirens and lights should have been on to warn other motorists but he may have silenced the siren if he was near his destination.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused. Rogers presented a memo from Chief Staiger requesting Council consider a proposal from First Consolidated Chief Canterbury that four departments coordinate their equipment and personnel to form a Haz-Mat team. The memo highlighted the technical personnel and equipment that Pleasant Twp FD, Marion Twp FD, First Consolidated FD, and Mt. Gilead FD would bring to the team. Strait moved and Levings seconded to allow Chief Staiger to pursue the proposed venture. Roll call; Strait yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met on 5/26/09 to review the paving bids. Because of the increase in asphalt costs, bids were accepted for Grant St. & Iberia St., and then included Walnut Street. Buckeye Asphalt was the low bidder at \$126,336.14 for the total of Grant St., Iberia St, and Walnut St. Mayor Porter recused himself from the discussion. Curtis moved and Strait seconded to award the project to Buckeye Asphalt for Iberia St. and Grant Street; Walnut Street and Park Ave. would wait until 2010. Rogers stated he may be able to reduce the costs once the project is scheduled since only \$80,000.00 was appropriated in 2009 for paving. The Clerk called for the roll call; Curtis yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Levings abstained, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on 6/15/09.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams expressed appreciation to Solicitor Griffith for the Village/Dogwood Valley Campgrounds sanitary sewer hookup contract. Rogers explained that the contracted tap fee is based on the 2" water line.

Williams presented a comparison of water and sewer rates for 7 surrounding communities as of 4/30/09. Of the 7 entities taking part in the survey, Mt. Gilead water rates were second from the highest, sewer rates were third. Rogers explained that Mt. Gilead is ahead of the curve because of newer water and sewer facilities; most communities will need to increase their rates when they upgrade their facilities.

The committee will meet following Council on 6/15/09.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis reported the committee will meet at 6:00 pm on 7/6/09 to finalize the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award plans. Attending the July 21st Chamber Luncheon will be Williams, Shaffer, Strait, Curtis, Hart, Mayor Porter and Mermann.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 2:00 pm on 6/9/09.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported a hectic two-week schedule. Repairs on the aid-conditioning unit at the WWTP Administration Building have begun. Parts for the York unit are still under warranty, labor will not be covered.

A tree, causing minor damage to a brick manhole, was removed from a resident's lawn at the west end of Center St. The resident's complaint was noted because he was not notified that a problem existed or that the tree would be removed.

A major leak through the walls of the pool is blamed for a daily loss of 6,000 to 7,000 gallons of water per day. Rogers reported a couple of options to repair the deteriorating walls temporarily, for now, water is being added daily.

The Transportation Enhancement Project grant paperwork is completed and will be mailed along with the resolution tonight. Bid openings will be scheduled for July.

The opening of the Discount Drug Mart is expected in late summer or early fall.

Major repairs have begun on the '03 International trash truck

Rogers highlighted an extensive \$475,000.00 project using stimulus funds. The 50%-grant/ 50%-no-interest loan would make the project affordable; \$11,000.00 per year loan payment. Council will need to make final decisions as the project planning is closer. Rogers explained the proposed project he chose would include pipe busting and relining all the north/south lateral and main lines in the subdivision; all are 6" lines and are problems. He reported where is a lot of inflow and infiltration (I &I) in the 6" lines which would all be corrected.

Council will have an opportunity to study a draft from RCap of numbers and possible utility rate increases.

Job & Family Services has offered to provide supervisors and employees to complete community service projects. The Village would provide the materials and maps; the program participants will paint the water hydrants throughout the Village. Wages, Worker's Compensation and all costs other than materials, will be covered under the program.

The new utility bill night-drop will be installed tomorrow, weather permitting.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reminded Council of the Chamber Business-After-Hours planned for 7/29/09.

The municipal building and fire station will be open. The cruisers, fire equipment and street vehicles will be on display. Refreshments will be served. Porter requested members of Council host the event to allow office staff the evening off which would eliminate overtime wages for the office employees.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith reported the purchase agreement for the property located at 125 Iberia St. is ready. The ordinance will be presented for the first reading tonight; closing is scheduled for 7/15/09.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Resolution 6-1-09 was presented. Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Levings yes. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the Real Estate Tax assessment resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Williams yes.

Resolution 6-1-09 A was presented. Williams moved and Levings seconded to pass the resolution to purchase real estate to the second reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes.

Resolution 6-1-09 B was presented. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Levings yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the fire protection levy resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes.

Resolution 6-1-09 C was presented. Hart moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Levings yes. Levings moved and Hart seconded to adopt the transportation enhancement resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Williams yes.

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

OTHER

Williams reported completing 3 sections of the NIMS testing on line and warned that the difficulty and complexity of the testing is both time-consuming and frustrating. Mayor Porter offered to share the training information with Council members before they attempt the on line testing.

Porter expressed appreciation to Administrator Rogers for repairs at Fort Gilead.

Hart expressed appreciation for the sympathy extended to his family.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:07.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator