

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on June 15, 2009.

INVOCATION

Hart offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Williams noted that although the minutes were recorded correctly, the statement that office employees would be paid overtime if they were required to attend the Business After Hours Open House should be corrected. All fulltime hourly staff that will be required to attend (Police, Services Departments and Fire Chief) would be paid overtime because their hours would exceed the 40 hours workweek. Office employees do not work 40 hours per week and therefore would be paid straight time but would not be entitled to overtime. Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented, Williams seconded. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Gary Bartlett, Brian Zerman and Rachel Mendell.

Mr. Bartlett is the owner of Lot 513, 292 West High Street. Rogers explained that the Village has not maintained the alley between Mr. Bartlett's property and Lot 627, 298 West High Street and Lot 607, 331 Lincoln Ave and Lot 608, 335 Lincoln Ave. for many years and would like to officially vacate the alley from Lincoln Ave. to High St. Mr. Bartlett reported that he had the 14' alley surveyed in 2008 and has no objection to the proposed vacation. Rogers assured Mr. Bartlett the recording fees would be the responsibility of the Village and the property would be divided evenly between the neighboring properties.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

No report.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused. Mayor Porter requested that Jeffrey David Johnson be approved as a probationary Fire Fighter. Mr. Johnson's background check was clear. Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the appointment. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

Levings was excused.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

Strait reminded Council that the Fire Levy will be on the November General Election ballot and of the importance of its approval. While many entities are finding it necessary to lay off firefighters and police because of economic restraints, it is important that not happen in the Village.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 5:30 pm on 6/23/09.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council with Solicitor Griffith. Hart moved and Williams seconded to continue the Solicitor's contract under the same terms until December 31, 2009. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes.

Several policies were reviewed for adoption or updates. Hart moved and Strait seconded to adopt the proposed Red Flag/Identity Theft Protection Policy and the Sensitive Information Protection Policy. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes. Griffith

offered to work with the committee to modify and update the current Personnel Policy and to incorporate a drug and alcohol policy.
The next scheduled meeting is 9/21/09.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams reported that Ordinance 1620 would correct an error in Chapter 915 of the Codified Ordinances.
The committee will meet tonight following Council.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

The committee will meet on 7/6/09 to finalize the preparations for the 2009 Dr. Nathan Tucker Award.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met on 6/9/09 and discussed the proposed sign and parking ordinances, including Union Street and downtown parking. A three-hour downtown parking restriction was discussed along with possible progressive fines for violators who continually disregard the parking regulations. Chief Zerman explained the difficulty in tracking habitual violators. Council advised the Police to use their discretion to ticket violators as they deem necessary. A meeting will be scheduled to review the Downtown Review Boards recommendations. The committee will complete their review of all the previous parking ordinances and then will organize and catalog the information.
The committee is scheduled to meet at 2:00 pm on 6/23/09.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers commended the WWTP employees, stating the plant is operating efficiently with minimal repairs and maintenance. Sludge beds are being cleaned.
EPA mandated requirements are being addressed at the Water Plant. Employees have relocated dust collection bags to help prevent corrosion problems caused by salt.
The street resurfacing bid was awarded to Buckeye Asphalt. Cold patching continues as needed.
Safety Salt for the next year was quoted at \$62.97 which is less than previous years. Rogers reported 1 ½ bins of salt remain from last year which will be a bonus to begin the 2009/2010 winter season.
The Village has been approved to receive almost \$500,000.00 stimulus dollars from the Federal Govt. Rogers explained that the program will be an opportunity for the Village to accomplish an extensive project that will benefit the entire community. The project will include relining the sewers between High St. and Lincoln Ave. and the streets in the Northwood subdivision where the 6" lines will be upsized to 8" lines using the pipe bursting method. He emphasized that the lines on Grant St. and Lee St. already have the 8" lines; only the streets between still have the problem 6" lines. All laterals will be replaced. The Utility committee will begin the planning discussions tonight. Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve the \$500,000.00 stimulus project. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes. Williams moved and Strait seconded to authorize the Clerk to prepare a Resolution and the Administrator and Clerk to proceed with the necessary documents. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported he will be out of the office the week of 6/22/09 on a mission project but will be available in the evenings or by cell phone.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith reported he has forwarded the purchase contract to Mr. Elliott for the purchase of the 125 Iberia St. property.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes.
Williams moved and Strait seconded to pass Resolution 6-1-09A, to purchase the 125 Iberia St. property, to the third reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1619 was presented for the first reading. Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the ordinance to vacate an alley to the second reading. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1620 was presented. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and Hart seconded to adopt the Chapter 915 amended ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes.

OTHER

Council discussed the cleanup of a Willow Lane property.

Williams and Shaffer reported the menu for the Business After Hours is planned. Gardens & Gifts will offer a gift basket for a door prize. The event will be noted on the July water bills.

Strait reported he and the Mayor attended the Flying Horse Farm ground-breaking ceremony.

The facility will offer a camp for critically ill children and their families and will be an asset to the surrounding communities. Porter reported an estimated \$20,000,000.00 will be spent for the buildings

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:15pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator