

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whiston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on June 4, 2007.

INVOCATION

Williams offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Whiston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call: Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Mike Porter and Jennifer Wallis.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused. Council briefly reviewed the written May report. Seven accidents were reported, 132 charges, and 296 calls for service. Tabitha Bonifas was sworn in as a part time officer. No problems were reported for Memorial Day.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused. The YTD summary report was reviewed. One hundred sixty responses were reported.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-BRANDON STRAIN**

The committee met on 5/31/07 and discussed the paving bids on 5/25/07. Three bids were considered; Shelly & Sands at \$81,152.50, Kokosing at \$83,989.45, and Buckeye Asphalt at \$99,880.16. Strain moved and Strait seconded that the contract be awarded to Shelly & Sands as the lowest and best bid. Roll call; Strain yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes. Elm St., South St. and a portion of Cedar St. will be paved. Council agreed that paving Park Ave. and Iberia St. should wait until the completion of the school construction. Poggemeyer Design Group gave a price quote of \$7,835.00 to prepare a traffic study for the E. Marion St./E. High St./Bank St. intersection. Strain reported that additional quotes will be requested and the committee will continue to discuss any changes. Two 2008 Ford F-250 trucks will be ready for service this week.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on 6/18/07.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following the 6/18/07 Council meeting to finalize the recommendations for the changes to Chapters 911 and 913 of the Codified Ordinances. The Mayor offered to extend an invitation to Senator Voinovich for the dedication of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, tentatively scheduled for 9/17/07.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the award to honor a resident, employee or someone who works within the Village for outstanding contributions to the community. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to name the honor the "Dr. Nathan Tucker Award". Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strain yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes.

The committee expressed appreciation to the Wayside Garden Club for managing the landscaping in the downtown area. A thank you note will be sent to the club for planning, planting and maintaining the areas.

The committee discussed replacing some of the downtown banners that are deteriorating.. The cost of replacing the Nativity Scene was estimated to be between \$9,000.00 and \$10,000.00.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis reported that Solicitor Griffith is working with the committee to amend an existing pet ordinance to include more stringent regulations for pet owners.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported that Phase II of the WWTP construction project is well under way. Work on the Administration building has started. All major systems are working and the plant is running. Grading and paving will be completed as areas within the plant are completed. Equipment problems are being addressed.

The OEPA permit to allow the 8" water line will allow that project to progress across S. Delaware St. and TR 127.

The 3 reconditioned raw water pumps are working more efficiently.

The Utility Committee will discuss painting at the Water Plant.

Major repairs to a water line at Douglas St. and N. Delaware St. will interrupt water service to area residents next week. Two water hydrants on W. Marion St. will be replaced. Residents from Arnold Lane to Hickson St. will be without water while repairs are completed.

Grease in the Baker St. sanitary sewer line continues to be a problem. The Center St. sanitary sewer line problems appear to have been solved.

MAYOR- TOM WHISTON

Board meetings this week include, OML, Metrich, Farm Bureau, Community Corrections and next week is the Mayor's Conference in Westlake.

The Mayor officiated at a flag ceremony on Friday 6/1/07 at the Park Ave. Elementary School. CW4 Bruce Scohy AV presented an American flag and certificate to the Village. The Mayor presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to CW4 Scohy from the Village.

Whiston encouraged Council to adopt Resolution 6-4-07 to oppose the construction and demolition debris landfill. The proposed landfill is planned for SR 61N and CR 29 will have an adverse effect on all the surrounding area, including the Village. Debris will transported from the east coast states through the Village and the lasting effects will include pollution to our waterways and air.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Resolution 5-7-07B was presented for the third reading. Shaffer moved and Strain seconded to adopt the Fire Grant resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes.

Ordinance 1576 was presented for the third reading. Williams moved and Strain seconded to adopt the Park Ave. and S. Cherry St. ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1577 was presented for the first reading. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to pass the Mayor's salary ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strain no, Strait yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1578 was presented for the first reading. Williams moved and Curtis seconded to pass the Clerk-Treasurer's salary ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer no, Strain no, Strait yes.

The 2008 Budget will be presented for public hearing on 6/18/07.

A letter from Representative Thom Collier stated that HB 154 would not affect the Mayor's Court. Whiston clarified that the bill was written so that it will not only affect but will abolish the Mt. Gilead Mayor's Court.

Resolution 6-4-07 was presented. Williams moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes. Curtis moved and

Strait seconded to adopt the Fire Grant resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes

OTHER

Council briefly discussed minor problems at the Rivercliff Union Cemetery including the Memorial Day services. The Mayor reported that an apology was extended to a local family and Williams stated that the Board would address the complaints.

Blight problems, including high grass and weeds, cluttered lawns and general unsightly properties were discussed. The problems are aggravating for neighbors, as well as discouraging potential home buyers who don't want to live close to the blighted areas.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Thomas E. Whiston, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator