

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on September 8, 2009.

INVOCATION

Hart offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Steve Hart, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer, Keith Strait, and Betty Williams. John Curtis was excused. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Hart moved and Strait seconded to approve the minutes with the correction that the Edison Enterprise Baptist Church sponsored the Homeless Awareness program rather than the First Baptist Church as reported. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Paula Burnside from Turning Point, Don Staiger, Dianna Collins, and Rachel Mendall.

Ms. Burnside represented Turning Point, the oldest and largest domestic violence shelter in the state and invited Council to a Picnic on the Porch on 10/2/09 at the facility on Barks Rd. in Marion. The Mayor Porter read a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Ms. Collins complimented the recreation department employees for their courtesy and professional operation of the pool and concession stand. She urged Council to complete needed repairs on the pool and to keep the facility running smoothly.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 259 responses for the year. Two major fires occurred last week. Four departments responded to a fire on CR 98 but were unable to save the home or any of the contents. Six departments responded to the building fire at 75 S. Cherry St. in the early morning hours of 9/5/09. Capt. Underwood and Sgt. Cronenwett are assisting with the investigation of the suspicious fire of the block building.

Two applicants will be presented for approval on 9/21/09.

Staiger outlined a series of articles that will be published to educate and encourage voters to support the November fire prevention levy. Training requirements, both state and federal, grants, firefighters duties and the cost of outfitting a firefighter, and the importance and benefits of the Class IV ISO Rating will all be subjects included in the series.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met prior to Council and reviewed the street paving projects and the proposed Home Rd. paving project.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee will meet at 5:30 pm on 9/15/09.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee will meet at 6:00 pm on 9/21/09.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams reported a payment of \$28,087.77 from Time Warner in 2009, an increase of \$10,577.88 over 2008.

The committee will meet following Council on 9/21/09.

Rogers reported a quote of \$8,840.00 from Yoder Construction to replace the lower roof at the Water Plant. Repeated repairs on the faulty roof have failed to correct the ongoing problem, causing continued damage to the building interior. Rogers agreed to get an additional price quote but stated the price of steel is expected to increase with the next week.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met on 9/8/09 at 2:00 pm and referred the request from Chief Staiger to review the current charges for false alarms to the Fire & Police committee.

Shaffer stated the Downtown Design Review Board was discussed with the focus on recruiting people willing to serve on the Board from the few businesses still in the downtown area.

The committee will continue the review of Ordinances 1327 and 1325 at the next scheduled meeting on 10/20/09.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported good operational systems with only normal maintenance at the WWTP and Water Plant. Rogers commended Spring Electric for their continued assistance with computer questions at the Sewer Plant.

The pool reported a successful season with only a few discipline issues. The more severe cases resulted in expulsion from the area. The financial report will be submitted following the Recreation Board meeting.

The grant agreement for Issue I funding of the Home Rd. paving project has been received. The bid opening will be scheduled.

The DEFA application has been submitted for the Stimulus Funds.

Discount Drug Mart will hold the Grand Opening ceremony on 9/12/09. Rogers reported the new store would become active in the community.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported the Democratic Party has scheduled a meeting with Senator Sherrod Brown on 9/15/09 at 7:00 pm to address the proposed federal health care reform. Ms. Collins recommended Congressman Jim Jordan as an excellent speaker on health care reform.

Safety Town ended with 50 registered students and an average daily attendance of 47. Council requested a proclamation be presented to Kim Porter as she leaves the position of Director of the Kindergarten safety education program.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Ordinance 1621 was presented for the 3rd reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Administrator residency ordinance. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1622 was presented for the 3rd reading. Williams moved and Strait seconded to adopt the Police Chief residency ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes.

Resolution 9-8-09 was presented. Williams moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes. Levings moved and Williams seconded to adopt the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the County Budget Commission for 2010. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.

Resolution 9-8-09A was presented. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and

Levings seconded to adopt the resolution to submit an application to the Oho Public Works Commission. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.
Resolution 9-8-09B was presented. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Strait yes. Levings moved and Williams seconded to adopt the resolution to submit an application to the Oho Public Works Commission. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Strait yes
Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfer. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.
Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the YTD Fund Report. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.

Strait moved and Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator