

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on December 15, 2014.

INVOCATION

Gress offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Tim Clapper, John Curtis, Jim Gress, Kay Hines, Ed Kline, Emily Shaffer. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve the 12/1/14 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Gress abstained.

GUESTS

Guests included Donna Carver from the Sentinel, Brian Zerman, and Greg Young.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported the 2014 Dodge Charger cruiser was put into service today. The 2008 cruiser will be transferred to the street department; the 2007 former cruiser will be sold.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported a total of 13 responses in the past two weeks, including 7 mutual aid calls and 2 vehicle accidents. The expected chimney fires are being reported throughout the county.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JIM GRESS

The committee met on 12/8/14 and discussed varying opinions, negative and positive, on the right-turn-on-red at the McDonald's and Kroger's exits. Gress reported Mike McLain was hired at a cost of \$300.00- \$400.00, to locate the property pins at the former gas station located at the "west point" intersection of W. Marion St. and W. High St. The committee will review the final report and determine how much of the property is in the right-of-way and if the area could be designed to aid the traffic congestion.

Paving of Lincoln Ave. is planned for 2015. A review of alleys showed most were well maintained.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 1/5/15.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 1/6/15.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council to decide several issues. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve the 2015 contract with Solicitors Griffith & Bringer with no changes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve the 2015 contract with Magistrate David Stamolis with a \$150.00 increase bringing the annual contract to \$5,500.00. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

The committee reviewed the 2015 Budget and 2015 Estimated Revenue Certificate. Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve the 2015 Estimated Revenue Certificate. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve the proposed 2015 Budget. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 12/18/14 and again on 1/19/15 at 6:00 PM.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met on 12/4/14 to review the 2014 utility revenue and expenditures along with projected 2015 and 2016 fund balances.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The committee met on 12/9/14 and discussed the future of the Fort Gilead playground. A CDBG grant may allow the construction of restrooms, an open shelter, and replacement of the play equipment. The playground, built completely with volunteer labor and donations from local people, has become an attractive area for vandals. Chief Zerman explained that the original location of the play area was near both the Elementary and Junior High School buildings which made it more difficult for the destruction of the property without being caught. Rogers stated the new design and equipment will be closer to the school offices which, along with improved lighting, should discourage vandals.

Kline reported the historical First Knox National Bank building in the downtown area was officially transferred as a gift to the Historical Society today.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported maintenance issues involving Vaughan pumps at the WWTP. Improvements in parts, delivery and costs were addressed with the company.

Maintenance at the WTP included replacement of chlorine monitor, the gas heater in well #3, heaters in the A/B motor starter and solenoid valves on #1 brine discharge pump.

The new Ag-Credit located on US 42 is now connected to the Village water system.

The repairs and painting of the service trucks is nearing completion. Council discussed the cost of the work compared to the purchase of new equipment.

The final round of leaf pickup was completed last week.

Replacement of the deteriorating manholes near W. Union St & Douglas St. are planned.

The proposed 2015 Budget was included in the Council packets.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported a very successful Food Drive on 12/13/2014. Cash donations in the amount \$3,340.00 were collected along with the food which will be distributed to the four local food pantries

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss an ongoing BWC personnel issue.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Gress moved and Kline seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$162,110.37. Roll call; Gress yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hines yes.

Ordinance 1709 was presented for the second reading. Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the ordinance for the sale of property to the third reading. Roll call; Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes.

Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1710. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to adopt the 2015 Temporary Appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes.

Hines moved and Kline seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1711. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Gress moved and Hines seconded to adopt the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfer. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve the employees carry-over vacation hours as listed. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Carver offered to publish pictures and an article highlighting the many improvements and projects completed in 2014. Carver expressed appreciation for the professional and well-ordered Council meetings.

Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee's ongoing BWC claim. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes. Mayor Porter, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Solicitor Griffith, Administrator Rogers, and Chief Zerman attended the Executive Session.

Shaffer moved and Gress seconded to return to the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer stated the Council discussed an on-going BWC claim while in Executive Session. Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to approve up to \$5,000.00 and to authorize Solicitor Griffith to engage an employment-law attorney at his discretion. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes.

The Mayor invited Council to attend the employee's Christmas dinner on 12/19/14 at 11:30 AM.

Curtis moved and Hines seconded to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator