

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 21, 2016.

INVOCATION

Sherbourne offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Donna Carver, Tim Clapper, Kay Hines, John Oyster, Christopher Sherbourne, Keith Strait. The fiscal officer declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann and Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis were present.

MINUTES

Kay Hines moved and Keith Strait seconded to approve the 3/7/16 minutes with the following correction: Long Range Planning committee will meet on 3/29/16 not 3/28/16. Roll call; Hines yes, Strait yes, Oyster yes, Sherbourne yes, Carver yes, Clapper yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Zach Jones from the Sentinel Brian Zerman and Greg Young.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported that he had 5 applications thus far and stated that the biggest problems finding police officers are due to larger agencies also hiring at higher wages. Another problem he sees is that new recruits would like day shift only. Applications will continue to be accepted until he receives a few more. Chief Zerman also reported that Segar, the K-9 unit dog, has developed cancer and is going through testing to see what treatment, if any, can be done and stated that Tom Cronenwett had volunteered to pay for those treatments. Clapper had asked if he should be taken out-of-service. The Chief stated that the Vet commented if Segar is acting well then he will be fine in the field. Carver commented that Segar had done well with a recent search of a lost person.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young had reported 14 responses dating from 3/8 to 3/21. He is continuing to receive equipment for the new fire truck and will be in service for rescue and in town for now but he is making progress. Sherbourne asked how the Mexican restaurant is getting along. Chief Young replied that the restaurant will still need the proper permits but the liquor license did pass on the last ballot. The Chief also commented that the medical building has a long way to go with their permits yet.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-KEITH STRAIT**

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

No report. The committee is scheduled to meet on 3/28/16 at 7:00pm in the fire station.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-TIM CLAPPER

No report.

UTILITIES-JOHN OYSTER

No report

LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER

No report. The committee is scheduled to meet on 3/29/16 at 6:00pm

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DONNA CARVER

Carver reported that it is time for the Tucker award nominations. Deadline for nominations are June 6th, 2016. The committee is scheduled to meet on 4/21/16 at 7:00pm.

CODES & REGULATIONS-CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Sherbourne reported that the vicious animal ordinance is almost modified and will be ready for the next council meeting. He had some comments about the Pit Bull ordinance but no one locally. Sherbourne will call the committee members to schedule the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal testing and maintenance at the WWTP & WTP. The clarifiers are in the process of being cleaned due to the heavy rain fall. Rogers has been working with NRG which is a company that monitors the nationwide electric grid. Since we have a solar array we may be accepted into the program which could be a revenue as much as \$35,400.00. The high and low district pumps that are being rebuilt should be completed and reinstalled by the end of April. A pinhole was found in one of the water softeners which will have to be drained and fixed. The swimming pool will be worked on when it dries out. The culvert on South St that runs under the road goes through the flood area and is in bad shape. Rogers is currently looking at a boxed culvert at least 60" of a 5x6 or 6x8. The grand opening of the Dollar Tree is scheduled for April 2nd 2016 at 10:00am. Council was invited to attend.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor invited the council to attend Tree City USA meeting on 4/21/16 at 8:30am. Tim Clapper moved and Keith Strait seconded to pass resolution 03-21-16 commending Sue Mermann for her service to the Village of Mt.Gilead. Roll call; Clapper yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes. The mayor read a complaint from a resident about the ½% tax that was rescinded.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report

FISCAL OFFICER - CATHY DAVIS

Tim Clapper moved and Keith Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$118,650.42. Roll call; Clapper yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes. Ordinance 1741 was presented for the second reading. Carver moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass ordinance 1741 to the third reading. Roll call; Carver yes, Sherbourne yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes, Strait yes, Clapper yes. Ordinance 1742 was presented for the second reading. Hines moved and Strait seconded to pass ordinance 1742 to the third reading. Roll call; Hines yes, Strait yes, Oyster yes, Sherbourne yes, Carver yes, Clapper yes. Oyster moved and Hines seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1744. Roll call; Oyster yes, Hines yes, Carver yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes. Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to adopt Ordinance 1744. Roll call; Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes, Clapper yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes.

OTHER

Kay Hines had commented that the property on 140 N Vine St has sticks and debris blowing over. Dan stated that the property will have to be cleaned up and know of no plans for the property to be sold at this time. Dan is meeting with the Morrow co Treasurer to talk about getting the land bank set up and see what the Village can do within the land bank and how beneficial it is to the Village. Keith Strait moved and Sherbourne seconded to donate \$100.00 to the trash bash. Discussion was held and Hines commented that she would like to donate personally. Clapper commented that due to a financial crunch he would like to wait another year to donate since we have not yet seen the effects of the income tax reductions. Sherbourne had asked what fund it would come out of and both Sue and Dan agreed that it could come out of the garbage/refuse fund. Roll call; Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes. At 8:15pm Clapper moved and Strait seconded to go into executive session to discuss hiring of a full time employee. Roll call; Clapper yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes. At 8:35pm Strait moved and Carver seconded to adjourn executive session where they discussed hiring of a full time employee and go back into regular session. Roll call; Strait yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes. Mermann had asked Matt Griffith about the wording to amend an ordinance concerning full-time employees and their benefits. Matt is still working on it. Clapper moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Cathy Davis – Fiscal Officer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator