

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Hart called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on June 20, 2011.

INVOCATION

Clapper offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve the 6/6/11 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman and from the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Erin Kelty. Mrs. Kelty stated that the annual Sweet Corn Festival is scheduled for 8/12/11 and 8/13/11. In addition to the popular chicken barbeque and beer garden, the event features entertainment, food, crafts, games and contests. Clapper moved and Curtis seconded to honor the request to close Center St. and S. Main St. from the Monument south to the Marion St./Main St. intersection from 4:00 PM on Friday 8/12/11 until 9:00 PM on Saturday 8/13/11. Roll call; Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes. Ms. Kelty stated the entertainment groups have been instructed that the downtown area cannot accommodate amplifiers and additional lights. Council discussed the request from former Chamber Director Levings following the 2010 Festival to equip the downtown area with adequate electricity to accommodate the festivals. Rogers stated the cost is prohibitive.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman explained Senate Bill 77. The recently passed legislation requires that every arresting agency take a DNA sample from every felony arrest and from certain misdemeanors and to maintain a database documenting the information, including expungements. Sheriff Brenneman has offered to collect the DNA samples and responsibility for the database at a cost of \$20.00 per individual. Zerman stated he expects challenges and subsequently changes to the law. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to authorize the Mayor to enter into such a contract with the Morrow County Sheriff. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 9/13/11. Curtis offered to confirm the date and time with Chief Staiger.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed mandatory filing of income tax. Solicitor Griffith offered to make the appropriate clarification requested by the committee.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The next meeting is scheduled for 7/28/11 at 6:00 PM at the WWTP. Clapper explained proposed repairs and costs for the WWTP clarifiers.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH

The committee met on 6/9/11. Matuch moved and Shaffer seconded to award the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence to Cindy Fidler and Frances Turner R.N.. Roll call; Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes. Matuch reported the difficult decision from three nominees. The award will be presented to the recipients on 8/16/11 at the Morrow Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The committee considered new ideas to attract growth and development within the Village, including using the \$75,000.00 received in 2010 from Ohio Edison for the electric power aggregation plan, to upgrade the downtown electric power. Clapper stated the cost of the upgrade would exceed \$75,000.00 and explained how other communities have provided additional electricity for festivals. Rogers stated the downtown area has sufficient electricity for the vendors and entertainment at the festivals but the additional lighting has caused the outages in the past.

Brownfield Restoration project is continuing. Poggemeyer is completing the PTI engineering at a cost of \$2,800.00.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 7/12/11.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

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ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers explained clarifier drives problems at the WWTP. He stated to replace the clarifiers at the time the plant was built would have cost an additional \$1,000,000.00. Improvements suggested by the Sewer Plant employees have reduced the electricity costs and of sludge hauling significantly.

Following another major water leak at W. Marion Rd. in front of McDonald's, Poggemeyer will prepare an estimate and an Issue I application to replace approximately 3,000 feet of water line. The project is expected to cost between \$350,000.00 and \$400,000.00.

The replacement for the faulty Westview Drive valve has been ordered. The project will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

The extension of the 900' water line east on SR 95 to the Corporation Line will be completed within the next three weeks. Rogers stated the resident east of the State Lakes will tap into the Village water system and will need to annex into the Village. Materials on hand will be used to complete the extension.

Water and sewer services will be supplied to the small building located on the former C & D Chevrolet used car lot just south of the Morrow County EMS offices at 140 S. Main St. Council discussed the best means to provide the services to the location.

Seven trees and the stumps in the downtown park area have been removed. The Hybrid Liberty Elm trees will be planted this week.

Recreation Board will meet on 7/14/11 at the pool. Holes beneath the water line at the pool will be repaired this week. The pool will be drained enough to allow the repairs and then refilled.

In answer to Matuch's question, Rogers reported the Village has been using a new Skaggs mower for three weeks. He stated the purchase will be budgeted in 2012.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter was excused.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1657 was presented for the second reading. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to pass the taxicab ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes.

Ordinance 1658 was presented for the second reading. Shaffer moved and Matuch seconded to pass the sidewalk ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1660 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to pass the wage amendment ordinance to the second reading. Council discussed the amendment, which would award an additional \$.25 per hour to an employee holding a Mosquito/Herbicide license. Clapper requested that language be added to allow only two employees be paid the additional \$520.00 per year. A discussion focused on the few times the mosquito spray is used per season, overtime that is paid for night-time mosquito spraying, and additional weed spraying. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Matuch no, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes. Resolution 6-20-11 was presented. Clapper moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes. Clapper moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment resolution for blight. Roll call; Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes. Resolution 6-20-11A was presented. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the real estate tax assessment resolution for delinquent water bills. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes. The 2012 Tax Revenue Budget was briefly reviewed. Hart noted several revenue funds were projected lower than in 2011.

OTHER

Hart requested that the Development & Zoning Committee look into utilizing the \$75,000.00 electric aggregation plan funds to create an exhibit where the wording on the Monument could be copied and displayed in the downtown park area.

Hart stated he has researched the "Rinehart Ditch" as requested by Jim Bartlett at the 5/2/11 Council meeting. Hart reported no restrictions in the ditch and stated the 15" tile is open. He offered to continue to monitor the ditch.

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

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator