

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 18, 2008.

INVOCATION

Hart offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the minutes with one addition and one correction; the motion to adjourn was added and the Utility Committee meeting date was corrected. Roll call: Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Strait yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

No report.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was on a fire call and was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

Levings highlighted the committee's 2/13/08 minutes. The services departments have been trying out a 2005 John Deere front-end bucket loader. The equipment would be used for future water lines as well as at the Sewer Plant. The committee compared the prices of the equipment at a cost of \$35,825.00, (including a trade in allowance of \$17,500.00) against a new one that could be purchased through state bid at \$63,851.75. Levings stated that the cost, which was not budgeted for 2008, would be taken from the Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Street Reserve and would be in addition to the purchases already budgeted. Council questioned several aspects of the proposed purchase, including the work currently being done by the 1989 backhoe, the budgeted equipment purchases, and the 2008 budget. Council requested that the Street Committee consider again the proposed purchase. Levings offered to review the purchase in committee.

The pricing listed for street repaving was discussed. Several alleys and Home Road will need repairs. A final list of streets will be considered after the competitive bidding is received and reviewed.

An ordinance correcting the parking problems on N. Cherry St. was discussed. Currently the school busses, as well as parents, are stopping to drop off and pick up students along N. Cherry St. The area, including the alley between N. Main St. and N. Cherry St., has become congested and unsafe, particularly for students who must cross the street. Residents who live on the east side of N. Cherry and have limited drive-way/parking space are also a concern. Council considered naming the alley and allowing parking there. Following a lengthy discussion, Levings offered to review the parking ordinance in the next committee meeting and present the correct wording for Council approval.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report. Strait cancelled the next meeting.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed Magistrate Yager's annual contract. The committee recommended renewing the contract at the current rate of \$5,200.00 annually. Solicitor Griffith will discuss the contract with Yager if there are any concerns with the renewal.

The committee requested that Mayor Porter confirm that each employee has an up to date Personnel Policy and to distribute copies to the Council.
Hart reported that the committee recommended no changes to the long-standing scheduled Council meetings in February. The first Monday falls on Martin Luther King Day and the third Monday falls on President's Day.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following Council on March 17th if necessary.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The minutes of the 2/4/08 meeting were presented. The Downtown Review Board will meet at Sames & Cook at 7:30 AM on 2/26/08. An agenda will be distributed to the members.
The next meeting is scheduled for 3/3/08 at 6:00 pm.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused. The meeting scheduled for 2/19/08 is cancelled.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers was excused, the written report was distributed.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor extended an invitation for a retirement party for former employee Dwight McFarland.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith distributed the January report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to approve payment of the bills presented. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Levings yes.
Resolution 2-18-08 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Williams seconded to pass the street resurfacing resolution to the 2nd reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.
Ordinance 1594 was read for the 2nd time. Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to pass the supplemental appropriation ordinance to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Hart yes.
Ordinance 1595 was read for the 2nd time. Hart moved and Levings seconded to pass the rezoning of the WODA property ordinance to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Williams yes.
Ordinance 1596 was presented. Levings moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes. Williams moved and Levings seconded to adopt the property sale ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.

OTHER

Levings reported that Rogers has communicated with Poggemeyer about a grant for sidewalks and bike paths.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator