

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on September 21, 2009.

INVOCATION

Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; John Curtis, Steve Hart, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer, Keith Strait. Betty Williams was excused. 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 Hart seconded to approve the September 8, 2009, minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis abstained, Strait yes, Levings yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Tim Clapper, Don Staiger and Kenny Underwood.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused, Captain Underwood reported part-time Officer Sheri Rice will resign to accept a position with the Otterbein University Police Department. A search warrant resulted in several recent arrests; several investigations are in progress.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 271 responses for the year.

The department displayed a Viking banner at the County Fair acknowledging the donation of a 911 Simulator, worth approximately \$450.00.

Strait moved and Levings seconded to approve the appointment of 3 applicants, Paul Matson, Michael Carey, and Scott Caudill. Matson is a former member of the department who is moving back into the area; Carey is taking training through the Delaware JVS, leaving only Caudill who will require training. Roll call; Strait yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes.

Minor repairs on Engine 15 and reel problems on Tower 18 were reported.

Mayor Porter commended the department following the fire on S. Cherry Street.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

A meeting will be scheduled following the Home Road paving bid opening.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee met on 9/15/09 with Chief Staiger. A meeting with Edison Mayor Ackerman will be scheduled to discuss the Fire Protection Contract for 2010. Edison Solicitor Drown requested in his letter dated December 28, 2008, that Edison be allowed to take part in all decisions involving the Mt. Gilead Fire Department. Shaffer pointed out that Edison contributes only .017% of the annual fire budget. Strait reported he is waiting for Mayor Ackerman to return his calls.

Strait reported the committee viewed interesting fire photos from the department.

Council discussed numerous and costly police and/or fire false alarms. Currently, the ordinance regulating the false alarms does not differentiate between the fire and police or residential and business and allows 4 false alarms without fee. Additional alarms are charged \$50.00 each. Underwood noted that increasing the fees drastically or reducing the number of false alarms without charge would penalize everyone for a few who make no attempt to keep false alarms to a minimum. Weather, human error and faulty equipment all contribute to the problem.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and briefly reviewed the false alarm regulations. Hart reported the committee would present updates to the Personnel Policy before the end of 2009.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams was excused.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 2:00 pm on 10/20/09.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported experimenting with a V Notch weir to resolve effluent problems at the WWTP. Alum, required to comply with EPA requirements to lower the phosphorus, is causing plugging in the lines. Substitute chemicals are being considered.

Minor repairs and maintenance at the Water Plant were reported; a storm tile along Iberia Rd. was replaced this week, and brush pickup will continue through this week

Frank Foltz was hired as a seasonal employee. Rogers reported Foltz has a degree in electrical engineering and his CDL.

A second price quote for the replacement of the Water Plant roof is still pending.

A Home Road paving pre-bid meeting was held on 9/18/09. Bid opening is scheduled for 10:00 am on 9/28/09.

Central Ohio News carried the bid announcements for the Storm Sewer Replacement and Storm Sewer Rehabilitation projects. Bid openings are scheduled for 10/6/09. A public meeting will be scheduled to offer all residents of the Northwood Subdivision an opportunity to learn what will be involved in the projects.

HPM representatives were advised to meet with the Planning Commission to request the placement of a wind turbine on the company property located on Marion Road.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter expressed appreciation to Council following the death of his brother.

The Mayor reported the Democratic Party's Health Care Reform meeting was informative with no problems reported. Officer Meftah attended the function.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Ordinance 1624 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the Codification ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1625. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes. Levings moved and Hart seconded to adopt the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes.

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for Resolution 9-21-09. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Levings moved and Hart seconded to adopt the Salt Bid resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes.

Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for Resolution 9-21-09A. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes. Levings moved and Hart seconded to adopt the Transfer of Funds resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes.

Levings moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules for Resolution 9-21-09B. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to adopt the Resolution of Commendation to Kimberly Porter. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes. Council requested that Mrs. Porter attend the next Council meeting to receive their appreciation and the resolution in person.

OTHER

Council expressed sympathy to Mayor Porter following the death of his brother on 9/15/09. A brief discussion was held on the inadequate electrical service in the downtown area. Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator