

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. He offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present for roll call were Panning, Vandersall, Brann, Donaldson and Barnes. Sharp was absent. Also attending the meeting were Police Chief/Personnel Supervisor, Robert Vespi; Adam Wright from the Sentinel-Tribune and residents—Eric Campbell, Bud Kahler, Joanne Busdeker, Homer & Marietta Johnson, Dick & Nedra Sheets.

The minutes from March 1, 2005 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$12,575.22 were presented for approval of payment. Vandersall questioned the bills for title searches for the Old Street Garage and the Police Station and felt this should have been presented to Council for approval. Panning moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Donaldson, vote was as follows: Panning, yes; Donaldson, yes; Vandersall, no; Brann, yes; Barnes, yes. The motion carried by majority vote.

Ordinance #1314, Ordinance Accepting Annexation of Approximately 3.8088 Acres from Freedom Township, Trudy E. Davies, Petitioner, had its second reading.

Ordinance #1315, Ordinance Reinstating Advance and Periodic Payment Requirements from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund, had its second reading.

Ordinance #1316, Ordinance Designating Memorial Park in Its Entirety as a No Smoking Area, had its first reading.

Ordinance #1317, Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for the Year Ending December 31, 2005 had its first reading. Vandersall moved to suspend the rules. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously. Vandersall moved to pass Ordinance #1317 as an emergency. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #673, Resolution Transferring Previously Appropriated Funds, had its first reading.

Panning moved to pay the \$350.00 Council voted to contribute for the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Friendship Agreement with Rodinghausen, Germany out of the Contingencies Fund. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously.

All permits to sell alcoholic beverages in the Village will expire June 1 and any objections for renewals must be postmarked no later than May 2, 2005. No objections were aired.

Council members were given copies of line item transfers made March 3 through March 11.

MAYOR: Letters disapproving a proposed SAL beer tent at the Fair were received from the Fair Board, Garden Club, Mental Culture Club, Presbyterian Church and several youth groups. Council

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agreed that the Pemberville Fair is a family event and is not the time and place for a beer tent. Vandersall moved that we do not approve a beer tent at the Pemberville Fair. Seconded by Panning, the motion carried unanimously.

An accident on Saturday with the Police cruiser has made it inoperable. The estimate to repair it is \$4,603.59 and we have a \$250.00 deductible. The car has 102,000 miles on it and \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 was spent on repairs last year. The Police and Safety Committee looked at several options: put the car back in service, purchase a used car with 80,000 miles on it for \$6,500.00, lease a car from Eisenhour Motors for \$493.45 per month or lease a Ford product with necessary emergency equipment for approximately \$499.00 per month. Barnes moved to go with the Ford contract with monthly payments of approximately \$499.00. Seconded by Donaldson, the motion carried unanimously.

The Community Reinvestment Area Program (CRA) is a direct incentive tax exemption program benefiting property owners who renovate existing or construct new buildings. The Ohio Enterprise Zone Program serves as an additional economic development tool for communities attempting to retain and expand their economic base. Enterprise Zones are designated areas of land in which businesses can receive tax incentives in the form of tax exemptions on eligible new investments and allow local officials to negotiate with businesses to encourage new business investment in the zone. The cost to have Poggemeyer Design set up these programs would be \$4,000.00 each or \$6,000.00 to implement both at the same time. Vandersall moved to buy into the CRA and Enterprise Zone Programs. Seconded by Barnes, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VANDERSALL: Would like Council to approve six people to go to Tree City USA at a cost of \$20.00 each. Vandersall moved to approve the Tree City USA attendance. Seconded by Barnes, the motion carried unanimously.

BARNES: We will receive the Tier I Grant, which is \$15,000.00 matching funds. Part of the Village share will be covered by \$10,000.00 from the Wood County Revolving Fund and other in kind contributions. We will have approximately \$2,500.00 out-of-pocket.

The TMACOG 2.8 million dollar grant all went to Toledo.

CHIEF VESPI: Asked about limiting the temperature of water going into the Sewer System. Vandersall moved to amend the Sewer Ordinance to limit the temperature of water going into the Village Sewer System to 140 degrees. Seconded by Donaldson, the motion carried unanimously.

Homer Johnson aired several concerns: old sidewalks have been laying in the yard of a house on East Front Street since last summer when they were replaced, the new owners of 332 E. Front Street are driving over the curb and parking in the grass and

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about 20 feet of sidewalk needs repaired in front of the new Starr house on South Bierley. Johnson also asked if there would be any help for people to cleanup their yards of debris from the flood. It was suggested that could be a Boy Scout project.

Dick Sheets asked how Phase I of the Sidewalk Replacement Project is coming and if there is a Phase II. Panning responded there are ten sidewalks from Phase I that didn't get done and we will replace them in the spring. Phase II involves sidewalks of residents that need to be repaired that haven't received a letter about fixing them. They will have to walk the sidewalks to determine these areas. Sheets also stated that nothing has been done with the handicap ramp behind Beekers store.

Bud Kahler brought up the continuous abuse of the fifteen-minute parking spots on Walnut Street and asked the status of the public restrooms. Vespi said the restrooms are locked until the vandalism that was done can be repaired.

Marietta Johnson reported the street sign for Bierley Avenue and Bridge Street is still down and questioned who is going to repair the boulevard on Bierley Avenue that was torn up for Hirzel's sewer line. She was told the contractor is responsible for repairing the boulevard.

Comments were made by several people in agreement with wanting the Fair to be non-alcoholic. The Legion Auxiliary is also against a beer tent at the Fair. Support was expressed for the Legion and SAL and willingness to help them in other ways.

As there was no further business to be brought before Council at this time, Brann moved, seconded by Vandersall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk