

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. The Mayor offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present for roll call were Vandersall, Sharp, Brann, Donaldson and Barnes. Also attending the meeting were Police Chief/Personnel Supervisor, Robert Vespi; BPA members Charles Aring, Chuck Schulte and Nelson Busdeker; Jeff Baney from the Wood County Park District; Adam Wright from the Sentinel Tribune; and residents Dale Bruning, Kathy Barnes, Joanne Busdeker, Bud Kahler, Mike & Tracy Griswold, Eric Campbell, Barb & Roger Klee, Bob Panning, Cory Panning and Nedra Sheets.

The minutes from June 7, 2005 and June 16, 2005 were reviewed. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Bills in the amount of \$7,059.59 were presented for approval of payment. Brann moved, seconded by Vandersall, to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

BPA—Is working on I & I issues, the waterline loop south of town and ways to clarify the sewer tap ordinance.

Two people expressed interest in the Council vacancy--Bob Brandt and Eric Campbell. Barnes moved to appoint Bob Brandt as Council member to fill that vacancy until the end of the year because of his prior experience. Seconded by Donaldson, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe Hirzel is requesting a zoning change for his property on Rees Road next to his warehouse from Agricultural to M-2 Heavy Industrial. The Planning Commission recommends that Council grant the zoning change. A public hearing will have to be set up and the neighbors notified.

Resolution #674, Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), had its third reading. Brann moved to pass Resolution #674. Seconded by Barnes, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1326, Ordinance Accepting Easement from Trudy E. Davies, Trustee, Et Al., had its third reading. Brann moved to pass Ordinance #1326. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

Vandersall moved to table Ordinance #1328. Seconded by Sharp, the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1329, Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 630, Section 13(b), amended by substitution, had its third reading. Sharp moved to pass Ordinance #1329. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Department sent a letter informing Council and the BPA that they will be conducting their annual hose testing in June and will be using extra water.

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Jeff Baney from the Wood County Park District presented a Park Improvement Grant check in the amount of \$1,710.00 for the purchase of trash containers for Memorial Park.

MAYOR: Gave Council a list of his suggestions to consider for lowering costs and raising income for the Village.

The Local Government Fund will freeze from 2005 - 2007. We will not lose money but neither will we receive an increase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SHARP: The Finance Committee rehashed problems with the General Fund. Expenses are rising which is why the disbursement of Income Tax Funds was changed to 70% to the General Fund and 30% to Permanent Improvement.

Sharp moved to bring Ordinance #1315, Ordinance Reinstating Advance and Periodic Payment Requirements From the Sewer Fund to the General Fund, back into discussion. Seconded by Vandersall, the motion carried unanimously. After a lengthy discussion, which included the BPA stating a sewer rate increase would have to be implemented for them to pay back the money, Sharp moved, seconded by Vandersall to pass Ordinance #1315. Vote was as follows: Sharp, yes; Vandersall, yes; Brann, yes; Donaldson, no; Barnes, yes. The motion carried by majority vote.

Sharp informed Council that an increase in income tax is being considered to help the General Fund.

BARNES: The Village was awarded \$50,000.00 for handicap accessible restrooms under Wood County's FY05 CDBG Small Cities Formula Program. The Mayor thanked the Economic Development Committee for their work on the grant.

A Tier I meeting for Downtown Revitalization was held at Portage Valley and many people showed up and participated. Named to the Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee are Carolyn Clay, Bud Kahler, Roger Klee, Larry Moore, Lynette Oberhouse, Tom Reiter, Lewis Renollet and Shawn Thompson.

A maple tree was planted by the Tree Commission along the trail at the entrance to the Utility Building in memory of Kurt Panning. A plaque with Kurt's name will be purchased with donations from Council, BPA and employees.

Nedra Sheets expressed her concerns about the changes Council is making to put more money in the General Fund.

Bob Panning asked if all of the Village water wells are protected by an exclusion zone and questioned the cost of purchasing easements from property owners around the wells. He will attend the next BPA meeting to discuss this further.

At 8:35 p.m. Vandersall moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Brann, the motion carried unanimously.

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Council reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

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

Mayor

Clerk