

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING

Council President Ron Garver Called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Council members present; Doug Eakins, Gene Sidner, Sheila Nelson, Randy Otis, Jim King, Darlene Steele, and Ron Garver. Also attending were Mayor Scott Hockenbery and Finance Director Jack Herrel.

Prayer by Pastor Denise Edwards

Pledge of Allegiance led by Doug Eakins

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Otis and seconded by Mr. King

Roll Call-all yeas

Motion to adopt minutes of the November 16 and December 7, 2009 council meeting by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Steele

Roll Call-all yeas.

Recognition of Guests: Mr. James Miles notified Council that he is resigning from the Planning and Zoning Commission because he has been transferred to second shift at his job effective January 4, 2010 and will be unable to attend the commission's meetings. He thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the citizens of West Jefferson.

Old Business:

Review of resident concerns from last meeting-None

New Business:

Resolution 09-056, commending Ronald L. Garver for his distinguished service to the Village of West Jefferson

Discussion: The Mayor and Council members all expressed their appreciation to Ron for his service to the village as Councilman and Mayor Hockenbery presented him with a commemorative plaque.

Motion to adopt Resolution 09-056 by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Eakins

Roll Call-All Yeas.

Ordinance 09-057, Authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer reverse osmosis receipts collected by the Water Department pursuant to Ordinance 04-015, passed March 1, 2004, to the Debt Service Fund and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: This represents the \$1.39 per thousand gallons collected by the Water Department to pay for the debt service on the Reverse Osmosis System.

Motion to adopt ordinance 09-057 by Mr. King and seconded by Mrs. Steele.

Roll Call-All Yeas.

First Reading of Ordinance 09-058, amending Ordinance 92-068 (Employee Handbook) Section IV A. Sick Time.

Discussion: This ordinance amends the regulations for sick time. Sick time will only be accrued by full and part-time employees. Seasonal employees, elected officials, and members of committees, boards, and commissions will be exempted from the sick time accrual. Second reading to be heard at the January 4, 2010 Council meeting.

First reading of Ordinance 09-059, an ordinance amending ordinance 92-068, passed January 20, 1992 and pertaining to the appointment of the Clerk of Council.

Discussion: This ordinance shifts the Clerk of Council duties to the Village Administrative Assistant. It will free up time for the Director of Finance to concentrate more on the financial matters of the village. Second reading to be heard at the January 4, 2010 Council meeting.

Ordinance 09-060, an ordinance establishing the Federal Asset Seizure Fund and appropriations, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion: The Chief of Police has obtained a grant from the U.S. Treasury derived from seized assets. The Fund must be established and the money appropriated before it can be spent. Chief Gates reported that the money will be used help pay for new firearms for the officers and four taser units.

Motion to adopt ordinance 09-060 by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. King.

Roll Call-All Yeas.

First reading of Ordinance 09-061, establishing a monthly surcharge fee of \$1.00 for water and \$1.00 for sewer user fees in addition to current water user fees to help offset the rising administrative costs for the billing in the Public Service Department.

Discussion: Mr. Eakins questioned the per user fee increase saying it would be weighted more on the lower end users. He advocates an increase in the rate schedule rather than a per user surcharge fee. The Mayor countered that the surcharge fee is to help offset the

increase in administrative costs to run the Water Department and should be spread evenly among the users since the fee is not based on usage by the consumer. Second reading to be heard at the January 4, 2010 Council meeting.

First reading of Ordinance 09-062, an ordinance authorizing a request to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to certify the Village of West Jefferson for enforcement of the Residential Code of Ohio to exercise enforcement authority and accept and approve plans and specifications, and make inspections. Second reading to be heard at the January 4, 2010 Council meeting

First reading of Ordinance 09-063, an ordinance establishing the Village of West Jefferson Building Department.

Discussion: Although the charter of the village already establishes a Building and Zoning Department, the State of Ohio is requiring the village to establish a Building Department by separate ordinance. Second reading to be heard at the January 4, 2010 Council meeting.

Ordinance 09-064, authorizing various supplemental appropriations.

Discussion: Jack Herrel explained the need for the appropriations to get through the end of the year.

Motion to adopt ordinance 09-064 by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Sidner.

Roll Call-All Yeas.

Committee Reports

Finance:

Police:

Employee Benefits:

Public Service:

Development :

Parks and Recreation:

Special Events:

Director of Finance Report:

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: absent

Mayor's Report and Recognition: The Mayor gave his report to Council stressing the strong possibility of an IGA grocery store coming to the village.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: .

Additional Business – None

Motion to pay bills by Mr. Eakins, seconded Mr. Sidner

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Sidner.

Roll Call- Yeas Mr Eakins, Mr Sidner, Mrs. Nelson, Mr Otis, Mr. King, Mrs Steele

Nays Mr. Garver