

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Council President Ron Garver.

All Council members were 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 Scott Polley

Pledge of Allegiance led by Gene Sidner

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mrs. Steele and seconded by Mr. King.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Recognition of Guests: Cathy Allen, President of the West Jefferson Community Association is asking for residents to help with the Christmas in the Park program. They are in need of financial help and also need people to donate their services. The light display and other festivities attract many visitors to the Village.

Old Business:

Review resident concerns from last meeting. (None)

New Business:

Resolution 09-049, a resolution informing the Madison County Commissioners of services available to 190.3329 acres, more or less, owned by Ralph Parsons Farm Partnership and being Parcel No. 08-00709.000; 9.75 acres owned by Ralph Parsons Farm Partnership and being Parcel No. 08-01334.000; 18.9404 acres owned by Ralph Parsons Farm Partnership and being Parcel No. 05-00296.001; 9.2501 acres owned by Ralph Parsons Farm Partnership and being Parcel No. 05-00296000; 1.8729 acres owned by the State of Ohio and being part of U.S. Route 40 Right-of -Way; 2.3571 acres owned by Ralph Parsons, III. and Meschelle A. Parsons and being Parcel No. 08-00712.000; and 65.00 acres owned by Ralph L. Parsons, II., Trustee and being Parcel No. 08-00710.000.

Motion to adopt Resolution 09-049 by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Garver.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Resolution 09-050, consenting to the proposed annexation of 190.3329 acres, more or less, owned by Ralph Parsons Farm Partnership and being Parcel No. 08-00709.000; 9.75 acres owned by Ralph Parsons Farm Partnership and being Parcel No. 08-01334.000; 18.9404 acres owned by Ralph Parsons Farm Partnership and being Parcel No. 05-00296.001; 9.2501 acres owned by Ralph Parsons Farm Partnership and being Parcel No. 05-00296000; 1.8729 acres owned by the State of Ohio and being part of U.S. Route 40 Right-of -Way; 2.3571 acres owned by Ralph Parsons III. and Meschelle A. Parsons and being Parcel No. 08-00712.000; and 65.00 acres owned by Ralph L. Parsons, II., Trustee and being Parcel No. 08-00710.000 and more fully described in an Expedited Type II Petition for Annexation filed with the Madison County Commissioners on December 7, 2009.

Motion to adopt Resolution 09-050 by Mr. Otis and seconded by Mr. Sidner.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Resolution 09-051, creating Council Committees to assist various departments and commissions for the 2010 term of Council.

Motion to adopt Resolution 09-051 by Mr. Garver and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Resolution 09-052, approving an application for a parking lot permit for "The Abbey", 93-95 West Main Street, West Jefferson, Ohio 43162.

Motion to adopt Resolution 09-052 by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Ordinance 09-053, an ordinance establishing the position of "Public Service Street Superintendent".

Discussion: The Mayor explained that the Street Superintendent would be a working supervisor responsible for the daily operations of the Street Department. He would answer directly to the Public Service Director. One of the current street department laborers would become a Public Service Department floater and be used to help at the water plant, sewer plant, or wherever needed within the Public Service Department. This ordinance is also considered a part of the 2010 appropriation process and therefore needs only one reading for passage pursuant to the village charter.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-053 by Mrs. Steele and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Ordinance 09-054, setting pay rates for Village employees and repealing ordinances

08-063 passed December 1, 2008, 09-004 passed January 9, 2009, and 09-023 passed May 18, 2009.

Discussion: Due to current economic conditions the Council has decided to forego the annual employee pay increase for fiscal year 2010. Also the department heads will be put on an annual salary instead of hour wages. This ordinance is also considered as part of the 2010 appropriation process and needs only one reading for passage pursuant to the village charter.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-054 by Mr. Sidner and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Ordinance 09-055, an ordinance to make appropriations for current expenditures of the Village of West Jefferson during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-055 by Mrs. Steele and seconded by Mr. Garver.

Roll Call: All Yeas

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Police:

Employee Benefits:

Public Service:

Development:

Parks and Recreation:

Special Events:

Director of Finance Report: Jack Herrel dispersed copies of the November Financial Reports.

Director of Parks and Recreation: Absent

Mayor's Report and Recognition: Mayor Hockenbery presented his report to Council and also recognized the Street Department for doing a good job with leaf pickups.

Recognition of Clerk and Council:

Additional Business:

Motion to pay bills by Mrs. Steele and seconded Mr. Sidner

Roll Call – All Yeas

Motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mrs. Steele.

Roll Call – All Yeas

Clerk of Council

President of Council