

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Darlene Steele called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Council members present: Doug Eakins, Gene Sidner, Sheila Nelson, Randy Otis, Cory Coburn, Jim King, Darlene Steele. Also attending were, Mayor Scott Hockenbery, Finance Director Jack Herrel, and Administrative Assistant Kristina Eitel.

Prayer by Jack Herrel

Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheila Nelson

Motion to adopt the agenda by Jim King and seconded by Cory Coburn.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to adopt the minutes of the February 1, 2010 Council meeting by Sheila Nelson and seconded by Gene Sidner.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Recognition of Guests:

Ed Preston attended the council meeting to discuss future plans on an IGA grocery store he would like to open at the corner of Plain City-Georgesville Road and State Route 40. He currently runs a very successful IGA located in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. He has purchased the land from Russ Miller and asked Council to approve annexation for this property at this time to move forward. Resolution 10-009 below discusses this annexation.

Old Business:

Review resident concerns from last meeting. (None)

New Business:

Resolution 10-009, approving and supporting the annexation of 20.8624 acres and 155.997 acres, located in Jefferson Township, Madison County, Ohio. *Discussion above*

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-009, by Randy Otis and seconded by Doug Eakins.

Roll Call: Yeas- Doug Eakins, Gene Sidner, Randy Otis, Cory Coburn, Jim King, Darlene Steele

Nays- Sheila Nelson

Ordinance 10-010, informing the Madison County Commissioners of services available to 20.8624 acre tract and the 155.997 acre tract located in Jefferson Township, and more fully described in a petition for annexation to the Village of West Jefferson. *Darlene Steel read a list of services that will be available.*

Motion to adopt Ordinance 10-010, by Randy Otis and seconded by Gene Sidner.

Roll Call: Yeas-Doug Eakins, Gene Sidner, Randy Otis, Cory Coburn, Jim King, Darlene Steele.

Nays- Sheila Nelson

Resolution 10-011, authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer the balance in the Debt Service Fund as of 12/31/2009 to the reverse osmosis fund.

Discussion: Mayor Hockenbery explained that this was set up previously this way and money has to be transferred out to pay for other items and having the money come directly from the Reverse Osmosis fund would be better. Jack Herrel also stated this would prevent unnecessary steps and we will now be able to pay for items out of the Water Fund.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-011, by Jim King and seconded by Doug Eakins.

Roll Call- All Yeas

Resolution 10-012, requiring a Buffer Zone and Screening to protect the residences adjoining the real estate being annexed to the Village of West Jefferson and being known as Parsons Farm.

Discussion: Ron Parsons stated concerns homeowners had regarding their property involved with the annexation and that they wanted protection for the future 65 acres adjoining the golf courses. He also stated this resolution saves in advertising and having to have a hearing, eventually we will be receiving plans regarding the buffering.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-012, by Randy Otis and seconded by Doug Eakins.

Roll Call – All Yeas

Resolution 10-013, amending MTB Corporation’s CRA agreement as assigned to West Jefferson Partners, Inc.

Discussion: Mayor Hockenbery stated once a company comes in we need to include them to be approved for tax incentives and this needs to be passed and in place because these tax incentives are coming up. He also added the language will be stating employment opportunities that will be available. Ron Garver (from the audience) wanted to confirm with Ron Parsons that MTB was sold to WJ Partners and that the original agreements will be followed by whoever owns the land. Ron Parsons also added that FedEx is leasing from WJ Partners as well.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-013, by Doug Eakins and seconded by Gene Sidner.

Roll Call – All Yeas

Committee Reports:

Finance: Meeting scheduled March 1st @ 6:30 p.m. with Jack Herrel, Finance Committee, and the Mayor. Meeting with the Auditors rescheduled for March 8th @6:00 p.m. for Council, Finance Director, and the Mayor.

Police: Council member Doug Eakins stated that the Officers now have their new pistols as well as Tazer guns. Randy Sibalds informed council that the Tazers are in and the officers are scheduled for a class with a trained officer, once this class in completed they will receive the tazers.

Employee Benefits: None

Public Service: None

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: None

Special Events: Cory Coburn rescheduled a meeting for the special events committee, Kathy Allen, and the Mayor on March 2nd @ 6:00 p.m. downstairs. Mr. Coburn also discussed topics brought up at the last Business Council meeting regarding property owned by Mark Chickerella for the final inspections for the Incubator Spots. He stated a State Inspector Officer came in and requested that they change a few things and file additional paperwork, these issues have held up plans. During the meeting they met with an interior decorator and also decided to hold a Logo Contest including the High School and Tolles. They also plan on hosting a “Clean up weekend or day in May”, to clean up trash and pull weeds before the National Road yard sale. Mr. Coburn finished by stating at the next Business Council meeting they will be discussing plans for the “Helping Hands” project.

Director of Finance Report: Jack Herrel handed out to council the cash summary statement, including dates from January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010. Mr. Herrel discussed items on the report including information as to when loans will come to an end and how much we are paying annually or semi-annually. He stated several debts will be coming to an end by the year 2015, which will help the Village debt.

Director of Public Service Report: None

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: None

Mayor's Report and Recognition: Mayor Hockenbery mentioned a representative came in with information regarding part-time and temporary jobs available with the upcoming Census. Mayor Hockenbery stated this week there are several interviews set up for the Street Superintendent position, once position is filled this individual will be screened (drug testing, background check, etc.). He also mentioned that he has only received one application for the Pool Position Superintendent to date and will need to advertise some more.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Sheila Nelson commended the street department for snow removal but stated she was disappointed because Galbreath Hall was not plowed; children and parents had to walk in the street. Darlene Steele mentioned as well that she felt the Street Department did well but Pearl Street turned into a one (1) lane road due to a car being plowed in. Cory Coburn questioned the condition of the Rt. 40 marker in front of City Hall. Mayor Hockenbery stated this stone has been modified (broken and sealed), he spoke with ODOT and they stated that they do not care what we do with the stone but the Mayor would like to keep the Historical Value and is waiting on a response from National Road association as to what could be done. Council discussed possible ideas or benefits to extend the sidewalks past the library. Mayor Hockenbery said that the Village is required to have sidewalks in front of homes included in the Village limits. Darlene Steele mentioned a possible grant available for sidewalks going to routes to schools (mostly Elementary and Middle Schools). Council stated that there are stipulations and residents may not want them. Gene Sidner wanted to thank the residents who helped out neighbors remove snow; he appreciated seeing the help during these times. Jim King stated the Subway shop will not include ice cream, also the Appliance store is no longer coming and the Hardware store is working on getting a video rental box. Jack Herrel also expressed his concern for residents not shoveling their sidewalks on Main Street and kids having to walk in the street. Darlene Steele mentioned a gentleman called her to complain about calls he made to council and not receiving a call back.

Additional Business: None

Motion to pay bills by Cory Coburn and seconded by Randy Otis.

Voted by Acclamation of Council

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. by Doug Eakins and seconded by Gene Sidner.

Voted by Acclamation of Council

Clerk of Council

President of Council