

MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 3, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

Emilia Feldman Clerk of Council

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Council members present: Doug Eakins, Ron Garver, Sheila Nelson, Randy Otis, Cory Coburn, Steve Johnston and Jim King. Also attending were Mayor, Darlene Steele, Finance Director Jack Herrel, Public Service Director Harold Walker Parks and Recreation Director, Jack McDowell and Clerk of Council, Emilia Feldman

Prayer by Jack Herrel

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim King

Motion to amend agenda with the swearing in of a new Auxiliary Officer of the West Jefferson Police Department by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Johnston

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Eakins

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to adopt the minutes of the December 20, 2010 Council meeting by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Eakins

Roll Call-All Yeas

Jeff Jacob was sworn in by Mayor Steele as an Auxiliary Officer for the West Jefferson Police Department. Sergeant McNeal who is in charge of the Auxiliary Police program was present and stated he was looking forward to working with Officer Jacobs.

Recognition of the West Jefferson High School Football team

The coach and seniors of the team were present and received a plaque presented by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Johnston spoke of what a great season the team had this year. Mr. Otis congratulated and thanked the team for their hard work. Mrs. Nelson stated that the team represented the Village very well and was proud. Mr. Garver also congratulated the team and good luck in their futures. Mr. Eakins stated he was very proud of the team and for giving 110%. Mayor Steele wanted the team to know that she appreciated their time and sacrifices.

Before the voting for President and Vice President of Council started the Mayor addressed council, urging them to vote wisely and that this was not a popularity contest. The duties of the President and Vice President include extra tasks such as setting the agenda and willing to do extra work.

Motion to accept Nominations for President of Council by Mr. Otis and seconded by Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Nelson nominated Mr. Garver

Mr. Coburn nominated Mr. Johnston

Motion to close nominations by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. King

Garver- 4 votes

Johnston-3 votes

The gavel of the President of Council was passed from Mr. Jim King to Mr. Ron Garver

Motion to accept nominations for Vice President of Council By Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. King

Mr. Garver nominated Mr. Otis

Mr. Coburn nominated Mr. Eakins

Motion to close nominations for Vice President of Council by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Otis

Otis- 4 votes

Eakins- 3 votes

Mr. Otis became Vice President of Council.

Recognition of Guests: None

New Business: (next available number 11-001)

Resolution 11-001 appointing _____ to fill the Vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Steve Johnston nominated Rhoda Eaton

Motion to accept the nomination of Rhoda Eaton by Mr. King and seconded by Mrs. Nelson

Roll Call – All Yeas

Committee Reports:

Finance: None

Police : None

Employee Benefits: None

Public Service: None

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: Will have a meeting Wednesday at 5:30 to discuss lease of the Senior Citizens Center.

Special Events: There are currently 2 nominations for the Good Neighbor of the Month award.

Director of Finance Report: Mr. Herrel is working on the end of the year report which will be ready by next meeting.

Director of Public Service Report: At the next meeting, legislation will be put forth before council regarding the annexation of the Parsons Property. Also, Mr. Parsons wishes to discuss changes to the Battelle agreement with the Development committee on Monday January 10, at 5:30pm.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: Galbreath hall is being worked on for water damage. There are dangerous areas that needed fixed. Painting, dry walling, and flooring are being done for free. Village is paying only for the materials. The work will hopefully be finished by January 8 2011. Mr. McDowell stated that this is a slow time for activities in the hall and is a good time to do the repairs.

Mayor's Report and Recognition: Denver Stone dedicated a flag from Iraq and presented it to the Mayor.

The Mayor also went on a ride-along with the West Jefferson Police Department. She is proud of our officers for dedicating their time for the community. She was also very impressed by the surveillance of the officers in our village.

The Personnel policy has some information missing. A copy will be given to each member of the employee benefits committee for review.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Mr. Eakins was concerned about the money going into the revitalization project.

Additional Business: Mr. Walker expressed a need for the village to have a credit card. Mr. Herrel commented that previously the credit card was abused by people not bringing in receipts. We have a purchase order system, and a credit card would be used as a convenience rather than need. The finance committee will review the need for a credit card.

Motion to pay the bills by Mr. King and seconded by Mrs. Otis

Roll Call- All Yeas

Motion to approve "Then and Now" Certificates over \$3,000.00 by Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Coburn

Roll Call- All Yeas

Motion to adjourn: 8:10 P.M. By acclamation of Council

Clerk of Council

President of Council