

MINUTES FOR THE JULY 5, 2011, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

Emilia Feldman Clerk of Council

Ron Garver called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Prayer by Jack Herrel

Pledge of Allegiance led by Doug Eakins

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

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to adopt the minutes of the June 6, 2011 Council meeting by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Otis

Roll Call-All Yeas

Recognition of Guests:

Good Neighbor of the Month Award – Lon and Carol Ferguson. Nominated by Linda Roberts. Carol always bakes and cooks for others, Lon helps with yard work and other odd jobs. They received a gift certificate from West Jeff Finer Food and Flyer's Pizza and Subs.

New Business: New Business: (next available number 11-046)

Resolution 11-046, a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Village of West Jefferson to Execute a general release, settlement agreement and waiver concerning the case of Holden Vs. Village of West Jefferson , et. Al., (Case no.: 2:10-CV-924) Now Pending with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Discussion: Mr. Johnston was concerned about the wording in section 9 and that there were a few typos that Mr. Parsons would have to fix.

Motion by Mr. Coburn and seconded by Mr. Otis

Roll Call - All Yeas

Ordinance 11-047, accepting the recommendation of the Charter Commission submitting the amendments of the Charter of the Village of West Jefferson to a vote of the qualified electors of said Village to be held on November 8, 2011

Discussion: Mr. Garver explained that this must pass in order for the changes of the charter to go onto the ballot in November. The voters make the decision about the charter, not council.

Motion by Mr. Coburn and seconded by Mr. King

Roll Call – All Yeas

Committee Reports:

Finance: There will be a meeting to discuss appropriations for the Public Service Department.

Police: New cruisers are in.

Employee Benefits: There were meetings last week regarding insurance changes. One question that was raised was regarding our renewal is in the middle of the year and our deductible starts in January. Mr. Coburn explained that we could change for them both to start in January but it would cost the employees more. The increase would be roughly 15-20%.

Public Service: There have been discussions about the price of the new covered bridge. The sewers need to be re-lined and we will most likely be reimbursed for that part of the project. The Public Service Department is looking into purchasing a new paint striper and purchasing salt for the upcoming winter.

Development: working with Planning and Zoning, need to take the Ordinance out of the zoning book.

Parks and Recreation: Streetfest went well, bleachers were used. There have also been concerns of people adding wood to the existing skate park. The police have been notified.

Special Events: Fourth of July Street Fest went well. Mr. King suggested a street sweeper should be used to help clean the streets where the fest took place.

Director of Finance Report: Mr. Herrel will attending the meeting with the Finance committee.

Director of Public Service Report: absent

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: Weather has created some problems at the pool. We have 20 more members than last year.

Mayor's Report and Recognition: The project on Main St. is coming along, but slightly behind schedule. The Village is selling bricks to be put on Main St. for \$25.00, forms are available at Village Hall. The Mayor also attended an ODOT public hearing regarding roundabouts. This is a 5 million dollar project and we can receive grant money.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Mrs. Nelson wished to thank all those who helped support this years fireworks. Mr. Coburn noted that the West Jefferson Community Association bought a new bike for the Police Department. It costs approximately 1

Motion to pay the bills by Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Otis
Roll Call- All Yeas

Motion to approve “Then and Now” Certificates over \$3,000.00 by Mr. King and seconded
by Mr. Coburn
Roll Call- All Yeas

Motion to adjourn: 8:52 P.M. by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Garver
Roll Call - All Yeas

Clerk of Council

President of Council