

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 1, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Emilia Feldman Clerk of Council

Jim King called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Motion to excuse Mr. Otis for medical reason by Mr. Coburn and seconded by Mr. Eakins

Prayer by Doug Eakins

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Johnston

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Coburn

Roll Call-All Yeas

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

Roll Call-All Yeas

Recognition of Guests:

Chiquita Edwards and Gloria Case both received certificates of Appreciation from Council thanking them for their help with the fall decorations for the downtown area. The Mayor also wanted to thank all of those who helped putting up the lights and making our town look beautiful for fall.

Mr. Jeff Pfeil from the West Jefferson Community Association came to talk about Christmas in the Park. The normal vendor used for the lift to put up the lights is unavailable. Without a lift, they cannot do the lights. WJCA has put out over 300 donation letters, and have received very few back. WJCA is asking council for help. It was asked if Duke Realty's lift could be used, but Mr. Walker explained that due to insurance reasons, they could not rent it to the Village. However, Duke will be donating \$1000 to "Christmas in the Park". Tom Phillips suggested putting money in the budget to support Christmas in the Park. Paul Holden suggested doing door to door.

Motion to pledge \$2500.00 in support of the "Christmas in the Park" display by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Johnston.

Roll Call - 5 Yeas - Johnston, Garver, Nelson, Eakins, King

-1 Abstention - Mr. Coburn due to a conflict of interest.

Amy Reese came to council to educate people about the United Way. They fundraise for affiliated agencies. Ms. Reese focuses on Madison County and stated that the United Way gave back over \$140,000.00 back to the County last year. The United Way only takes 10% of a dollar for administrative costs. 90% of the dollar goes to the agencies.

Nadal Aburokbeh will be opening a grocery store in West Jefferson called West Jeff Finer Foods LLC. His goal is to open by Christmas. Mr. Aburokbeh also stated that he will donate \$500.00 to "Christmas in the Park"

New Business: (next available number 10-092) None

Committee Reports:

Finance: None

Police: None

Employee Benefits: None

Public Service: None

Development: Mrs. Nelson would like the other council members to review the travel policy and give feedback. Mr. Coburn commented that we have plenty of village vehicles and that we do not need to reimburse for in town use. Mrs. Nelson is still waiting on Ron Parsons regarding the lease on the Senior Citizens Center.

Parks and Recreation: None

Special Events: Good neighbor award applicants will be given to the Special Events committee at the first of every month and invite the recipient to attend the second council meeting to receive their certificate.

Director of Finance Report: Mr. Herrel has been working on the budget. He will write a resolution for the next meeting regarding the \$2500.00 appropriation for “Christmas in the Park”

Director of Public Service Report: The leaf machine has broke and is currently at John Deere to be repaired. Leaves will still be picked up using the street sweeper with a hose attachment. Also 3 street lamp receptacles will be replaced in the village. Mr. Walker also wanted to mention that there have been 17 supplemental appropriations to the budget as of October 18th 2010 totaling \$4,985.21.

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: Absent

Mayor’s Report and Recognition: The Ralph Parsons Award will be giving out 2 awards to Mr. Jack Pfeil and Dr. Dick Hurt on November 16 at 6:00 prior to the council meeting. “Project KG” is going well, and we are now working on the final details. There will be a meeting with Battelle next Thursday at 5:00pm. The Mayor’s budget finance committee will meet Friday afternoon at 3:00pm. Mr. King wanted council members to think about whether or not to invest in recording equipment for council chambers and to possibly discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Mr. Johnston thanked council for appointing him. Mrs. Nelson wanted to congratulate the football team for their accomplishments. Mr. Eakins wished to welcome Mr. Johnston to Council and also thanks those who helped the village look nice for fall He also wants to help “Christmas in the Park”. Mr. Garver also wanted to welcome Mr. Johnston to council, and thank you to Nadal Aburokbeh for the update on the grocery store.

Additional Business: None

Motion to pay the bills by Mr. Coburn and seconded by Mr. Eakins
Roll Call- All Yeas

Motion to approve “Then and Now” Certificates over \$3,000.00 by Mr. Eakins and Mrs. Nelson
Roll Call- All Yeas

Motion to adjourn: 9:06 P.M. by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Coburn.
All Yeas

Clerk of Council

President of Council