

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Clerk of Council Emilia Feldman

Darlene Steele called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Prayer by Doug Eakins

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Garver

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

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to adopt the minutes of the August 16, 2010 Council meeting by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. King

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to adopt the minutes of the August 30, 2010 Special Council meeting by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. King

Roll Call-All Yeas

Recognition of Guests:

Paul Holden- questions about the recall

Steve Johnson- concerns about foreclosed houses going to rentals and the upkeep of those properties. He expressed concern about property values that are dropping. He is trying to protect the property value of neighbors and their blocks of these houses. Mr. Johnson wants to maintain the integrity of our neighborhoods. Ms. Steele expressed the issue of the time going into court to enforce the law. Other groups such as volunteers and church congregations can help. Mr. Johnson will create a resolution to be put before council.

Pat Allen- Wanted to know the stance of council on litigation involving the Ox Roast. Ms. Steele explained that it would not be discussed because it was a civil matter. Mr. Garver expressed his concern about why the Village of West Jefferson was in the article in the Madison Press. Ms. Steele stated that the Village was not involved and the matter was not appropriate to be discussed.

Old Business:

Review resident concerns from last meeting. (None)

New Business:

1. New Business: (next available number 10-080)

A. First Reading of Ordinance 10-080 authorizing the vacation of a certain section of Water Street in the Village of West Jefferson. Second reading will take place on the September 20th meeting.

B. Motion to Reconsider Resolution 10-075, Accepting the quote from Lannis Fencing Systems for fencing around the Water Treatment Plant and declaring an emergency. (Vetoed by the Mayor on August 23, 2010.)

Discussion: Mr. Otis talked with a resident who sent him a letter. Layout of the fence will offer access to the creek and replace the old fence. There were concerns of the well fields by a resident who felt they needed to be fenced in. These changes in the fence will help the water treatment plant and the residents' concerns such as creek access. Mrs. Nelson asked about the security cameras, there are currently 9. Some other may be available if waterproof. Mr. Eakins asked about a full security plan as addressed the Mayor's veto letter. Mr. Walker confirmed that there was no current full security plan other than the fence. Mr. Walker added

that this fence will be 8ft tall with barbed wire and will be commercial grade. There will also be a wire at the bottom of the fence to prevent someone from lifting up the fence from the bottom. This will not limit the access to fish in the creek.

Motion by Mr. Otis and seconded by Mr. King

Roll Call- All Yeas

Committee Reports:

Finance: None

Police: None

Employee Benefits: None

Public Service: None

Development: None

Parks and Recreation: Received e-mail from Ron Parson looking at Senior Center

Director of Finance Report: Reported that the income tax was up 16% from last year

Director of Public Service Report: No

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: The pool has been closed and prepared for winter. There have been 3 new signs up to match the Westwood sign. Grant money helped pay for the signs. 2 new grills have been installed at Converse Park along with tables and a light pole. He also reported that the basketball court was ready to be marked and he has been watering the new trees that were put in as well as ordered new swings for the park.

Mayor's Report and Recognition: Absent

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Mr. Eakins met with the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. He reported that they have working hard to bring more businesses into the county. The tentative start date for Project KG is October 1, 2010. Mr. Eakins also expressed his thanks to the village for helping make the Ox Roast a great success.

Mrs. Nelson also commented on the success of the Ox Roast and thanked the village for their support. There was also mention of the use of the signature stamp of the mayor on the revitalization project. The stamp cannot be used, only the actual signature of the Mayor.

Resident Paul Holden noted that the website needed to be updated. Council informed him that Emilia Feldman was now the new webmaster but has yet to receive access to the website by Mayor Hockenbery. Mr. Holden had questions to council regarding Mayor and the recall. Ms. Steele noted that they could not discuss the issues but would try to answer Mr. Holden's questions as much as possible. Mr. Garver expressed that the questions should be asked of Mayor Hockenbery and not council. Mr. Holden said that he has been unable to reach the Mayor.

Additional Business:

Motion to pay bills by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mrs. Nelson

Roll Call- All Yeas

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Voted by acclamation of Council

