

Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 9, 2006

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, January 9, 2006 for a Regular Council Meeting in the Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with the rules of this Town Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Ron Neff, Bill Cartwright, David Scheib, and Julia Glessner; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Steve Donnelly, Curt Day; Others, Fire Chief Tim Ford, Huntington Herald Press Reporter, Warren Weekly Reporter.

President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meetings of December 12 and December 21 were approved as submitted.

Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group, continued with review of Draft One of the Comprehensive Financial Plan. In review of the Electric Utility, discussions were delayed pending completion of current negotiations with AEP/I&M. In review of negotiation documents forwarded through IMMUDA's attorney, Guerrettaz perceives probable substantial change in rate structure as well as increase in the cost of purchased power due to a move to market based rates with an annual 'true-up'. The electric rate stabilization fund, as already established, will provide substantial buffer following completion of those negotiations and necessary time for review.

Following discussion regarding the status of the Wastewater Funds, Glessner moved, seconded by Neff, that Morrison work with the attorney to initiate a 9% rate increase. The motion was approved unanimously.

In review of the Water Utility, no rate increase is necessary at this time although review should be scheduled for late 2007. Following further discussion, Cartwright moved, seconded by Neff, that hydrant rental cost be removed from the General Fund and be added as a charge to water users. The process should be a phase-in over three years. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion and review of the CFP in general was held with particular review of five year histories and projections.

President Scheib noted that an IACT Legislative Update is scheduled for February 6 in Columbia City and urged all members to attend. Reservations for Scheib, Morrison, Day, Glessner, and Neff will be made.

President Scheib read an invitation from Huntington County Rescue for an Appreciation Dinner to be held on January 14th. President Scheib will be attending to represent Council.

Morrison submitted the December/End of Year Financial Report, the 2005 Fire Services Financial Report, and the 2005 Investment Report.

Day submitted the December activity report. Requested was permission to purchase two map storage units at the cost of \$1230 each with a base at \$210. Glessner moved, seconded by Neff, to approve the request. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donnelly submitted the December activity report. Also reported was that Brent Beebe had started Reserve Training on January 5th.

Fire Chief Ford submitted a list of proposed Fire Department Officers as follows: Ford, Fire Chief; Lee Poulson, Assistant Chief; President, Dave Miller; Asst President, Mike Bolinger; Sec/Treas, Lee Poulson; Captains, Scott Canady and Mike Bolinger; Safety Officer, Jim Asher; Training Officer, Cory Bowman. Cartwright moved, seconded by Glessner, to approve officers as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Glessner moved, Neff seconded, approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers as follows:

Electric	1-16	\$76,184.04
Water	1-14	\$ 3,064.40
Wastewater	1-14	\$ 3,362.00
Sanitation	1	\$ 3,306.03
General	1-19	\$16,285.43

The motion was approved unanimously.

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General discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Approved by Town Council:

_____ As President
David Scheib

_____ As Member
Bill Cartwright

_____ As Member
Ron Neff

_____ As Member
Julia Glessner