

Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday, January 23, 2006

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, January 23, 2006 for a Regular Council Meeting at 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, David Scheib, Bill Cartwright, Ron Neff, and Julia Glessner; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Curt Day, Dennis Spitler, Brent Beebe and Steve Donnelly; Others, Warren Weekly Reporter, Herald Press Reporter and Carol Pugh.

President Scheib called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of January 9 were approved as submitted.

Carol Pugh, Executive Director of HCUED, presented information in regard to a workshop titled "Huntington County Means Business" to be held on February 22nd.

Day gave a general report of an IMMUDA negotiations meeting which he and Greg Guerrettaz had attended. It is expected that a draft of a contract with AEP for supply of electric power will be forwarded by March 1st for Council review.

Ordinance 2006-1, an Ordinance amending wastewater rates and charges, was introduced. Following discussion, President Scheib set a public hearing for February 13 at 6:30 p.m..

Ordinance 2006-2, an Ordinance setting hydrant rental rates as a charge within the Municipal Water Utility was introduced. No public hearing was set as amendments to the initial document will be necessary before consideration.

Ordinances 2006 – 3-7 and Ordinances 2006-8, 9 were introduced. The ordinances were prepared by the Huntington County Department of Community Development and relate to planning and zoning changes.

Morrison reported that security alarms had been installed at Assembly Hall. By consensus of Council, a fire sensor will also be installed. Update of the security at Town Hall, both the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and Police Department would cost approximately \$1000. Council, by consensus, authorized that update.

President Scheib reported on a WHARMM meeting held in Andrews. Main speaker was Matt Brase of IACT.

Morrison reported that the 2005 Annual Report was completed and submitted an end-of-year financial report. Approved was a request for removal of checks outstanding for at least 24 months and utility accounts outstanding due to bankruptcy.

Day reported that much of the month had been spent on general maintenance. Following discussion of establishment of a stormwater utility, Glessner moved, seconded by Neff, that Schnelker Engineering be used to plan the procedure. The motion was approved unanimously. Also reported was that IDEM has notified that the current Sewer Use Ordinance must be revised as Combined Sewer Portions no longer are applicable. The ordinance has been submitted to Ben Adams of Schnelkers for review. Discussions continue, with Crazy D's facility connecting to the Municipal Water system, concerning financial considerations and Water Utility requirements.

Marshal Donnelly introduced Brent Beebe who recently was approved as a reserve officer for the department. Read was a letter from Donnelly requesting approval for use of vacation and personal days for one month and an unpaid leave for a second month to pursue interests outside of law enforcement which could lead to his resignation. Following discussion, Scheib moved, seconded by Neff to approve the request commending Donnelly for his service to the Town. The motion was approved unanimously. Following further discussion related to coverage during the Donnelly absence, Cartwright moved, seconded by Glessner, that Assistant Marshal Spitler be named Acting Marshal and that as of the first pay period in February, Spitler be paid at the Town Marshal rate. The motion was approved unanimously.

General discussion was held.

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

Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Approved by Town Council:

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David Scheib

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Bill Cartwright

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Ron Neff

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Julia Gle ssner