

REGULAR COUNCIL

OCTOBER 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig Moser with Teri Eiermann, Bob Matson, Dave Kirk, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser, Karen Clyde, Solicitor Mark Manlove, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Ed Seigerst, Stephanie Byrne, Dale Gillespie, Rick Patrick, Aaron King, Tom Russell, Kay Klein owner of Sky Plaza Laundromat, Dave Opfer, Jody Schroath from the Villager and a reporter from the Record Courier.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kaiser to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2004 Public Hearing and Regular meeting as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Kirk, seconded by Matson to pay the bills.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Dave Opfer was present to discuss the school levy that will be on the November 2, 2004 ballot. Opfer stated the James A. Garfield School District children get an excellent education for the little amount of money that the school gets. He asked Council to support the levy and commended Chuck Klamer for the great job that is being done. The school is second in the County for test scores. Council is in agreement to support the levy and told Mr. Opfer that they have a resolution that will be passed later in the meeting in support of the levy.

Aaron King was present to discuss the 2005 Village Festival and asked Council if the Village insurance would cover the event. Council had no problem as long as the insurance would agree. Council also requested an agenda of all festival events. Clerk Nancy Baldwin called the Ohio Municipal League and is waiting for a response.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Klamer to suspend the rule that ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2004-38 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kirk to approve Ordinance 2004-38, An ordinance amending Ordinance 2004-09 entitled “Annual Appropriation Ordinance” to make appropriations for current expenses and expenditures for the Village of Garrettsville, State of Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Kirk, seconded by Klamer to approve Resolution 2004-39, Contract for County Public Defender Service to Municipal Corporation.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Ordinance 2004-40, Employee pay increases for Council review.

There was a discussion on the rate increases for water and sewer. Board President Ed Seigerst said the increases would pay for smaller projects. The Board felt that the 10% increase would make it easier to continue with improvements to the water and sewer. Seigerst said the Board wants to be aggressive with these projects. Karen Clyde said that sometimes you can't do everything that you want; all projects do not need to be done in one year. Even with Issue II the Board still has to pay a portion of the funding, sometimes you have to say no; Board President Ed Seigerst said that is hard to do. Bob Matson said that a 10% increase for five years would end up being a 60% increase because these amounts would compound. Karen Clyde said the Board has not had an increase due to large carryover balances in the past years. Clyde stated she wants more of an explanation for the increases. The Board has a debt of about 1.8 million and the first thing to look at is the plant expansion. Teri Eiermann said that a 10% increase is hitting the public too hard. President Ed Seigerst said that the Wastewater Plant Expansion construction would be in the later part of 2006. Seigerst said that the Board will hold a Public Work Session to discuss the expansion after the holidays and would like Council to attend. Stephanie Byrne said that the Board members feel that these are the increases we need. Byrne met Harold Huff from the Portage County Water Resources Department at the Village of Mantua's open house for their new sewer plant and he said all communities are raising rates and you will have to raise them again with your Wastewater Treatment Expansion. Karen Clyde said she has been carefully watching the money and does not want to end up like Hiram. Dave Kirk said maybe three years of a 10% increase would be better than five years. Matson said 10% for five years is just too much. Solicitor Mark Manlove said that Council could make recommendations at the next Council meeting.

Ordinance 2004-41, An ordinance amending Section 921.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville to increase the water rate by 10% effective January 1, 2005 and increasing the rate charged by 10% for a total of five (5) years. Read on first reading.

Ordinance 2004-42, An ordinance amending Section 923.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville to increase rates for the Wastewater Treatment Plant usage by ten percent (10%) per year commencing on January 1, 2004 and continuing with the ten percent increase for a total of five (5) years. Read on first reading.

Ordinance 2004-43, An ordinance amending Section 923.14 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville to increase capacity fees for single and two family dwellings to be effective January 1, 2005. Read on first reading.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Eiermann to approve Resolution 2004-44, A resolution by the Council of the Village of Garrettsville supporting the James A. Garfield School District operating levy that will be on the November 2, 2004 ballot.

VOTE AYES—Eiermann, Matson, Kirk, Kaiser, Clyde

ABSTAIN—Klamer

Dave Kirk commended the Staff, Administration and the kids including the townships for a great job.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Klamer to go into Executive Session for reasons of employee compensation.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Clyde, seconded by Kirk to withdraw the motion to go into Executive Session and remain in Regular Council.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Teri Eiermann gave her support for Issue 62.

Bob Matson asked Jody Schroath to put the information for names on the new stone at the Veteran's Memorial in the Villager one more time.

There was discussion on refunding Dave Harrington the \$100.00 zoning permit fee for the Liberty Street property. There was no need for a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting.

Moved by Eiermann, seconded by Matson to approve the \$100.00 refund to Dave Harrington,

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Solicitor Mark Manlove told Council he sent a letter to Jack Groselle about the drainage issue on Wheeler Road. Manlove is waiting to hear from Groselle.

Rick Patrick told Council the hanging baskets will be coming down next week and the Christmas Wreaths will be going up. The Historical Society Christmas Walk is next month. On November 20, 2004 Pianos for the People will be performing. The cost is \$10.00 per person and it will be held at the high school auditorium. Patrick told Council things are looking up on Main Street thanks for all the support.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Klamer to enter into Executive Session for reasons of employee compensation and Legal Issues.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Matson, seconded by Klamer to end Executive Session and return to Regular Council.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Clyde to adjourn.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Mayor

ATTES:

Clerk