

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL

September 2, 2008

The Hurricane City Council met in regular session on September 2, 2008, with the following members present:

Mayor: Scott Edwards
Recorder: Linda Gibson
Council: Reggie Billups
Lana Call
Don Chaney
Brian Ellis
Patty Hager

Meeting called to order.

Pledge Allegiance.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve minutes of the August 4, 2008, regular session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to approve paying the bills from the General Fund. Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to approve paying the bills from the Coal Severance Fund. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Linda Gibson to approve the General Fund budget revision and submit to the State Tax Auditor. Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Patty Hager to have the second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE 967.06 OTHER REGULATIONS (e) SKATEBOARDS SHALL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARK IN DESIGNATED AREA. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Reggie Billups to have the first reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 909.3 SIDEWALKS AND CURBS; STANDARDS, SPECIFICATIONS AND MATERIALS. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to authorize the mayor to sign all documents pertaining to the PRO Program. Motion carried. Call opposed. Discussion was held concerning the PRO Program. Hurricane High School Principal Dick Campbell spoke to the advantages of having the officer in the schools as did, realtor

Ava Crum, teachers Louise Goode & Groom O'Dell and student Liza Hauldren. Roy Vanater asked about the K-9 program. Chief Mullins informed him that the program would continue. Chief Mullins explained that the position will be paid in full for the first year through the PRO grant and the Board of Education has agreed to pay half the salary for the officer for an additional four years.

Mr. Wysong asked Councilwoman Call her reason for opposing the program. She stated that she was not in favor of having an officer in the schools. She feels that it does not benefit students. Mr. Wysong replied that he felt that it was very beneficial for the kids and congratulated the Chief on a securing the funding.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Brian Ellis to hire a new officer and car. Motion carried. Call opposed.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Patty Hager to approve the street paving (list attached). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Linda Gibson to approve the changes submitted to the Employee Personnel Handbook with changing #2 -**The Immediate Supervisor and/or the City Manager may have the authorization to extend the probationary period an additional ninety days (90) if inadequate information is available at the end of the first 90 day period. Insurance will begin at the discretionary of the Immediate Supervisor and /or City Manager.** Motion carried. Hager and Call opposed.

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Lana Call to give employees a 3% cost of living adjustment. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to table the acceptance of the streets of Kelly's Cove. Motion carried. Councilman Billups asked that Lee Campbell, Street Superintendent, Developer Mr. Beckett and City Manager Ben Newhouse report at the next council meeting on the condition of the existing streets and plans for future development. The Mayor stated that the major concern is tearing up the streets from future development of the subdivision.

Motion was made by Brian Ellis and seconded by Patty Hager to re-appoint Reggie Billups to the Hurricane Water Board for a three-year term. Motion carried. Billups abstained, Call opposed.

Motion was made by Reggie Billups and seconded by Don Chaney to set Trick or Treat for Thursday, October 30th, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Hurricane Fire Department Report

Deron Wilkes reported that the first week in October is Fire Prevention week. The Fire Department will have a demonstration before the October council meeting on the new equipment purchased.

City Manager's Report

Ben Newhouse informed council that the City will receive \$20,000 for new computers and software; two Marshall students will be working as interns for the city; Mountain State University will have a masters program on Tuesdays in the conference room; an auto supplier from Cincinnati has inquired about moving to the city.

Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Mike Mullins nothing new to report.

Persons to Appear

Roy Vanater – Mr. Vanater reported that AEP will work with the City on recycling CFL lighting. What is the legality of parking a vehicle on city property? Chief stated that this doesn't happen enough to warrant a problem.

Janice Hechesky – Hampton Lane – Soil Erosion – Presented the Mayor and Council a packet of info (see attached) showing a problem with water drainage. Mr. Newhouse stated that he has an appointment with someone from DOT next week and that a lot of the problem on Hampton Lane is from the drainage from the interstate. The Mayor ask that Lee Campbell, Street Superintendent and Ben meet and report at the October meeting. Ms. Hechesky also ask about the drainage plan for the new Virginia Meadows subdivision. Mr. Newhouse stated that the subdivision is outside city limits but had met the requirements for the Stormwater regulations.

Persons from Sign in Sheet

Announcements

Old Business

New Business

Motion was made by Don Chaney and seconded by Brian Ellis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.


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Date

Approved

Date