

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ray Hovestadt who presided.

Roll call disclosed the following present: Councilmembers Croucher, Dubois, Fry, Nichols and Sanders; City Attorney Godderz, City Administrator Hassler, Superintendent Rickel and City Clerk Holloway. Visitors: Emerson Hayden, Ruth Day and Janene Fry

Ruth Day addressed the Council about her water bill for the month of September. She stated she talked with the City Hall ladies who stated the water went through the meter and that she probably should check for a leak. She had a plumber check everything possible in the house and no leaks or breaks were found. When she spoke with the City Administrator, he advised her the process for checking a meter is for the customer to pay a \$50.00 deposit which is forfeited if the meter tests within 3% accuracy and then she would still need to pay the bill for the month of September; however, if the meter tests defective, the deposit would be refunded and an adjustment made on the bill. Mayor Hovestadt stated the City has a policy and an ordinance that needs to be followed when a customer feels there is an error in the bill in order to be fair to all consumers. Exit now, Ruth Day

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2004 and Claims Ordinance No. 2046 were presented to Council for their approval. Claims were as follows: General \$558.33; Police \$991.50; Street \$860.58; Park \$545.45; Employee Benefit \$3,502.90; Special Highway \$1,341.54; Capital Improvement \$1,510.00; Utility Account \$330.65; Electric \$3,624.99; Water \$2,808.28; Gas \$3,142.68; Sewer \$2,272.87; Solid Waste \$6,210.00. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to approve the minutes and claims ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

Looking ahead to the number of proposed projects in the developmental stage within the City and the benefits of the City owning its own survey equipment, a motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders that the City Administrator be authorized to purchase the GPS system at a cost of \$38,563.00. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

A Policy Statement for the requests to waiver utility connection fees and guidelines for the approval or denial of such requests was presented with the City Administrator receiving request for single family residential homes and all other requests would be submitted to the Council for their consideration. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to adopt the recommended Policy Statement. Seconded by Councilmember Dubois and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

Reports were heard from City Attorney, City Administrator, Council and Mayor.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Councilmember Fry. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 5; nays 0.

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Cheryl Holloway, City Clerk