

**Council Meeting
28 November 2011**

Mayor Blair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Rick Smigelski, Todd Hicks, Joe Kozial, Cassandra Shofar, Nick Fischbach

Mayor Blair opened a public hearing at 7:01 PM for comments on Ordinance 2231-11 and Ordinance 2233-11. No one present made any comments or asked questions. Mayor Blair closed the public hearing at 7:03 PM.

Police Report: Chief Smigelski

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of October 2011. Police responded to 184 activity calls, made 1 arrest, and 54 traffic stops. Officers worked 879.75 hours and put 2134 miles on the police cars. Chief Smigelski reported that the Department was awaiting grand jury results for two cases now open. Chief Smigelski reported that officers were kept busy during the combined Apple Butter Festival and Oktoberfest activities because nice weather encouraged a larger than normal crowd. For Halloween Chief Smigelski had three officers patrolling by vehicle, one on foot and one by bike. There were no incidents.

Solicitor:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2230-11, enacting regulations of computerized internet sweepstakes cafes and declaring an emergency, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Ordinance 2230-11 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2231-11, amending section 1135.03, use regulations; section 1109.01, definitions, by adding the definition of “computerized internet sweepstakes cafes” and “computerized sweepstakes device”; section 1151.02, supplementary conditions for conditional uses; and section 1143.02, off-street loading and parking

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requirements, of the planning and zoning code of the Village of Burton, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2233-11, amending section 1169.08 of the Burton Village codified ordinances concerning temporary construction signs in the Village of Burton, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2236-11, ordinance authorizing the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan, a legal professional organization to serve as the village's solicitor for calendar years 2012 and 2013, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2237-11, adopting and approving the 2012 Interim Budget, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Ordinance 2237-11 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2011-19, amending section 5 of the rules and regulations of the Welton Cemetery Board prohibiting sandstone monument, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2011-20, in support of a moratorium upon conducting hydraulic fracturing pending the issuance of a report thereon by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, on second reading.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Coleman so moved. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of 14 November 2011. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to adopt the 11 October minutes. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Paquette reported that because of changes by recent legislation, the cost to advertise the results of resolutions and ordinances will go up by as much as \$3000.00 next year. Ohio Revised Code 7.10 changed the posting requirement.

MAYORS Report;

Mayor Blair reported that the Christmas lighting ceremony in the park went very well and was extremely well attended. Mayor Blair encouraged incoming Mayor elect Fischbach to attend next year.

Old Business:

Mr. Rougé presented an argument to set aside \$200,000.00 of the recently received inheritance tax money for the purpose of purchasing and or rehabilitating a Village Hall and police department. Mr. Rougé pointed out a number of missed opportunities in the past where the Village has failed to take advantage of possible building space or business growth within the community. The \$650,000.00 remaining from the inheritance windfall received this year will still be available for infrastructure projects, according to Mr. Rougé. Mr. Rougé noted that many projects undertaken by the Village in the Cemetery, park, and for flowers are not infrastructure related but rather a desire by Council and the Village to be civilized. The money being requested for set aside could be used in conjunction with grants from the Ohio Historical Preservation Office.

Mayor Blair concurred with and supported Mr. Rougé's suggestion.

Mr. Rougé introduced Resolution 2011-23, reserving the principal sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Village's 2011 Inheritance Tax proceeds for purposes of acquisition of property and/or other improvements for a village hall, and moved to waive further readings. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Gerald Rougé – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Linda Swaney – No, Craig Ronyak – No, Charles Hauser – No. Motion failed for lack of five yes votes. Resolution 2011-23 is placed on first reading.

Ms. Dahlhausen asked Council to consider approving the lighting of the new signs approved for the Century Village at the last meeting and for lighting of the brick building facing the Village Park. Council discussed. Ms. Swaney moved to allow lighting for the new Century Village sign on Village property and to allow lighting of the Hickox building, both pending a written maintenance agreement with the Geauga Historical Society. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

New Business:

Mrs. Kimpton discussed with Council the purchase of a Historical Marker for the Welton Cemetery. Initial attempts to obtain grant funding for a marker have failed. Mrs. Kimpton explained that the proposed maker will cover some historical figures, buried in the cemetery, who were influential in the history of Ohio. Mrs. Kimpton added that the funds to purchase the marker are available this fiscal year. Ms. Swaney moved to allow the Cemetery Board to purchase a historical marker in a similar vein as those in the Village already. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

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Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer