

OTIS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 5th, 2009

Present: Mayor: Sue Stackhouse
Trustees: Bob Thompson; Justin Smith; Jerry Kollman; Carol Thinnes

Others Present: Brandee Bullard – Town Clerk / Treasurer; Mike Brown – Maintenance; Bob Thompson - Code Enforcement

Absent: Carol Ash & Mark Norman

Guests: Jesse Stackhouse; Leon Payne; Jim Kuntz

Mayor Sue Stackhouse called the meeting to order. 7:15 p.m.

AGENDA _____

GUEST COMMENTS _____

Leon Payne approached the Council as a concerned citizen about how the funds for the increased water rates would be used and did mention that he was for the increase.

PUBIC HEARING _____

MINUTES _____

COUNCILMEMBER BOB THOMPSON MOVED to approve the minutes of the council meeting for April 7th, 2009. Voting resulted:

YES:	4
NO:	0

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

BILLS _____

COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN SMITH MOVED to approve all bills presented for April 2009. Voting resulted:

YES:	Justin, Jerry, & Carol Thinnes
ABSTAIN:	Bob

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

PARKS _____

Bob and Mike mentioned that if the wind would stop they could spray. The parks and ballfield have all been mowed. Mentioned that there are a few dandelion patches at the ballfield, will be getting in touch with Brad.

The trees for the Green Thumbs are scheduled to planted next week. Also the drainage ditch will need to be mowed and if it is not done by the end of next week, Mike stated that he will mow it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

It was mentioned that 3 of the firemen attended the fireworks class.

The pancake supper had a fairly good turnout. The appreciation dinner went very well. Also the fire hydrant located at Brower's is still out of commission.

MAINTENANCE

Mike mentioned that he has been checking and will be turning on several water systems, including the Town's. He also reinforced that the Town is still without a maintainer and that the County still has not made up there mind on what monetary value they require.

He stated that his license renewals should be coming later within the month. Also he found that the Dalton Well is in need of repair. One of the pipes has rusted out.

CODE ENFORCEMENT / ANIMAL CONTROL

Bob mentioned that it was too late to register for the Level I training but will be attending the Level II training that will be held in October. It was mentioned that the wire on the dog cage needs to be replaced. He is still in the process of getting Akron to send us a current bill for dog impounds.

Also mentioned that he has send several abatement letters and gave one extension.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILMEMBER JERRY KOLLMAN MOVED to approve Marilyn Blackwell's building permit. Voting resulted:

YES: 4
NO: 0

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER BOB THOMPSON MOVED to approve Jesse Stackhouse's building permit. Voting resulted:

YES: 4
NO: 0

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN SMITH MOVED to approve Greg Algien's manufacturing home permit. Voting resulted:

YES: 4
NO: 0

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

Applications for Summer Recreation and the Parks Mowing were voted on.

COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN SMITH MOVED to approve Bob Thompson's application for the Summer Mowing part-time position. Voting resulted:

YES: Jerry, Carol Thinnes, & Justin
ABSTAIN: Bob

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER CAROL THINNES MOVED to approve Amy Ison's application for the Summer Reading position. Voting resulted:

YES: 4
NO: 0

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN SMITH MOVED to approve Shae Smith's application for the Summer Director position. Voting resulted:

YES: 4
NO: 0

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

It was discussed that if the water rate increases then the Town needs to adjust the current deposits.

COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN SMITH MOVED to approve the increase in water deposits from \$75 to \$100 for Owner and \$100 to \$125 for Renter. Voting resulted:

YES: 4
NO: 0

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN SMITH MOVED to approve the projected water rate increase which will be effective immediately. The rate increase changes the minimum of 4000 gallons from \$15 to \$20 in Town. Out of Town increased from \$18 to \$25. The incremental charge for everyone after the 4,000 was \$1.50 per 1,000. It will now be \$4 per 1,000 gallons. Voting resulted:

YES: 4
NO: 0

Mayor Stackhouse declared motion carried.

Ordinance #164 to be tabled.

Traffic Camera to be tabled.

Water Penalty - call state.

CLERK

Brandee mentioned that she is finished with preparing the paperwork for the GOCO grant reimbursement but is still waiting for the Sterling Correctional Facility for documentation to record the in-kind pledged from them. Jerry Kollman said that he will be visiting the facility and that he would make a point to talk with the person directly in charge so that this could be taken care of.

MISCELLANEOUS

Next regular council meeting is July 7th, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made that the meeting adjourn. The vote of Council was unanimously in favor. Mayor Stackhouse declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Brandee Bullard
Town Clerk / Treasurer

Sue W. Stackhouse
Mayor