

**Regular**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2008**

**7:00 p.m.**

The Village Council met with Beech, Burton, Murphy, Scott, Spain and Wilson present.

Mayor Keeran called the meeting to order.

The October meeting minutes were read and approved. Bills were presented and approved.

The Mayor thanked all Veterans and their families for their sacrifice in order for us to be here and to be free. He presented the 2009 Budget which was approved by the Finance Committee and informed Council of some Capital Improvements included in the budget amount those being:

1. Mayor's Court Software upgrade @ \$3,500.00
2. Possibly purchasing a backhoe @ \$25,000.00
3. Paving So Sycamore to Townsend St and East Street @ undetermined amount
4. Pedestrian Walkway and basic improvements at the Park @ \$40,000.00
5. Purchase a new Cruiser @ \$25,000.00
6. Well House @ \$16,000.00
7. Two Wells Serviced @ \$56,500.00

After some discussion Gwen Beech made the motion to approve the 2009 Budget with two stipulations, first that the pedestrian walkway project would be reevaluated after the bid process and second that the purchase of a backhoe would be scraped unless the village can join with an adjacent community in the purchase & sharing of the backhoe. Motion was seconded by Susan Spain roll call was answered Wilson No, Burton No, Murphy Yes, Spain Yes, Beech Yes, Scott Abstained. Motion passed 3-2.

Council heard the First reading of Ordinance 243 accepting the application for annexation of the Blazer acreage.

Council heard the final reading of Ordinance 241A increasing the water & sewer rates effective Jan. 2009. Motion by Steve Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Murphy roll call found all in favor.

Motion by Steve Wilson seconded by Susan Spain to accept the Champaign County Commissioner's annual indigent public defender agreement. All members in favor.

Motion to remove uncollected water & sewer charges in the amount of \$46.50 for vacated homes which HUD has taken over. Motion by Steve Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Scott all members in favor.

Steve Wilson made a motion to accept the transfer of funds from one line item to another seconded by Susan Spain, all members in favor.

Susan Spain made a motion to increase the appropriations due to OWDA Grant money received as a pass through, seconded by Gwen Beech all members in favor.

Deputy Phil McMahill gave the policing report for October 2009.

Steve Wilson seconded by Gwen Beech made a motion to go into executive session. All members in favor. Discussion on pending litigation regarding payment to Downing Construction. After about 15 minutes Curtis Burton made the motion to come out of executive session seconded by Steve Wilson all members in favor.

Steve Wilson made a motion to close out the amount of \$166,930.44 with Downey Construction for the WWTP project seconded by Ted Murphy, all members in favor.

Council was reminded the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m. with the annual Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and a non-perishable food item to be given to a needy family.

Gwen Beech moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Susan Spain. Mayor adjourned the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_, Fiscal Officer \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

