

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING - COUNCIL  
November 4, 1991 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Steve Bowyer, Martha Hanes, Patrick Hanselman, Jim Johnston,  
Wyndal Staggs, Terry Stephens

Absent: Larry Talbott

Also present: Charles Bunton, Jim Canter, Joyce Craig and visitors,  
Mrs. Ginn and Mrs. Ingram.

Mayor Bowyer called the meeting to order and asked if the minutes of the October 6th meeting were approved as presented. Hanselman moved, Staggs seconded the motion to approve the minutes. VOTING: YEA: Hanselman, Staggs, Hanes, Johnston, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Hanes moved, Stephens seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 7th meeting. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Stephens, Hanselman, Johnston, Staggs NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Bowyer recognized the Visitors Mrs. Ginn and Mrs. Ingram. Mrs. Ginn presented to Council a list of names. Mrs. Ginn explained to Council that the paper was a petition to have the Village Ordinance on mailboxes changed. However, the papers did not have a TITLE nor a HEADING. A quite lengthy discussion followed. Stephens suggested that Council speak with someone in authority with the U.S. Postal service before any decision be made on mail delivery within the Village. Council does not want to do anything that would cause the Village to lose its Post Office. There are more advantages to have a post office in the Village than to have mail routes established within the Village. It was consensus of opinion to contact the District U.S. Postal Service to have a representative attend one of our Council Meetings, along with the local postmaster. Mrs. Ginn and Mrs. Ingram seemed to be satisfied with this response and remained awhile longer to observe the meeting.

Staggs presented to Council the Board of Public Affairs proposals for water rate increases, and increases in the deposits for water and electric. Proposal #1 was \$10.00 minimum for 2,000 gallon of water; \$1.90 for the next 1,000 gallons; \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons for the next 2,000 gallons; \$1.65 per 1,000 for the next 5,000 gallons; \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons for each 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons. Proposal #2 was to establish a \$10.00 minimum for 2,000 gallons of water and \$1.75 for each 1,000 gallon thereafter. This proposal would certainly simplify the billing process.

Board of Public Affairs' recommendation for deposits were: \$75.00 for electric deposit; \$150.00 deposit for all electric homes; \$170.00 deposit for commercial electric, and \$50.00 for water deposit.

Following discussion, Hanselman moved to accept Board of Public Affairs recommendations of Proposal #2 and deposits' increase. Johnston seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Hanselman, Johnston, Hanes, Stephens, Staggs NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Hanselman moved, Hanes seconded the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 1991-20 Increasing Water Rates in the Village and Declaring an Emergency. VOTING: YEA: Hanselman, Hanes, Johnston, Staggs, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Stephens moved, Hanes seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 1991-20. VOTING: YEA: Stephens, Hanes, Hanselman, Johnston, Staggs NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 1991-21 Increase Water and Electric Deposits and Declaring an Emergency was introduced. Hanes moved, Hanselman seconded the motion to suspend the rules and read by Title only Ordinance 1991-21. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Hanselman, Johnston, Staggs, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Hanes moved, Johnston seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance 1991-21 Increasing Water/Electric Deposits and Declaring an Emergency. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Johnston, Hanselman, Staggs, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Sign for the park was discussed. Hanes suggested a Committee be formed to decide on what type of signs, etc. were needed. Mayor Bower appointed Hanes to chair the committee.

Mayor Bowyer informed Council he had received Don Fore's resignation and that all equipment and supplies Don had in his possession has been turned in to the Chief of Police. Staggs moved, Stephens seconded the motion to accept Fore's resignation. VOTING: YEA: Staggs, Stephens, Hanes, Hanselman, Johnston NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Discussion on the lighting for the park and for the west end of town was discussed. The lights have been ordered. Chipping of limbs, etc. in the park was also discussed.

Mayor Bowyer presented the 5-year lease from E&R Rental for rental of a building Council may consider for rental. The lease commences 12/1/91 and ends 11/30/96 at the annual charge of \$1500.00 for the first and second year, and \$1800.00 per year for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th year. Discussion followed. It was consensus of opinion to table this until Council inspected the facilities.

Mayor Bowyer appointed Hanselman and Johnston to serve with him on a committee to screen Clerk-Treasurer applicants. The committee will meet Wednesday, November 13th to interview the applicants.

Police Chief Canter gave his report for October. Curfew ordinance was discussed. Perhaps Council should have the current ordinance revised. Mayor Bowyer will contact our Solicitor to prepare an updated version for Council's approval.

Hanselman moved to pay the bills as presented. Hanes seconded the motion.  
VOTING: YEA: Hanselman, Hanes, Johnston, Staggs, Stephens MAY: None  
MOTION CARRIED

Street Commissioner Bunton gave his report for October.

Stephens moved to go into executive session for personnel matters.  
Staggs seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Stephens, Staggs, Hanes, Hanselman,  
Johnston NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

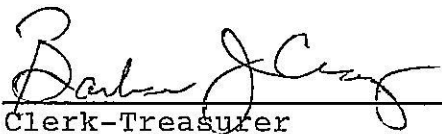
Hanes moved, Staggs seconded the motion to come out of executive session.  
VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Staggs, Hanselman, Johnston, Stephens NAY: None  
MOTION CARRIED

Council established Sunday, November 17th at 4 o'clock as a special meeting to discuss rental of facilities and any other matters requiring Council's attention. Clerk-Treasurer Craig will post special meeting notices.

There being no further business, Johnston moved, Hanselman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: YEA: Johnston, Hanselman, Hanes, Staggs, Stephens NAY: None MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Bowyer adjourned the meeting.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk-Treasurer