

**VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 1995 - 7:00P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Steve Bowyer, Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes, Sherri Lewis Clerk-Treasurer.

ALSO PRESENT: Joyce Craig, Kenny Green, Jim Canter Chief of Police, Dallas Hurt, Bruce Brandstetter, Mack Hanes President Board of Public Affairs, George Leicht.

Mayor Steve Bowyer called meeting to order at 7:00P.M. on March 6, 1995 and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of February 6, 1995.

Martha Hanes motioned to accept the minutes with the exception of spelling errors. Duane Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Martha Hanes motioned to accept minutes of the Special Meeting. Duane Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Kenny Green would like to order more Cold Patch from Brown County Engineer to repair some of the streets. Duane Neu motioned to order minimal amount of Cold Patch. Martha Hanes seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Stop Sign at end of Congress Ally needs to be removed.

Mayor Steve Bowyer recognized Joyce Craig and advised council members that Joyce had asked to be considered for the position of council member. Martha Hanes motioned to appoint Joyce Craig to council to fill the unexpired term of James Johnston. Duane Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Steve Bowyer swore Joyce Craig into office as a Council Member.

Bruce Brandstetter addressed council regarding the Sewer Project and passed out what he had come up with as a plan for the sewers. Wyndal Staggs questioned where the number of taps had come from. Kay Elliott and Roger Adkins had given the numbers of households and vacant lots. Bruce Brandstetter then proceeded to explain the plans.

Wyndal Staggs feels that taking all of the households and number of people, there still won't be enough to keep the sewer bill down. Brandstetter feels that the people it will affect are starting to come around. Wyndal is fearful that the people it will affect will end up paying more for sewers because those who say they want it will not come through and tap in. Bruce stated that if the interest wasn't as great as believed, we could put a stop as to where and how far we would go.

Joyce Craig questioned how we can be sure that the cost of the sewers will stay the same during the duration of the construction. Bruce said there was no guarantee of price, but where taps may cost less, the pipe may cost more.

Duane Neu questioned if outside people were wanting to annex into the village would their cost go down? George Leicht commented that there is a bill being discussed to allow Villages/Cities to annex properties. George will be meeting with State Representative Rose Vesper on March 18, 1995 to discuss the bill.

Dallas Hurt addressed the council on the monies. He has ways to finance the monies that will not force us (village) to be dependant on users using it from the start. He hesitated to give exact amount of cost, but would like to work out some numbers based on what Bruce Brandstetter has come up with. Dallas said it would take 90 days to get the financing. Dallas said the village could Arbatraze the money, which means that the public money could possibly be invested for up to 36 months during the construction.

George Leicht questioned what the up front cost would be for the Engineering, Plan Design, Permits. Dallas Hurt will bring in a finance proposal based on Brandstetters figures at the April 3, 1995 meeting.

George Leicht questioned Bruce Brandstetter on time before usable sewers would be available. Bruce stated at least 18 months but more probably 24 months.

George Leicht stated Dallas Hurt could be a source to come up with up-front money needed to get the sewer project underway. Dallas stated that the ARC Program fund would be more available if the businesses in the area would state that they would be willing to expand their business and hire more employees.

Joyce Craig questioned if we had to get to a certain point before we could send off and apply to Farmers Home. Bruce feels if we don't make some definate plans it may take Farmers Home until 1997.

Duane Neu felt that if word got out that the sewers are a go, then more people would be interested.

Martha Hanes motioned to allow Bruce Brandstetter and Dallas Hurt to go ahead and proceed with preliminary engineering and financing. Duane Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Wyndal Staggs, Joyce Craig, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** Jesse Nester. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Steve Bowyer questioned what the Village of Hamersville was going to do for a Solicitor. Martha Hanes motioned to re-new George Leicht's contract for (1) one year at the rate of \$65.00 per hour. Jesse Nester seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Joyce Craig, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

President of the Board of Public Affairs Mack Hanes had no report.

Chief of Police Jim Canter needs (2) two phones. One for his home and the other for the police department. Duane Neu motioned to allow the purchase of (2) two telephones at a limit of \$125.00. Wyndal Staggs seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Martha Hanes motioned to pay the bills. Sue Sowers seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Committee would like to recommend the budget for 1995 as listed.

Martha Hanes motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency and give 2nd and 3rd readings by title only. 1995-1 ordinance. Duane Neu seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Martha Hanes motioned to adopt Ordinance 1995-2. Jesse Nester seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Steve Bowyer is still legal to act as Mayor even though he resides outside of the Village due to a fire at his home. Mayor Boyers' home is in the process of being re-built.

Martha Hanes motioned to take \$25,000.00 and invest it in a C.D. Joyce Craig seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Bowyer received a letter from Workers Compensation stating that they will allow Villages to now participate in a program. It was decided that it would not benefit the Village.

Wyndal Staggs motioned to go into Executive Session. Martha Hanes seconded the motion.

Duane Neu motioned to accept Joyce Craigs' resignation as deputy clerk. Martha Hanes seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Duane Neu motioned to recess the meeting. Martha Hanes seconded the motion. **VOTING: YEA:** Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Martha Hanes. **NAY:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAYOR
STEVE BOWYER

CLERK -TREASURER
SHERRI LEWIS