



Mr. Tilton moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

R.C. for passage  
9 Ayes – 0 Nays

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 09-105 – Introduced by Council – An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 09-36.

Mr. Tarbert moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Mc Peek.

Petition from: Randy Case, 916 Vine Street, Zanesville, Ohio

Mr. Case – Last City Council meeting when money for inspections for the Water Plant came up, I was under the impression that the Water Department was only able to round up \$200,000 but it seems they still have another \$83,000, that they are able to use to complete a project a year ahead of time instead of using that \$83,000 for the water now and using \$83,000 out of their budget next year. Why not use the \$83,000 and not hit the citizens as hard on a water increase.

Mr. Sims - This is simply a request from the Superintendent to try to stay ahead of the metering program and Mr. Case has a point, it could be used for that. I did have some comment in Ways and Means where a few members felt that we didn't want to slow up the process. I have also had a couple of people, since that time indicate maybe we need to stand back and look at this. It is not absolutely necessary however we were just trying to be ahead of the game on this.

Mr. Vincent – If we were to delay this another year, what do you project happening – I know we were talking about being able to decrease an employee in the future by having these radio reads. What is the downside?

Mr. Sims – Delaying the ordinance; the thing you are going to have is – we'll finish the project of the meter replacement on time. We do have a meter reader that will be retiring, that we don't have intentions of replacing. However, we may not be able to keep him as busy through the winter as we possibly could. We are not out of meters, yet but we have spent almost the entire \$50,000.

Mr. Vincent – Looking towards next year and not doing any meters, using all this money towards ----

Mr. Sims – In the meantime we'll not have them quite as busy. We did 38 meter change outs on Saturday, just trying to get people that we couldn't get through the week. The reading part will go faster when the one meter reader does retire because of the radio reads.

Mr. Vincent – So, the downside is, these people installing won't be as busy because you won't have meters.

Mr. Sims – With the person retiring, it may put a little extra work for the first quarter of next year until we actually get a new ordinance passed. If it goes regular readings, we are probably looking at March before we are actually buying meters.

Mr. Vincent – I was looking at taking a year off from installing meters – to save that cost.

Mr. Sims – If we stalled a whole year, I wouldn't have a lot more for the meter tech's to do. There are meter readers and there are meter technicians.

Mr. Raines – If you don't spend the \$80,000, this year; you can't spend it next year. Having \$200,000 next year to pay for the engineering; where's that extra \$80,000 going to come from next year to pay for the radio readers.

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 09-106 – An ordinance authorizing the proper City official to advertise for bids and enter into contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase and installation of transient docks at Zane Landing Park.

Mr. Vincent moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Tarbert. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 09-107 – An ordinance authorizing the proper City official to enter into a L.P.A. agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for paving and handicap ramp improvements along a portion of State Street.

Mr. Tilton moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Zakany.

Mr. Sims – We did from West Main to Willow, when we did the bridge, so this would be from West Main to Brighton and from Willow to the South side of the Interstate overpass. Right now, we may have to change the attachment because O.D.O.T. is only recognizing State Street going up as far as the light at the Marathon Station. We have sent a mapping that designates otherwise, so we are trying to work that out. We can't go from Brighton to the end of State Street because that is no longer considered part of the federal aid route.

Motion carried.

#### ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

Ordinance No. 09-98 – An ordinance authorizing the proper City official to apply for and utilize upon approval, an O.W.D.A. loan for construction inspection and administrative services for the Water Plant Construction project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Zakany moved to waive the three readings, seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

R.C. to waive  
9 Ayes – 0 Nays

Motion carried

Mr. Tilton moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

Mr. Tarbert – The Ways and Means Committee met with Mr. Sims, went over this project; it is my understanding Mr. Sims could speak to this more directly probably, but the advice and opinion of Council is that Mr. Sims has the right to make the decisions with regard to the increases on his own but he didn't and we appreciate that. After discussing all the figures and everything with Mr. Sims, Council took a vote and it was the recommendation of Council to Mr. Sims that the rates be increased in January of next year and a subsequent rate increase would be determined; what we said was as low and as late as possible in 2010. Council was in favor of this ordinance and was in favor of raising the rates – at least the Committee was.

Mr. Mc Peek – What was the first rate increase, they anticipated?

Mr. Sims – I would like to clarify the ordinance first because there are a lot of misconceptions with the public and maybe even some of Council. Whether this ordinance passes at all, really has little effect on the rate increases – the rate increase is based on the existing loan we've taken out for the plant. Even if we did not pass this ordinance, we would have a minimum of 18.27% total increase that would have to be done to pay for the debt. Any of the scenarios that we posed to Ways and Means is simply about an additional 4%. With adding this ordinance in as it is here today, it will require about a 21.6 total percent increase. What we have proposed is a 15.3% in January and if necessary a 6.3% next November. Based on what we would consider an average 1,400 cu. ft. of usage, \$5.74 bi-monthly bill for the 15.3%. The 6.3 would be about \$2.37.

Mr. Hennessey – So, you are saying, you are comfortable with the way the ordinance is for 09-98.

Mr. Sims – That is the way Ways and Means directed me to borrow the least amount of money that we needed to without making the overall rate increase any worse than what we discussed last week. We were originally talking 11% rate increase, perhaps 11 – 11 ¼ In order to do that and generate the monies to pay for inspection, we would have to borrow \$979,000 instead of the \$850,000.

R.C. for passage  
9 Ayes – 0 Nays

Motion carried

Ordinance No. 09-99 – Introduced by Council – An ordinance authorizing the proper City official to advertise for bids and enter into a professional contract for providing portable toilets in various City parks.

Mr. Tilton moved for second reading, seconded by Mr. Tarbert.

Mr. Sims – To follow up with Dan’s questions from the last Council meeting; we did look at the contract; we do phase in the number of port-a-lets in each park based on the season and expected usage. There are approximately 43 that we put in the various parks; with about eight or ten handicap accessible. We try to minimize the number that we put in until about April.

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 09-95 – Introduced by Council – An ordinance authorizing the establishment of a Housing Revolving Loan Fund administration agreement.

Mr. Tilton moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Vincent.

R.C. for passage  
9 Ayes – 0 Nays

Motion carried

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Zwelling – We had a magnificent parade Saturday; over 100 units. It was one of the best; I can remember in a long time and if you see Bud Johnson or John Kunkle, give them a pat on the back.

We are working on the deer ordinance; we are looking at Newark’s, Granville’s and Columbus. Columbus harvests some deer in the City limits. Not every year but most often; they do it with the Police Swat team. The ordinances in Newark and Granville; I understand are bow and arrow. You have to pass a safety test and get licensed. Also, the Department of Wildlife – sometimes they designate certain areas that need to be harvested. Hopefully, soon we will have something to present to Council.

Mr. Zakany moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tilton. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.