

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, April 8, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor John Herman presiding and all council members attending as well as City Clerk Dolly Schultz, Deputy Clerk Deb Redman and reporter Laurie Bonsack.

Following the Call to Order, CD Director Zoa Heckman reported the following: 1) 42 sump pump/roof drain inspections are left to do, 31 need to be re-inspected and 8 need to be dyed; 2) working on "orderly annexation" regarding Clark Township and the City. She, the Mayor and Attny. Bichler will be meeting with the township board to present and discuss a preliminary draft for the annexation and; 3) the County should be razing the old dry cleaning building soon. Following that, the ground will be bored to see if there is any soil contamination. This will all be done at the County's expense.

Street supervisor Rick LaVallie informed Council that he and the street committee had met and discussed the proposed street improvement of 9th Ave. SW. He reminded everyone that bids are being accepted and will be opened on 4/17 at 2:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Corbin and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, the financial reports, and building permits, monthly reports and payment of regular and liquor bills in the amount of \$98,406.84.

Councilman Corbin reported that the Cable TV company has informed him that use of the local channel will continue as has been and at the same location, plus the building will now be heated. The churches will still be able to utilize the channel to show their services and Corbin will inform Mr. John Miller of this.

Motion by Corbin, seconded by Gaines and carried to renew the lease with Spotlight Dance for another year and at the same fee of \$175/month. This is for the rental of the room in the basement of the municipal building used as a dance studio by Cindy Crable.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Gaines and carried to allow a volunteer group of kids, sponsored by One Healthy Community, to place stickers on beer cases, coolers, etc., reminding individuals that it is illegal to purchase alcoholic beverages for minors. The project is called Sticker Shock 2002. The liquor store manager will be informed that Council granted approval.

Council received copies of a grant application submitted by the Fire Dept. for possible funding of \$300,000 for a used aerial bucket truck.

Mayor Herman discussed correspondence he had received from Stan Bruss regarding paving of the alley by the American Legion Club. He made reference to the fact that when the alley was paved behind his place, the affected property owners had to stand the cost. He stated that the city has not and should not get involved in paving alleys at the taxpayer's expense unless it was for grade or other necessary maintenance purposes. He requested reimbursement fees and stated that if this was not feasible, he would then be requesting that the alley by the Lutheran Church be paved. Discussion followed and a motion was then entertained by Schultz and seconded by Corbin to rescind the motion made at the last council meeting and instead, approve paving of only the portion of the alley adjacent to the parking lot owned by the City. Motion carried with Mayor Herman

voting in favor and Carroll abstaining. Mayor Herman will contact Mr. Bruss regarding this action. The street supervisor was instructed to check on the condition of the alley by the church.

Mayor Herman informed the council of several employees' intent to possibly join a union. This includes personnel from the street department and City Clerk's office. A vote of the eligible employees will be taken to determine the interest shown in forming a union with a possible hearing scheduled for April 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Council was informed of the auditor's presentation scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on April 22 in the council chambers.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the council at this time, Mayor Herman declared the meeting adjourned.