

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro Tem Lowell Anderson.

Attending the meeting: President Pro Tem Lowell Anderson, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, Jim Davis, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press and citizens of the village. Mayor Neff absent due to family emergency.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2016 State of Council Letter: Lowell Anderson read this to council for Mayor Neff.

Minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from Jim Davis and a second from Rebecca Burns.

Department Reports:

President Pro Tem: David Timmons nominated Lowell Anderson for President pro tem with a second from Jim Davis. Roll Call: Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Lowell Anderson-abstained; Diane Spradlin-yes; and David Timmons-yes.

Sheriff department: Handed out report. Madison County Mayor Crime Task Force took down one house in town for narcotics.

Committee Reports:

Finance: David Timmons made a motion to pay the bills of \$43,779.09 with a second from Jim Davis. All yes. Lowell read a letter on the bids for the water plant. Jay Car was lowest bid. Will not do a verbal approval to accept Jay Car as contractor. Mark said we must have a resolution stating won't go over the bid amount. Finance Committee will meet every third Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Streets: Lowell Anderson stated N. High St. did not meet specs. No payment on streets until it is right.

TCFD: Met December 23, 2015, read and approved the minutes. Paid bills, approved the budget. Donation of \$25,000 from Stan Hanson will be used to improve the Fire Department. Elected officers.

SJAD: Will meet January 20, 2016.

Pleasant Township: Met January 4, 2016, read and approved the minutes. Auditor OK'd the budget. Talked about medical insurance for employees.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 2016-01: An ordinance amending the rules of council. First Reading. Rule 7, page 5. Time of the council meeting was changed to 6:00 p.m. Do we want to leave it this way or modify. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to change the time back to 7:00

p.m. with a second from David Timmons. Roll call Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes.

Resolution 2016-03: A resolution authorizing cooperative agreement for construction of the water treatment plant project between the Village of Mount Sterling and the Ohio Water Development Authority and declaring an emergency. First Reading.
No reading. Mark is not ready. Exhibit A is not included. Has to be approved by Mark as to form and content. All ordinances and resolutions are to be approved by Mark before bringing to council.

Round Table:

David Timmons: No longer a Mt. Sterling Tribune. Has been around since 1870.

Diane Spradlin: Upset with the committee assignments. Upset she was taken off the finance committee. Wants to talk to the Mayor about changing the committee.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff: Diane is correct. Without the same three people seeing us through, they have been doing a good job. Think it is heinous.

Lowell Anderson: Amend the Committees. Finance Committee will consist of Lowell Anderson, Rebecca Burns, Diane Spradlin, Mayor, Village Administrator and Village Solicitor. David Timmons made motion to accept the 2016 committees as amended with a second by Diane Spradlin. Roll Call: all yes.

January 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Finance meeting.
Special Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 19, 2016.
Mark: anyone can come to Finance committee meetings.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Charles Neff, Mayor

Minutes written Tuesday, January 12, 2016.