

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date with Council members Jim Reynolds, Jason Faulkner Robert McGhee, Robin Burgess, Robert Pierce and Charles Dixon present with Mayor Kenneth Branner presiding. Town Manager Morris Deputy was also present. Town Solicitor Scott Chambers was absent.

1. MINUTES APPROVAL: Moved by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Mr. McGhee to approve the Minutes for August 6, 2012 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Ms. Burgess to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. BILLS PAYABLE: Moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. McGhee to approve the Bills payable and pay as funds become available. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. POLICE REPORT: Chief Hank Tobin

The MPD responded to 1,326 calls for service for the month of August.

- 395 incidents were documented with a police or accident report.
- 84 incidents required arrest action totaling 156 charges placed.
- Calls for service: Zone 1 – 309; Zone 2 – 399; Zone 3 – 207; Zone 4 – 182.
- 33 accidents: 19 property damage; 11 property damage/hit & run; 3 personal injury.
- 5 drug arrests
- 2 burglaries
- 2 robberies
- 3 vehicle thefts
- Calls for service: busiest days - Wednesday 252; Friday 26. Busiest hours: 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Top calls for service: 383 vehicle stops; 134 property checks; 101 parking violations; 70 public relations and 51 alarms.

Moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve the Police Report as presented by Chief Tobin. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5-A. Motion to approve an Ordinance to adopt the 2012 Town of Middletown Comprehensive Plan

Morris Deputy stated the Comp Plan was introduced last month; the plan received approval from State Planning with no changes.

Moved by Mr. Pierce and seconded by Ms. Burgess to approve the Ordinance to adopt the 2012 Town of Middletown Comprehensive Plan. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Middletown Crossing resident Mike Parico reported that a neighbor works on vehicles every Saturday, occasionally until 11:00 p.m. He asked if that type of activity is permitted in the neighborhood. Mayor Branner said it's private property; however, if work is being performed on other people's cars and it's creating a nuisance, the Town can address the situation if an official request or complaint is registered.
- Wires were reported down at the corner of Forest and Dickerson in Middletown Crossing. Mayor Branner said the Town will find out who the wires belong to and contact them.
- Middletown Crossing resident asked if the speed limit can be enforced in the development. Chief Tobin will schedule TAC assignments.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Branner, and Jim Young, coordinator for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive presented Town employee Greta Stewart with a Certificate of Appreciation for her time, dedication and special effort during the Kettle Drive.
- Mr. Young also recognized Don Strong, another recipient of the Certificate of Appreciation, for his dedication and special effort to the Kettle Drive.
- Terry Markishon reported a record crowd of 30,000 attended the Peach Festival. On behalf of the Historic Society, she expressed appreciation to Mayor and Council and Town employees for their dedication, continued support and assistance during the event. A print of the 5 steeples used for the design on the shirts this year was presented to Mayor Branner.
- Tracy Skrobot, Main Street Manager, announced the crab feast is scheduled for Saturday, September 15th and the Rocktoberfest is scheduled October 5th thru 7th. A new event this year, "Heroes Night Out", is an appreciation night for firemen and police. This event is planned for October 16th. More information will be forthcoming. Shirts featuring both a fire truck and police cruiser commemorating the event will be on sale. Proceeds from the shirt sales will be divided between the two departments. Mayor Branner suggested the police provide a K-9 dog and police cruiser, and the fire department display a truck for the event.

Moved by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Ms. Burgess to adjourn.