

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 9, 2012

Call to Order

Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Jones led in Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Jolivette called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Holtegel, Councilmember Pennington, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Abbott, Councilmember Oler, and Councilmember Jones. Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to excuse Councilmember Meyers. Motion Carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

There were no modifications to the Agenda.

Executive Session Requests

There were no requests for Executive Session.

Public Hearing(s)

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Mayor D'Epifanio welcomed the new members of Council and returning Councilmember Terry Senger.

Ray McDaniel, 249 Palm Springs Drive, discussed conversion solar panels for homes. He further suggested applying for grants available through the Ohio Department of Transportation for bicycle paths and sidewalks in front of schools along Route 4.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Pennington announced Boards & Commission applications are available until February 3rd online and at the Fairfield Municipal Building for various non-compensated Boards & Commission positions.

Councilmember Senger announced the Parks Department and the Community Blood Center are sponsoring a community blood drive at the Community Arts Center on Thursday, January 12 from 3:30 - 6:30 PM. He congratulated Jim Bell on becoming a Certified Park and Recreation Executive.

Councilmember Oler announced beginning January 11 at 8:00 PM the traffic pattern will change at Route 4 and the Bypass. He reminded everyone this Saturday, January 14 from 5 - 6 PM the Friends of Katelyn Markham will hold a vigil at the Public Safety Memorial at Nilles Road and Sandy Lane.

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2011

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Debbie Pennington, Chairman; Jeff Holtegel, Vice Chairman, Adam Jones, Member

Simple Motion: Motion approving the Council Committee Assignments retroactive to January 1, 2012.

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to approve the Council Committee Assignments retroactive to January 1, 2012. Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION 1-12 APPROVED 6-0.

Simple Motion: Motion confirming the appointment of Councilmember Jeffrey L. Holtegel as Fairfield's representative and Terry Senger as the alternate on the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana regional Council of Governments for 2012.

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Jones moved to approve the appointment of Councilmember Jeffrey L. Holtegel as Fairfield's representative and Terry Senger as the alternate on the Board of Directors of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana regional Council of Governments for 2012. Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION 2-12 APPROVED 6-0.

Simple Motion: Motion appointing Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio to the Butler County Emergency Management Agency Advisory Council for 2012.

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to approve appoint Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio to the Butler County Emergency Management Agency Advisory Council for 2012. Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION 3-12 APPROVED 6-0.

Simple Motion: Motion appointing Don Hassler to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Holtegel beginning immediately and expiring March 31, 2013 and appointing Martin Judd to the Parks & Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Don Hassler, beginning immediately and expiring on March 31, 2012.

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to approve the appointment of Don Hassler to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Holtegel beginning immediately and expiring March 31, 2013 and appointing Martin Judd to the Parks & Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Don Hassler, beginning immediately and expiring on March 31, 2012. Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION 4-12 APPROVED 6-0.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Jeff Holtegel, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman, Tim Meyers, Member

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to read the following two (2) Ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

An Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jeffrey Allen Corporation for the construction of Huffman Park and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Jeffrey Allen Corporation for the construction of the Huffman Park. Mr. Pizzano explained the estate of the Huffman's originally offered a donation of about \$550,000 for development in addition to the land for the park. He further explained alternates to the base bid were put together and because of the second donation from the estate of about \$310,000 over the original donation, the project will be able to develop all phases of the 12 acre portion of the 22 acre tract. Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the first reading of the Ordinance. He discussed his involvement with this through the Planning Commission in its inception. He commented he thinks Mr. Huffman would be very happy and proud of what the city has done. Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 1-12 ADOPTED 6-0.

An Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Contract with the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

Fairfield Chamber of Commerce President Kert Radel thanked the City for the support given to the Chamber. He discussed some of the benefits given in the past three years including one on one marketing to help promote the businesses, helping start up companies, the use of the business retention survey, and as a resource for the businesses. He asked for the City's support in 2012. Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a professional services contract with the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. He explained the Chamber will work with the City on business retention and entrepreneurial assistance to assist with business start ups. Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the first reading of the Ordinance. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Tim Meyers, Chairman; Michael Oler, Vice Chairman, Tim Abbott, Member

A Resolution declaring necessity of repairing sidewalks (including aprons).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to read one (1) Resolution by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution declaring a necessity of repairing sidewalks. He explained this sidewalk program was established in 1994 and is the annual sidewalk maintenance program. He stated this year there are 352 individual property locations. Mr. Pizzano briefly discussed the program. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of the Resolution. Resolution approved for first reading only.

PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Terry Senger, Chairman; Adam Jones, Vice Chairman, Debbie Pennington, Member

An Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Therapeutic Recreation for the Disabled, Inc. and the Fairfield Community Foundation, DBA Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund for the construction and operation of the Field of Dreams Recreation Complex.

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Jones moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an agreement with Therapeutic Recreation for the Disabled, Inc., the Fairfield Community Foundation, DBA the Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund for the construction and operation of the Field of Dreams Recreation Complex. Mr. Pizzano announced progress on this project will be discussed at the next Council-Manager Briefing. He explained this item will structure an agreement for the operation and maintenance of the land that the City has donated upon which the Miracle League will be responsible for. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of the Ordinance. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terrence Senger, Vice Chairman, Michael Oler, Member

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following three (3) Ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

An Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for indigent legal representation in the Fairfield Municipal Court with the Butler County Public Defender Commission/Butler County Board of Commissioners and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an agreement to have indigent legal representation at the Municipal Court by the Butler County Public Defender Commission/Butler County Commissioners. Mr. Pizzano stated this will save the City through the court system about \$40,000 a year and will replace city appointed counsel with one of five public defenders provided by Butler County to defend indigent people in the court. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to adopt. Law Director John Clemmons responded to resident Ray McDaniel's' question that the word being used here is indigent meaning no money, not indigenous. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 2-12 ADOPTED 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$903,000 for Huffman Park construction.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended \$903,000 be appropriated for the Huffman Park construction. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 127-11 entitled "An Ordinance to make

estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2012". Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 3-12 ADOPTED 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-Contractual Items) - \$10,900 Digester #1 repair work at Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended \$10,900 be appropriated for repair work at Digester #1 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 127-11 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2012". Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 4-12 ADOPTED 6-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Jolivette read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, January 23 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 13 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 27 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to adjourn. Motion Carried 6-0.

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:24 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____