

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OCTOBER 22, 2012

Call to Order

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

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Senger led in prayer. Girl Scout Troop OH40867 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Councilmember Holtegel, Councilmember Pennington, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Abbott, Councilmember Oler, Councilmember Meyers, and Councilmember Jones.

Agenda Modifications

There were no agenda modifications.

Executive Session Requests

There were no requests for Executive Session.

Public Hearing(s)

There were no public hearings.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

APWA Accreditation presentation for Public Works and Public Utilities Departments

Ann Daniels, Director of Credentialing with American Public Works Association, presented a new accreditation to the Public Utilities Department and reaccreditation to the Public Works Department. She commented that accreditation is a testament to the quality of service provided to by each department to the citizens of the City of Fairfield. The Public Utilities Department is the 82nd accredited agency in the United States and Canada and the first Public Utility to be accredited in the State of Ohio, and there are only two others that are separately accredited Public Utility Departments.

City Manager Arthur Pizzano thanked Ann for presenting the accreditation and working with the Fairfield departments in obtaining their accreditations. He commended the staff for their hard work.

Mayor D'Epifanio recognized the hard work and dedication of the city employees and thanked them for their hard work for the citizens.

Jerome Kearns, Director of Job and Family Services and Children's Services, spoke on Issue 24. Support of Issue 24 would result in continued funding of county programs, allowing Children's Services to maintain their current level of service and investigations in Butler County. Children's Services has decreased the administrative budget approximately \$450,000. Issue 24 is a renewal levy, not an additional tax levy. Mayor D'Epifanio spoke in support of Issue 24 and renewal of the tax levy.

Mike Snyder, 1 Cogswells Grant, spoke on Issue 3. Issue 3 is the Income Tax Reapportionment. Approval of this issue will allow the city to maintain their excellent bond rating and service levels to the city residents. Issue 3 is not a tax increase, but a reallocation of existing tax rates. The reallocation will increase the general fund portion of the current 1.5% income tax from 1.1% to 1.2%. The capital improvement and street funds will decrease from 0.2% each to 0.15% each. City Charter requires voter approval to change tax allocation. Mayor D'Epifanio and Councilmember Tim Abbott spoke in support of Issue 3.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Meyers noted that leaf collection starts in one week. Residents can also continue to schedule a brush box.

Councilmember Abbott reported that the utility billing website will have new features in 2013 to allow residents to see and compare their usage on a monthly and annual basis. The federal government will likely decrease interest paid on Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Bonds to local governments by 7%, which could result in up to another \$15,000/year revenue loss for Fairfield.

Councilmember Senger commented in support of Issue 3. He reported that Saturday, October 27 is the Huffman Park dedication

from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be harvest food and beverages and nature-inspired activities. He commented that there was a presentation for Fairfield Youth Baseball Association at the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting, in which it was reported that there were 801 registered players in Spring 2012, 80 recreational league teams, 14 girls fast-pitch and slow-pitch teams, 66 boys t-ball and baseball teams for ages 4 to 16 years old.

Councilmembers Pennington and Holtegel welcomed the Girl Scout troop to the meeting.

Councilmember Jones welcomed the Girl Scout troop to the meeting. He commended Dave Crouch, Public Utilities Director, for attaining the Public Works Accreditation and turned the report over to him.

Public Utilities Director Dave Crouch thanked the city and council for their support in attaining the accreditation and thanked Nick Castellini from Public Works for his help through the accreditation process.

Mayor D'Epifanio reported that the Fairfield Choraliers are raising money for a national competition, and there will be a fundraiser on October 28, Dancing with the Choraliers. He and Fire Chief Don Bennett will be participating in the competition.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2012

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2012 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Simple Motion: Motion to appoint the Clerk of Council as designee for mandatory training required by House Bill 9, Ohio's Public Records Act.

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to appoint Clerk of Council as designee for mandatory training required by House Bill 9, Ohio Public Records Act. Motion carried 7-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO.26-12. APPROVED 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mike Oler, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman, Terry Senger, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to approve a liquor permit application in the name of Gordos At Fairfield, Inc. DBA Gordos Pub & Grill & Patio, 5502 Dixie Highway, Unit B, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Classes: D5).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to approve a liquor permit application in the name of Gordos At Fairfield, Inc. Motion Carried 7-0. SIMPLE MOTION 27-12. APPROVED 7-0.

Simple Motion: Motion to approve a liquor permit application in the name of Mireles Entertainment, LLC DBA El Nuevo Rodeo & Patio, 7245 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Classes: D1, D2, D3, D3A and D6).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to approve a liquor permit application in the name of Mireles Entertainment, LLC. Motion Carried 7-0. SIMPLE MOTION 28-12. APPROVED 7-0.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute an Assignment and Amendment to a Community Reinvestment Agreement with OCS IntelliTrak, Inc. for property tax incentives and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended execution of an Assignment and Amendment to a Community Reinvestment Agreement with OCS IntelliTrak, Inc. for property tax incentives. OCS IntelliTrak will purchase the existing Devoroos facility on Seward Road that has been empty for some time now and this will extend the current agreement with the Devoroos to OCS IntelliTrak. OCS IntelliTrak will make the remaining payments to the schools. They are moving from Forest Park with 15 current employees, with plans for expansion over time. Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 100-12. APPROVED 7-0.

Tom Robertson, President of OCS IntelliTrak, thanked the city for their support in moving the company to Fairfield. Mr. Robertson is a 1985 Fairfield Graduate and returned to Fairfield after attending West Point and serving in the US Army.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and a Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement, with the Western States Machine Company and WSMC Properties, LLC, which will provide property tax incentives for the construction of a new manufacturing headquarters facility on Commerce Center Drive and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended execution of a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and a Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement, with the Western States Machine Company and WSMC Properties, LLC, which will provide property tax incentives for the construction of a new manufacturing headquarters facility on Commerce Center Drive. Western States Machine Company was founded in 1917 in Hamilton and is in need of a larger facility. They are bringing 67 new jobs and will create 24 new jobs over the next few years. Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 101-12. APPROVED 7-0.

Doug Buckner, President of Western States Machine Company, thanked the city for their support in moving the company to Fairfield. He is excited about the opportunities that the move presents for Western States.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Adam Jones, Chairman; Tim Meyers, Vice Chairman, Jeff Holtegel, Member

Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (Marketing Agreement) with Utility Service Partner Private Label, Inc. DBA Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) for a National League of Cities (NLC) endorsed residential service line warranty.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Utilitie Service Partner Private Lablel, Inc. for a National League of Cities (NLC) endorsed residential service line warranty. This is similar to the prescription card program that was endorsed by NLC. The program is voluntary insurance for private water and sewer lines. Legislative Action: Councilmember Jones presented the first reading of this ordinance.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terry Senger, Vice Chairman, Mike Oler, Member

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-Contractual Item) - \$5,500.00 for concrete and masonry repairs at the Water Treatment Plant; \$7,059.00 for purchase of one (1) Toro Z Master G3 mower; \$3,357.00 for purchase of a beverage cooler for the Fairfield Greens South Trace Clubhouse; \$20,000.00 for purchase of SCADA computer hardware; \$37,232.50 for the purchase of twenty-two (22) 800 Mhz radios in conjunction with a bulk purchase with Butler County; \$40,000.00 for the Kolb Drive Street Lighting Project.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended \$5,500.00 for concrete and masonry repairs at the Water Treatment Plant; \$7,059.00 for purchase of one (1) Toro Z Master G3 mower; \$3,357.00 for purchase of a beverage cooler for the Fairfield Greens South Trace Clubhouse; \$20,000.00 for purchase of SCADA computer hardware; \$37,232.50 for the purchase of twenty-two (22) 800 Mhz radios in conjunction with a bulk purchase with Butler County; \$40,000.00 for the Kolb Drive Street Lighting Project. The Kolb Drive Street Lighting Project funding does not involve Duke Energy. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 102-12. APPROVED 7-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, November 26 Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 3 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 10 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:56PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date Approved _____

Mayor's Approval