

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
APRIL 28, 2014

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Miller 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 Marty Judd led in Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Adam Jones, Councilmember Marty Judd, Councilmember Debbie Pennington, Councilmember Terry Senger, Councilmember Chad Oberson, Councilmember Mike Snyder, and Councilmember Bill Woeste.

Agenda Modifications

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Judd, moved to add two ordinances to the agenda, for the FOP Contract approval and for wage and salary adjustments under the approved contract. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Pennington, moved for Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment and compensation of personnel and pending and imminent litigation. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing(s)

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day Proclamation

Mayor Miller presented the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day Proclamation to Kristy and Gloria from the NALC and USPS, declaring Saturday, May 10, as "National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day." Kristy thanked Mayor Miller and the city for their support of the food drive and encouraged everyone to donate towards this worthy cause.

Parents Who Host Lose the Most Proclamation and student presentations

Councilmember Senger presented the Parents Who Host Lose the Most proclamation to Pat VonOfen of the Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Fairfield, declaring the month of May as "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" month. Students from Fairfield High School spoke about their role with the Coalition and how they are promoting a safe and drug-free prom.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Jones reported that Fairfield Movies in the Park begins May 2, with the movie "Brave." He noted that Firefighter Rick Gibbs has stepped up to coordinate the program and obtain sponsors for the event so that it is 100% funded by corporate sponsorships. Also, he reported that mutual aid agreements have been utilized in Trenton with a fire at Miller Brewing Company and Hamilton at a mobile home fire, and that if the need arises in Fairfield for additional resources, those mutual aid agreements are reciprocal. Councilmember Jones also reported that Jean Wesseler, Juvenile Diversion

Program Counselor at the Police Department, is one of five Ohioans being recognized by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio as a 2014 Member of the Year.

Councilmember Judd announced that Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, Troop 46707, are sponsoring an electronics waste and metals recycling drive on May 10 from 9 AM to noon at the Fairfield Middle School. Proceeds will benefit the Fairfield City Schools. He also reminded residents to vote next Tuesday, May 6.

Councilmember Pennington reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on April 24 to recognize the many city volunteers. She noted that city volunteers contributed approximately 3,000 hours for a value of \$65,000 to the city. Awards given were Friends of the Arts award to Dan and Jeannie Schindler, Friends of Fairfield Forest award to Jim Montag, Volunteer Spirit award to Darvin Moeller, and Community Service award to Fairfield Historical Society. Councilmember Pennington thanked the volunteers for their service and Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bell, and staff members Ben Strickler and JoBeth Yambrich for hosting the dinner. She also reported that May 1 is National Day of Prayer, with many Christian leaders meeting at the Community Arts Center.

Councilmember Senger encouraged residents to vote on May 6, and reiterated the Council support of the local school bond issue.

Councilmember Oberson reported that Duke Energy is working on gas lines in the city. He also reported that James Price is retiring from Public Works after 30 years of service on April 30. He reported that the city was notified by the county that 2,111 tons of recyclables were recycled last year and received a check for \$25,340 from the county. He challenged everyone to recycle just a little bit more to move up one more level to earn another \$11,000. Mayor Miller noted that the large green recycling bins are available from Rumpke for no charge and easier to use than the small red bins.

Councilmember Snyder reported that Fairfield High School Science Teacher Lori Wegman will be participating in the Sieman's STARS research program. He also announced that the Hamilton Fairfield Symphony Orchestra's final event of the season will be held on May 3 at 7:30 PM at First Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ohio. Bengals Assistant Head Coach Paul Alexander will conduct one of the pieces of the event.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2014

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2014 were approved as written

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Adam Jones, Chairman; Marty Judd, Vice Chairman, Terry Senger, Member

Ordinance to amend Chapter 725, Peddlers and Solicitors, of the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Jones presented the third reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Adam Jones, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 36-14. APPROVED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Adam Jones, Chairman; Marty Judd, Vice Chairman, Terry Senger, Member

Resolution objecting to the renewal of the liquor permit for Terry L. Woodcock DBA Legends & Patio and declaring an emergency. (Address: 7245 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio)

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

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution to object to a liquor permit renewal for Legends & Patio. Legislative Action: Councilmember Jones presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Adam Jones, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Adam Jones, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. RESOLUTION NO. 6-14. APPROVED 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chad Oberson, Chairman; Mike Snyder, Vice Chairman, Bill Woeste, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mount Pleasant Blacktopping for the 2014 Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing Project.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Marty Judd moved to read read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Mount Pleasant Blacktopping for the 2014 Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing Project. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Marty Judd, Chairman; Chad Oberson, Vice Chairman, Adam Jones, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC for the replacement of the Dystor Methane Gas Storage System for Digester #3 and declaring an emergency.

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

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC for the replacement of the Dystor Methan Gas Storage System for Digester #3. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Mike Snyder moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 37-14. APPROVED 7-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Terry Senger, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman, Chad Oberson, Member

Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to read the following four (4) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 166 for wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment for the Police Officers Bargaining Unit and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with the Fraternal Order of Police for the Police Officers Bargaining Unit. This is the final bargaining agreement to be reached with the city's unions and the terms are the same as have been agreed upon with the other four (4) unions. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Marty Judd moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 38-14. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates for certain salaried and hourly employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and to authorize and limit the numbers and types of certain employees, to repeal Ordinance No. 33-14 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates for the FOP Bargaining Unit employees under the contract that was just approved. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Mike Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 39-14. APPROVED 7-0.

Contractual Appropriations - \$350,000 for the 2014 Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing Project; \$415,000 for replacement of the Dystor methane gas storage system for Digester #3; \$75,513 for the Grounds, Entry-ways & Landscaping Program.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended contractual appropriations for the two contracts that were presented earlier, as well as the annual Grounds, Entry-ways and Landscaping Program, the contract for which was approved last year as a multi-year contract. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 40-14. APPROVED 7-0.

Non-Contractual Appropriations - \$10,000 for 2014 Sidewalk Gap Program; \$25,000 for Crack Sealing by J&A Construction, Inc.; \$30,000 for Pleasant Run Creek Corridor Study, Phase 2; \$10,000 for various NPDES Phase II storm water system expenses; \$8,400 for replacement canine for Police Department; \$20,000 for miscellaneous traffic signal upgrades and spare parts; \$23,000 for service of the Turblex Blower unit at Wastewater; \$15,000 for River Road pedestrian crossing; \$36,365 for design for Nilles Road/Gray Road/Symmes Road Improvements.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended several non-contractual appropriations. He noted that the replacement canine for the Police Department is already trained, which reduced the cost. There will be another canine purchase this year that may cost more, due to training needs. He also noted that the River Road pedestrian crossing is in response to citizen concerns that were raised last year. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 41-14. APPROVED 7-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, May 12 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 27 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 9 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:55 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____