

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 9, 2013

**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 Jones led in prayer and his stepfather, a Retired Lt. Colonel of the US Air Force, led the 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 Tim Abbott, Councilmember Mike Oler, and Councilmember Tim Meyers.

**Agenda Modifications**

**Executive Session Requests**

**Public Hearing(s)**

**2014 Budget Hearing**

Mayor D'Epifanio opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM. The balanced budget presented to Council during briefings on November 25 and December 2 consists of revenues of \$69.5 million, and estimated expenditures of \$66.9 million. Approximately 53% is for personnel and personnel-related expenses. The largest revenue source is income tax, estimated to bring in approximately \$24.7 million, split between the General Fund, Street Improvement Fund and Capital Improvement Fund. The reapportionment allowed the city to bring the reserves back to 25%. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 PM.

**Special Presentations and Citizen Comments**

State Rep. Wes Retherford congratulated Councilmember Judd on his re-appointment to Council and presented commendations to all of the outgoing Councilmembers and the Mayor, from the Ohio General Assembly.

Kert Radel, Chamber of Commerce, thanked the outgoing Council and Mayor for their service to the City and work with the Chamber of Commerce.

**Mayor/Council Reports**

Councilmember Meyers reported that I-275 bridge is coming along nicely.

Councilmember Abbott thanked Finance Director Mary Hopton and staff for their hard work on the budget.

Councilmember Senger reported that the Miami Valley Ballet Theater presented the Nutcracker at the Community Arts Center last weekend and they will perform again this weekend, December 13, 14 and 15. The Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held next Tuesday at 6 PM at the Community Arts Center.

Councilmember Pennington announced that Boards and Commissions applications will be available beginning January 2. She also commented that there was a nice article in the newspaper about networking featuring Chamber of Commerce president Kert Radel.

Mayor D'Epifanio thanked Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bell and staff for their hard work on the Light Up Fairfield event on December 7.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2013

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2013 were approved as written

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Marty Judd, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman, Tim Meyers, Member**

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and an Amendment to a Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement with Takumi Stamping, Inc. and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and Amendment to a Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement with Takumi Stamping, Inc. The company is planning an expansion of their current facility and these agreements will assist in that process. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Mike Oler moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 107-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager and Director of Development Services (acting in his role as CRA Housing Officer) to execute a Termination by the City of Fairfield, Ohio of the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Keystone Foods, LLC, aka The Martin-Brower Company LLC, DCT Port Union LLC and the Fairfield City School District Board of Education and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance to terminate agreements with Keystone Foods, LLC. They have not adhered to the terms of the agreement, and as a result, the state requires that the agreements with the company be terminated. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Terry Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 108-13. APPROVED 7-0

#### **FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Mike Oler moved to read the following three (3) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio during the period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance to adopt the budget that was presented to Council. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Marty Judd moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Mike Oler moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 109-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to reconcile accounts.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance to reconcile accounts. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Terry Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Terry Senger moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 110-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Non-Contractual Appropriations - \$34,000 for emergency water main improvements on Shearwater Drive.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an appropriation for emergency water main improvements on Shearwater Drive. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Mike Oler moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 111-13. APPROVED 7-0.

#### **Meeting Schedule**

- Monday, December 30 Oath of Office Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 13 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor D'Epifanio opened the meeting for comments for the outgoing council.

Councilmember Meyers thanked the city for electing him and giving him the opportunity to serve the community. He thanked Don Hassler for helping him in his campaign and building a great friendship. He also thanked veterans for the freedom of democracy in the United States and thanked his family for their support of his position.

Councilmember Mike Oler thanked the Council for a great time of working together for the benefit of Fairfield residents. He has enjoyed his time and Fairfield has been a wonderful place for him to live, raise a family and work. He thanked the City staff for being such great employees and providing great service to the residents.

Councilmember Tim Abbott thanked his wife for being at the meeting, despite having suffered a serious injury after falling. He noted that former mayor Eric Cooke was a great mentor to him in his campaign for City Council. He advised the new council to rely on the city staff to run the city and always do what is best for the residents.

Mayor D'Epifanio advised incoming Council to remember that they are not in this position for themselves, but to do what is right for the City. He thanked the staff for their hard work and the way they run the departments, especially City Manager Art Pizzano. He has enjoyed his years of service very much.

Mayor D'Epifanio presented the outgoing Council with Keys to the City and City Manager Pizzano presented plaques of recognition of their years of service.

Councilmembers Jones, Judd, Pennington and Senger thanked the outgoing Council and Mayor D'Epifanio for their hard work and dedication to the City of Fairfield.

Councilmember Senger and City Manager Pizzano presented Mayor D'Epifanio with a plaque recognizing his many years of service to the City of Fairfield. They thanked him for the countless hours he has spent assisting residents and his recognition of veterans for their service to our country. City Manager Pizzano also thanked the Council for working so well with the staff.

**Executive Session of Council (if needed)**

**Adjournment**

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:30 PM.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council  
Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor's Approval