

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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 Chad Oberson invited Pastor David Hargrave to lead the 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

No agenda modifications.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Jones, moved for Executive Session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Pastor David Hargrave Proclamation

Councilmember Pennington presented Pastor David Hargrave with a proclamation and a Key to the City from the Office of the Mayor, in celebration of his 25th anniversary with Fairfield Church of Christ. She thanked him for his service to the community and everything he has done for her family. Pastor Hargrave thanked Councilmember Pennington and Mayor Miller for the recognition and expressed his desire for the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Church of Christ to continue to work together to serve the citizens of the community.

Fire Lieutenant Oath of Office

Mayor Miller led the Oath of Office for Fire Lieutenants Jason Taulbee, Mike Susaneck and Neal Ressler. Councilmember Jones congratulated them on their achievement and presented their Lieutenant badges to their wives, who pinned the badges on.

David Brown, from the Butler County Auditor's Office, updated Council on several things happening at the Auditor's Office. The Homestead Exemption and the new portion for Disabled American Veterans is in place and shields \$50,000 of the value for 100% disabled veterans. He left brochures for residents to pick up. He also mentioned that re-appraisals have been completed and property values decreased approximately 1.6% overall, with residential decreases of 2.7%. The Auditor's Office looks at values for the three years prior when they do the re-appraisals. He said that as the market continues to increase, those values may increase at the next re-appraisal. Property owners that wish to contest the determinations can do so through the Board of Revision at the Auditor's Office. Those applications are due by March 31. Information regarding both of these programs is available on the Auditor's website.

Public Hearing(s)

Joint Public Hearing - Dixie Highway Re-Zoning

Mayor Miller opened the Joint Public Hearing at 7:23 PM. Clerk Wilson read the meeting notice and called the roll of Council and the Planning Commission. All of Council in attendance. Commissioners Hasselbeck, Lepsky and Heisler in attendance for Planning Commission. Councilmember Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Snyder, moved to excuse Commissioners Hassler, D'Epifanio and Myron. Motion carried 7-0. Development Services Director Tim Bachman explained the process for re-zonings as detailed in the Charter, how these re-zonings came before Council, one by owner request and the other two by city initiative, and displayed a map of the three parcels of land that are requested to be re-zoned. He stated that all of the surrounding parcels are zoned commercial and the three parcels in question are zoned industrial, however, they are used as commercial. The re-zoning will simply clean up the zoning along Dixie Highway. He detailed the next steps of the process and invited the owner of Production Tool Rental, Mr. Tom Kieley, to speak about the request. Mr. Kieley thanked the city for being such a great place to do business and explained that he initiated the request in order to clean up the paperwork and prepare for his retirement, which is not in the near future, but is eventually coming. Mayor Miller thanked him for his comments, thanked the Planning Commission and Development Services Director Bachman and his staff, and closed the hearing at 7:32 PM.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Jones asked residents to clear any fire hydrants that they see covered in snow and if they are unable to clear the snow, please contact the Fire Department and they will send someone to take care of it.

Councilmember Pennington reported that the Community Arts Signature Series will feature music by John Ford Coley on Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 PM. Tickets are available online, by phone or at the Community Arts Center.

Councilmember Senger reported that the January Income Tax Report was distributed last week and receipts are on track with projections.

Councilmember Oberson commended the Public Works staff on the snow removal over the past week. He also reported that the city received a \$2.1 million grant from the Surface Transportation Program and \$200,000 from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program and the city will use the money to make various improvements around the city. He also reported that the Sidewalk Program letters are going out to those residents that are impacted by the repairs.

Councilmember Snyder reported that Panera donated \$10,000 to Shared Harvest Foodbank to help young children in our area by providing weekend snacks and ready-to-fix meals for pre-school and elementary children that are identified as at-risk for hunger. He also reported that a support group for Parkinson's, PSP, CBD, MSA and other related brain diseases will meet at the Fairfield Lane Library on February 26 at 6 PM. He encouraged residents to become involved in a support group if they or someone they know has a brain disease.

Councilmember Woeste thanked the Planning Commission and Development Services Director Bachman for attending the Public Hearing. He also thanked Panera for their donations to the Fairfield Food Pantry, as well.

Mayor Miller thanked the Public Works Department for their great work with snow removal.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015 were approved as written

OLD BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bill Woeste, Chairman; Adam Jones, Vice Chairman, Mike Snyder, Member

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

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

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Mike Snyder moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 10-15. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map by approving the amended concept plan for the Patterson Place Planned Unit Development by approving the Final Development Plan for Senior Housing on Patterson Drive.

Legislative Action: The second reading of this ordinance was held pending recommendation from the Planning Commission.

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Legislative Action: The second reading of this ordinance was held pending recommendation from the Planning Commission.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with options for years two (2) and three (3) with Adleta Construction of Cincinnati, Ohio for the 2015 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement Program.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the second reading of this ordinance.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with options for years two (2) and three (3) with Prus Construction of Cincinnati, Ohio for the 2015 Concrete Repair and Replacement Program.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the second reading of this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

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 Univar USA, Inc. for the purchase of chemicals for the Water Division and declaring an emergency.

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

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Univar USA, Inc. for chemicals for the Water Division. 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 Chad Oberson moved to adopt.
Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 11-15. APPROVED 7-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Non-Contractual Appropriations - \$140,000 for full depth asphalt repairs following water and sewer repair work; \$25,000 for site work for installation of Gold Star Families Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park.

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

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended appropriations for asphalt repair work following water and sewer repairs. These asphalt repairs were done by Public Works and the money is coming from Public Utilities. He also recommended an appropriation for site work for installation of the Gold Star Families Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park. The city is working towards having the memorial in place in time to be part of the City's Memorial Day parade and ceremony. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Terry Senger, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste 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. 12-15. APPROVED 7-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, March 9 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 23 Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 13 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date Approved_____

Mayor's Approval