

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 25, 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 Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Oler, moved to excuse Councilmembers Abbott and Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Modifications

Executive Session Requests

Public Hearing(s)

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Karen Phillips and Laurie Santel, Mid-American Soccer Classic Update

- Ms. Phillips and Ms. Santel thanked Council for their support for the MASC. The registration so far is 172 boys' teams and 177 girls' teams, which is getting very close to last year's participation. There are more traveling teams this year, from several states and also from Canada, which is a good sign of the economy. Ms. Santel is booking rooms for the teams at hotels in Butler, Hamilton and Warren Counties. The tournament will generate a substantial amount of business in the city and surrounding areas.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Jones introduced the new Wastewater Superintendent, Jason Hunold. Public Utilities Director Dave Crouch commented that Mr. Hunold was formerly the Chief Operator and has been the Interim Wastewater Superintendent. He was chosen out of seventy (70) applicants and is very well credentialed.

Councilmember Holtegel welcomed Steve Vaughn from WMOH to the meeting.

Councilmember Pennington thanked the applicants for Boards and Commissions. Interviews will be held soon.

Councilmember Senger reported that the Parks and Recreation Board discussed the Black Bottom Park project, for which there were unsuccessful grant applications submitted in 2006, 2007 and 2008. The grant application is on the agenda for first reading tonight.

Mayor D'Epifanio reminded everyone of the "Building Men and Women with Character" even at Fairfield High School on Friday, sponsored by the Nuxhall Foundation. He also noted that the Crystal Classic Show Choir Competition will be held on Saturday at Fairfield High School.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance accepting public improvements and releasing the maintenance bond for Emerald Lakes Section 3 Subdivision.

Councilmember Oler presented the third reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 12-13. APPROVED 5-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with options for years two (2) and three (3) with Brad Evans Excavating for the 2013 Concrete Repair and Replacement Work.

Councilmember Oler 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) Innovative Concrete and Utility Construction, Inc. for the 2013 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement.

Councilmember Oler presented the second reading of this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for the purchase of chlorine for use at the Water Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended approval of a contract with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for the purchase of chlorine for use at the Water Treatment Plant. Legislative Action: Councilmember Jones presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 13-13. APPROVED 5-0.

PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute and submit an Ohio Public Works Commission/Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation grant application for the Black Bottom Park Project.

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Jones moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended submission of an Ohio Public Works Commission/Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation grant application for Black Bottom Park Project. This would be a 75% and 25% local match. The money would be used for infrastructure, mainly parking and roadways. Past submissions have not been successful, but they want to give it another try. Legislative Action: Councilmember Jones presented the first reading of this ordinance.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance to amend various sections of the Zoning Code of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended that an ordinance be approved to amend sections of the Zoning Code. The most noteworthy change is that the Planning Commission recommends that in the Downtown zoning district, future service station construction and fuel dispensing facilities be processed as conditional use permits. Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the first reading of this ordinance. He noted that there will be a Joint Public Hearing held on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. Planning Commission will review it again on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into addenda to the contracts with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #166, for wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment for the Police Department bargaining unit.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended addenda to the contracts with the FOP. These are the same terms and conditions that the IAFF agreed to and Council approved at the last council meeting.
Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 14-13. APPROVED 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-Contractual Items) - \$47,430 for Huffman Park Improvements.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an appropriation for Huffman Park. This money was appropriated and spent in 2012, however, the bills were not received and paid, so the money went back into the General Fund at the end of 2012 and needs to be re-appropriated in order to pay the bills.
Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Jones moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 15-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Mayor D'Epifanio commended the Police Department for their work in the State District Wrestling Tournament, consisting of thirty-three (33) teams. There were a couple of issues and Officers Kevin Mack and Brian Rednour did a fantastic job in handling those volatile situations.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, March 11 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 23 Special Meeting, 8:00 AM at 8870 N. Gilmore Road
- Monday, March 25 Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 p.m. (CIP Review); Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date Approved

Mayor's Approval