

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JULY 25, 2016

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 Woeste led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Bob Myron, Councilmember Craig Keller, Councilmember Debbie Pennington, Councilmember Tim Abbott, Councilmember Chad Oberson, and Councilmember Bill Woeste.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Woeste, moved to excuse Councilmember Snyder. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Pennington, moved to add an appropriation for the purchase of real estate to the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session Requests

No Executive Session requests.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Councilmember Keller administered the oath of office to Firefighter/Paramedic Brent Garrety. Chief Bennett welcomed him to the department and asked his wife to pin on his badge as a symbol of the support he will need from his family.

Hero's Ride

Bill Meyer invited council and residents to attend the 12th annual Hero's Ride on Saturday, August 20. All proceeds benefit the group Impact a Hero, which works with veterans and their families. The ride is 70 miles round trip, with a stop at Hueston Woods. It is alcohol-free and police and fire escorted. Mr. Meyer thanked the city for their continued support of this great event. The total contributions from the Hero's Ride to Impact a Hero are more than \$180,000.

Public Hearing(s)

No public hearings.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Abbott reported that tax revenues are still up over projections for the year.

Councilmember Pennington reminded residents of the many events sponsored by Parks and Recreation, including the Farmers Market, Village Green concerts, Sunbonnet Days and Seniors Fish for Free on Wednesdays at Marsh Lake.

Councilmember Keller commented that the city has received support from the community following police-related incidents around the country. Chief Dickey thanked the community for their support of the Police Department, noting that they had received numerous cards and treats from supportive residents.

Assistant City Manager Greg Preece introduced Jenny Dexter, the new Communications Manager.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2016

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2016 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Bob Myron, Chairman; Bill Woeste, Vice Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Member

Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Fairfield, Ohio of a proposed amendment to the Charter of said city at a special election to be held and conducted on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 to amend Section 8.03 of the Charter to abolish the Board of Building Appeals and provide that the powers, duties and functions of the former Board of Building Appeals be performed in all respects by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bill Woeste, Chairman; Bob Myron, Vice Chairman; Mike Snyder, Member

Ordinance accepting five (5) separate sections of existing water main as public improvements to be maintained by the City of Fairfield.

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Craig Keller, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman; Chad Oberson, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to not request a hearing regarding a liquor permit application in the name of Lisa Grocery Store, LLC, 5080 Pleasant Avenue, Unit C, Fairfield, OH 45014. (Permit Classes: C1 & C2)

Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Pennington, moved to not request a hearing for a liquor permit application in the name of Lisa Grocery Store. Motion carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 13-16. APPROVED 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Local Public Agency (LPA) agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for financial assistance for improvements to Route 4 between Seward Road and the north corporation limits and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended an ordinance to execute a LPA Agreement with ODOT for improvements to Route 4. This agreement will allow the city to take the lead on the project. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 64-16. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Carpenter Marty Transportation for the design of paving improvements on Route 4 between Seward Road and Bobmeyer Road.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a contract with Carpenter Marty Transportation for design of paving improvements on Route 4 between Seward Road and Bobmeyer Road. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 65-16. APPROVED 6-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman; Craig Keller, Member

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to read the following resolution and five (5) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution declaring the amount of taxes that may be raised by levy at the maximum rate authorized by law without a vote of the electors to be insufficient and declaring the necessity of an additional tax levy of two and one-half (2.5) mills in excess of such rate for the purpose of providing funds for the operational and capital expenses of the Fire Department of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and other purposes authorized under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a resolution to put the fire levy issue on the ballot. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION NO. 8-16. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance levying special assessments for the repair of sidewalks (including aprons) in the City of Fairfield, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended an ordinance levying special assessments for sidewalk repairs done in 2015 that have not been paid yet. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 66-16. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 107-15 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016."

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

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 67-16. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 107-15 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016."

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended Contractual Appropriations – \$60,000 for design of paving improvements on Route 4 between Seward Road and Bobmeyer Road. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Bob Myron moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 68-16. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 107-15 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016."

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended Non-Contractual Appropriations – \$30,549 for Fire Department Facilities Energy Upgrades; \$4,000 for upgrades to power supplies for computer workstations and upgrade of computers; \$49,900 for upgrade to wireless communications equipment network; \$30,958 for purchase and outfitting of Ford F-150 4x4 Pickup Truck for Water Division; \$15,000 for purchase of seven (7) fire hydrants. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Bob Myron moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 69-16. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 107-15 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016.”

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended Non-Contractual Appropriations – \$40,000 for the purchase of the lot adjacent to the Mack Road Water Tower. 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 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 70-16. APPROVED 6-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, August 8 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 12 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 26 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

No Executive Session.

Adjournment

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date Approved _____

Mayor's Approval