

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

JUNE 9, 2014

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Adam Jones 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 Oberson led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Woeste, moved to excuse Mayor Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Modifications

Executive Session Requests

Public Hearing(s)

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

- Diane Ruder, from the Fairfield Community Foundation addressed Council. She thanked the City of Fairfield for their help and assistance to the Foundation.
- Mark Efle, 635 W. 7th St. Cincinnati, Ohio, addressed council. He issued a public apology to Kelly Boggs. Mr. Efle stated he made accusations regarding abuse of a child in her custody against her in a previous City Council meeting, which he now knows were untrue and false. There was no evidence of abuse. He asked for her forgiveness and apologized. He thanked council for their time.
- Don Moser, 1040 Symmes Rd. Fairfield, Ohio, addressed council. He is the attorney to speak on behalf of Kelly Boggs. She has been investigated by numerous agencies over the last 18 months. All accusations were dismissed. He thanked Mr. Efle for the public apology. He thanked council for their time. Mr. Snyder thanked both parties for resolving their issues. He asked if the City handled the situation well and appropriately. Mr. Moser stated that everything was handled well by the City of Fairfield.
- Kert Radel, from the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, introduced Jessie Jet, Marketing Director for Applebee's. She thanked council for their time. Applebee's is going through a revitalization and retraining of staff. They have also gone through physical change; inside and outside of the building. They raised over \$3000 for the Make a Wish Foundation by auctioning off the old memorabilia off their walls. The ribbon cutting is at 10:30 on Tuesday, June 10, and everyone is welcome to come. Appetizers and drinks will follow the ribbon cutting.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Woeste mentioned the Applebee's rebranding as another sign of the reinvestment in the city town center, which he is happy about. He reported that Planning Commission just approved demolition of the old Marsh building on Patterson Dr. The developers feel this will help attract clients to reinvest in that property.

Councilmember Oberson reported that the 275/Winton/Gilmore Project is basically done and looks really good.

Councilmember Senger reported on the article in the Journal News last week regarding the city maintaining its AA bond rating. This year, the negative outlook was removed. Every department in the City became very streamlined; this saved money. Our reserve is now at 25% of the general fund. He appreciates everyone's effort.

Councilmember Pennington reported on the Parks Department. They are seeking input on their Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. More information is available at the public website. The first Swinging on the Green concert will be held June 16, with The Jack Carr Band performing. The Groovin' on the Green concerts are in full swing, with Thunder Bay on June 12, Gee, Your Band Smells Terrific on June 19 and the Miami Street Band on June 26. The annual Village Green Arts Fair will be on June 22 from 1-9 pm. The Hamilton-Fairfield Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7. The 122nd Army Band will perform on June 29 at Village Green.

Vice Mayor Jones reported that Clerk Alisha Wilson recently gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Both mom and baby are doing well. Lynda McGuire is filling in for council meetings and Nancy Trafton will be filling in in the council office.

For the Public Safety Committee, he reported that the movie "Frozen" was shown Friday for Movies in the Park, attracting the largest audience on record, with over 1000 in attendance. Captain Tracy Donovan will be graduating from the Ohio Fire Executive Program. Capt. Donovan is the 9th officer to graduate from the program. He offers his congratulations.

He acknowledged his daughter, mother and step father, who are in attendance. He is honored to be sitting there tonight.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2014

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2014 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Debbie Pennington, Chairman; Terry Senger, Vice Chairman, Marty Judd, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.K. Designs, Inc., DBA National Sculptor's Guild, for an entry feature at the Community Arts Center and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Pennington presented the second reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Terry Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) reading of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0.

Councilmember Judd commented that because of the time constraints involved with the purchase of the statue, he will vote to suspend the third reading, but will not support the adoption of the ordinance.

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Terry Senger moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-14. APPROVED 6-1.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Mike Snyder moved to read two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with A & A Safety, Inc. for the 2014 Pavement Marking Application and declaring an emergency.

City Manager Pizzano recommended entering into a contract with A & A Safety, Inc. for the 2014 Pavement Marking Application. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Mike Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt Motion Carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 61-14. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with John R. Jurgensen Company for Winton-Ross-Seward Road Improvements Project.

City Manager Pizzano recommended entering into a contract with John R. Jurgensen Company for the Winton-Ross-Seward Road Improvements Project. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Mike Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-14. APPROVED 7-0.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to read one (1) ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Barry L. Brown Paving for the 2014 Street Repair Program and declaring an emergency.

City Manager Pizzano recommended entering into a contract with Barry L. Brown Paving for the 2014 Street Repair Program. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0.

Councilmember Marty Judd, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-14. 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 two ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Contractual Appropriations - \$80,000 for roadway pavement markings; \$1,698,235 for Winton-Ross-Seward Road Improvements Project; \$67,500 for a bronze sculpture.

City Manager Pizzano recommended approval of appropriations that go along with ordinances previously approved in this meeting. 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. 64-14. APPROVED 7-0.

Non-Contractual Appropriations - \$28,200 for improvements and repairs at the Community Arts Center, Golf Maintenance, Library and other Parks Buildings; \$29,425 for safety stair & platform system, garage welding exhaust system and miscellaneous repairs at Public Works; \$13,500 for canine replacement for the Police Dept.; \$23,500 for two multi-function copiers for the Police Dept.; \$8,000 for software for the Wastewater Division; \$25,500 for the replacement of servers; \$13,200 for fiber & copper connectivity replacement at the Water Treatment Plant; \$8,000 for software upgrades for the Police Dept., \$18,100 for software upgrades for Water and Wastewater Depts.; \$9,200 for improvements at Creekside Park.

City Manager Pizzano recommended approval of appropriations for several non-contractual items. 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. 65-14. APPROVED 7-0.

Meeting Schedule

Acting Clerk McGuire read the following meeting schedule.

A CM Briefing was added to the agenda for Monday, July 14, 6 p.m.

- Monday, July 14 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 11 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 8 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:34 pm.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____