

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 11, 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 Abbott led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Adam Jones, Councilmember Debbie Pennington, Councilmember Terry Senger, Councilmember Tim Abbott, and Councilmember Tim Meyers.

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

Mayor D'Epifanio asked Councilmember Senger to say a few words about Veteran's Day.

Councilmember Senger thanked the city and residents for all of their comments and thankful remarks to him and other veterans on Veteran's Day. He also gave a little bit of history about Veteran's Day and recognized other veterans on council, staff and in the audience. He thanked all veterans for their service and dedication. The birthday of the United States Marine Corps was also November 10, which marked 238 years.

Agenda Modifications

Executive Session Requests

Public Hearing(s)

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Vivian Paul, 5367 Lakeside Drive, addressed council regarding crosswalks on River Road to Waterworks Park. She commented that there are several people that cross River Road at Groh and Chateau without a crosswalk and she would like to see a crosswalk installed to improve pedestrian safety. Council requested that Public Works look into her request and see what measures the City can take to improve safety.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Meyers reported that the I-275 overpass decorative arch and fence work has been started and should be done this winter.

Councilmember Abbott reported that overall revenue projections are up 2.5% from 2013 estimated figures and expenditure projections are relatively flat, remaining between 0-2%. Total operating expenditures are just under \$67 million.

Councilmember Senger reported that Fairfield Footlighters are performing Dracula at the Community Arts Center this weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Councilmember Jones wished his family a Happy Veteran's Day.

Mayor D'Epifanio reported that Light Up Fairfield will be held on Saturday, December 7. The festivities begin at 12:00 PM at the Library, Waterford and Community Arts Center. Carriage rides will be held throughout Village Green and there will be various food and craft vendors. The tree lighting will be held at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2013 were approved as written

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Resolution requesting the State of Ohio Director of Transportation to modify the speed limit on Pleasant Avenue (US 127) beginning at John Gray Road and ending at Hunter Road.

Councilmember Meyers presented the second reading of this resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Debbie Pennington, Chairman; Jeff Holtegel, Vice Chairman, Adam Jones, Member

Simple Motion: Motion approving the proposed City Council meeting schedule for November and December, 2013 as outlined in the Council Communication 11(A)(1) dated November 11, 2013.

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved to approve the proposed City Council meeting schedule for November and December, 2013. Motion carried 5-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 17-13. APPROVED 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mike Oler, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman, Terry Senger, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to approve a liquor permit application in the name of Strike Bowling, LLC dba Game of Fairfield, 5181 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Classes: D1, D2, D3, D3A and D6).

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved to approve the liquor permit application in the name of Strike Bowling, LLC dba Game of Fairfield. Motion carried 5-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 18-13. APPROVED 5-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for indigent legal representation for 2013 in the Fairfield Municipal Court with the Butler County Public Defender Commission/Butler County Board of Commissioners and declaring an emergency.

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

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an agreement with Butler County Public Defender Commission and Butler County Commissioners for indigent legal representation for 2013. These services have been provided and have saved the city approximately \$40,000. Legislative Action: Councilmember Pennington presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 96-13. APPROVED 5-0

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Adam Jones, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to read the following resolution and ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and file an application with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for renewal of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution to execute and file a renewal application for a permit under the NPDES for Wastewater Treatment Plant. Legislative Action: Councilmember Jones presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Welsh Excavation Co., Inc. for the replacement of the Crestwood Lane Pressure Reducing Station.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance to enter into a contract with Welsh Excavation Co., Inc. for the replacement of the Crestwood Lane Pressure Reducing Station. Legislative Action: Councilmember Jones presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Adam Jones, seconded by Councilmember Terry Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Adam Jones, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 97-13. APPROVED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Pleasant Avenue Improvements - John Gray Road to Augusta Boulevard and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an agreement with ODOT for the Pleasant Avenue Improvement Project. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 98-13. APPROVED 5-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

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

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$85,000 for replacement of Crestwood Lane Pressure Reducing Station.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the contractual appropriation for the replacement of the Crestwood Lane Pressure Reducing Station. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Tim Meyers moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Tim Meyers moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 99-13. APPROVED 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-Contractual Items) - \$29,000 for North Trace Clubhouse Kitchen Remodel; \$15,750 for improvements at Creekside Park.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended two non-contractual appropriations for a kitchen remodeling at North Trace Clubhouse, which also serves the Aquatic Center and improvements at Creekside Park. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Tim Meyers moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott,

seconded by Councilmember Tim Meyers moved to adopt . Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 100-13.
APPROVED 5-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, November 25 Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 2 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 9 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:27 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date Approved _____

Mayor's Approval