

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
AUGUST 8, 2011

Call to Order

Vice-Mayor Terrence Senger called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5350 Pleasant Avenue at 7:05 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Rhodus led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. All Councilmembers present.

Agenda Modifications

There were no agenda modifications.

Executive Session Requests

There were no requests for executive session.

Public Hearing(s)

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

There were no special presentations or citizen comments.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Snyder commented on the recent production, the Secret Garden. Councilmember Meyers commented on the local talent that performs. He announced the upcoming Touch a Truck event at Village Green on Friday, August 12 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Councilmember Judd announced the final paving for Sandy Lane and Celadon will start Tuesday. He further announced improvements on Groh Lane north of water plant that will start later this month.

Councilmember Rhodus on behalf of his family thanked everyone for everything they did with the passing of his mother.

Councilmember Abbott stated the 2012 budget process will begin next week. He stated revenue projections will be down due to state budget cuts and the economic conditions that we are all facing.

Councilmember Oler asked for an update on where we stand with our section of the Bypass 4 project. Public Works Director Dave Butsch stated that such our portion is on schedule. He explained the state portions were designed to be completed by this fall and the city did not have as an aggressive schedule because we are dealing with the bridge work and to keep costs down. He explained the city portion was engineered not anticipating the work north of city would take place, but our schedule remains the same and our portion will be finished in the Spring.

Councilmember Meyers commented a suggestion of waiving fishing fees for active service members that are here on leave that was made at the last Council meeting was reviewed at the last Parks Board meeting. Councilmember Meyers would like to get a recommendation from Parks Board. He stated he is in favor and is a big proponent of it. He commented there is a Parks Board meeting tomorrow night and hopefully it will come to resolution and he asked for a quick communication to Council so they can take the necessary actions to adopt. City Manager Pizzano explained the intent is to discuss this at the next Council-Manager Briefing and

if Council wants to take action that night they can raise it from the floor. City Manager Pizzano responded it has been an action by the Parks Board in the past by resolution. Mr. Pizzano further commented Parks Board would determine whether they want to have a resolution and then discuss that with Council.

Councilmember Senger reminded everyone of the Hero's Ride, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 beginning at Village Green Park at 1:00 PM.

Councilmember Oler commented his issue on the Parks Board resolution is that is a sad reflection on city that some soldier home from a combat zone could not go fish in a lake because of some Ordinance. He further commented he does not see why Council could not have acted to get something in place until the Parks Board acted since Council is a legislative body.

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2011

The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2011 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Tim Meyers, Chairman; Mitch Rhodus, Vice Chairman, Mike Snyder, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract with Synagro Central, LLC for disposal of biosolid materials from the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Meyers presented the second reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 79-11 ADOPTED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mike Oler, Chairman; Marty Judd, Vice Chairman, Mitch Rhodus, Member

Simple Motion: Motion requesting that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Dolgen Midwest LLC DBA Dollar General Store, 7402, 6120 Dixie Hwy, Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Classes: C1 and C2).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to approve that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Dolgen Midwest LLC DBA Dollar General Store, 7402, 6120 Dixie Hwy, Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Classes: C1 and C2). Motion Carried 7-0. SIMPLE MOTION 16-11 APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Webco Fire Equipment for the purchase of personal protective equipment for the Fire Department and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Webco Fire Equipment to purchase personal protective equipment. He stated the purchase will be the first of an additional two phases. He explained this phase will allow for the purchase of eighteen sets of protective coats, pants, gloves and hoods to meet a new NFPA standard that requires this equipment be replaced every eight years whether it has been utilized or not. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 80-11 ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY 7-0.

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Simple Motion: Motion approving the proposed City Council meeting schedule for November and December, 2011 as outlined in the Council Communication 11(B)(1) dated August 8, 2011.

Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to approve the proposed City Council meeting schedule for November and December, 2011 as outlined in the Council Communication 11(B)(1) dated August 8, 2011. Motion Carried 7-0. SIMPLE MOTION 17-11 APPROVED 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Marty Judd, Chairman; Mike Oler, Vice Chairman, Tim Abbott, Member

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus moved to read the following two (2) Ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for the 2011 Pleasant Run Property Acquisition Grant Management and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Stantec Consulting Services for the Pleasant Run Creek property acquisitions. He commented Stantec has been our consultant along the way in our fourth stage of flood remediation efforts around this area. He explained much of the cost of this contract will be paid from a FEMA reimbursement and as in the past Stantec, as they have in the past three stages, will handle the acquisition services, negotiations, and all the same. He further explained there are seventeen homes eligible this round and 14 property owners were here at a meeting last Wednesday with the others out of town or unavailable. He stated these are voluntary, non-negotiable, fair market value acquisitions. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 81-11 ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY 7-0.

Ordinance to accept the public improvements of the Ambassador Drive extension dedication plat.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the acceptance of public improvements on Ambassador Drive extension that was constructed several years ago about the time that the Goddard School was put in on Pleasant Avenue. He explained the area has been paved, inspected by staff and is ready for acceptance. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Tim Meyers, Chairman; Mitch Rhodus, Vice Chairman, Mike Snyder, Member

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with E.H. Wachs for the purchase of a valve maintenance trailer for the Water Division.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with E.H. Wachs to purchase a valve maintenance trailer. Mr. Pizzano discussed the need for this item to more proactively exercise valves. Mr. Pizzano commented on a recent situation in which a problem with a valve in a major intersection caused a back-up that blew up a line and damaged a street. He further explained this will be purchased through a recognized national co-op purchasing program, which allows us to get a very good price without having to go through public bidding. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Meyers commented this has a return on investment of less than one year, which is a great financial feature for this investment. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. In response to Councilmember Senger's question, Public Utilities Director Dave Crouch explained it is a trailer that hooks to the back of any utility vehicle and it can be moved by hand to position it over the opening of the valve to exercise the valve and only uses enough torque to cause the valve to move and through a computer program will continue to do that until the valve is free and also identifies the global position of the valve, which can then be tied back to our GIS overlay, and has a hydrovac excavating unit so if the access hole is full of dirt and debris it can be used to vacuum that out to put the key on. Mr. Crouch commented these have been around for a while, but it is the only he knows of in the world that can actually function where it will automatically do the exercising of the valve on its own without damaging anything. In response to Councilmember Snyder's question, he explained most of the time the waterlines are just below the frost line, but there are some areas of town where waterline could be six to eleven feet

deep. Mr. Pizzano recognized the staff for their work with the recent valve issue and commented that the line was an old county line that received a lot of vibration because it was built close to the roadway making it more vulnerable to breakage. Mr. Crouch commented there is a similar situation on Pleasant Avenue in front of the Municipal City building because the road was expanded over the line. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 82-11 ADOPTED 7-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terrence Senger, Vice Chairman, Michael Oler, Member

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus moved to read the following three (3) Ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,500,000 of Wastewater System Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2002, ninth (2011) renewal, by the City of Fairfield, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of the City, and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended \$1,500,000 in Wastewater System Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes to refinance about half of an original bond of \$3 million that was issued in 2002 to save money on interest costs. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Councilmember Abbott thanked the Finance Department for their great work. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 83-11 ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY 7-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$40,500 Fire Department personal protective equipment; \$57,495 for valve maintenance trailer.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following contractual items: \$40,500 for Fire Department personal protective equipment and \$57,495 for a valve maintenance trailer. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of the Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 117-10 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, 2011, and ending December 31, 2011." Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 84-11 ADOPTED 7-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-contractual Items) - \$20,000 for 2011 Raised Pavement Markers Program; and \$1,500 Village Green improvements.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following non-contractual items: \$20,000 for the 2011 raised pavement markers program and \$1,500 for Village Green improvements. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to approve the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 85-11 ADOPTED 7-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-contractual Items) - \$12,000 solar trash/recycling compactor units.

Councilmember Abbott recused himself at 7:36 PM due to the Duke Energy Grant that will fund a portion of this purchase.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following non-contractual item: \$12,000 for a solar trash recycling compactor, which is an environmental and labor saving item for the Parks Department. He noted that \$2,000 will be funded from a Duke Energy Grant. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Judd moved to adopt. Councilmember Snyder asked if there is a signal light on the compactors to indicate it is full. Parks Director Jim Bell explained they will still be checked periodically, but they may get four days out of emptying versus two. He further commented with this new technology is more appealing to younger people to recycle. Councilmember Rhodus stated he brought this item to the Parks Board on two occasions from a demonstration he saw at the National League of Cities. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 86-11 ADOPTED 7-0.

Councilmember Abbott returned to the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Johns read the following meeting notices:

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.

Tuesday, October 11 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adjourn. Councilmember Meyers asked if the sound was fixed for the meeting. City Manager Pizzano stated we will know after tonight's meeting. Motion Carried 7-0. The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____