

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 2010

Call to Order

Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Meyers, Councilmember Judd, Councilmember Snyder, Councilmember Oler, and Councilmember Senger. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Judd moved to excuse Councilmember Abbott and Councilmember Rhodus. Motion Carried 5-0.

Agenda Modifications

No Modifications were made to the agenda.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Approve an Executive Session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Hearing(s)

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Keith Davis, 1853 Vernon Place, discussed an idea regarding advertising on fire hydrants, sewer grates, and other items in the city. He presented an example of other communities using this method of advertising.

Mayor/Council Reports

Mayor D'Epifanio congratulated Councilmember Meyers, Councilmember Abbott and Councilmember Oler on their recent re-elections. He thanked Councilmember Oler for serving as Vice Mayor for the past two years and welcomed Councilmember Senger for the next two years.

Councilmember Meyers reported that Councilmember Abbott was recovering well and will hopefully be back for the next meeting. He thanked Mayor D'Epifanio for his comments and congratulated him as well. He announced the daddy/daughter dance being held at the Community Arts Center on January 23. He recognized Sacred Heart Troop 967 in attendance tonight to earn their merit badge.

Councilmember Judd recognized Public Works for their efforts in snow removal last week. He stated as of right now we have used 2,249 tons of salt leaving us with 1,700 tons on hand. He explained more calcium was used this time due to the colder temperature. He stated this season 6,024 gallons of salt and we have roughly 12,000 gallons of salt. He recognized the drivers, loaders, dispatchers and office personnel who work together as a team to keep things moving.

Councilmember Snyder commented on the upgrade to our system that allows us to monitor the trucks and dispatch them in real time. He expressed his appreciation.

Mayor D'Epifanio encouraged everyone to attend the Crystal Classic on the first Saturday in March.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2009 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, The City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map by approving the concept plan for the Patterson Drive Planned Unit Development.

Councilmember Snyder presented the third reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 1-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ordinance releasing the maintenance bond and accepting public improvements for Heritage Manor Subdivision (Cody Court).

Councilmember Judd presented the third reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 2-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to Read the following three (3) pieces of legislation by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution declaring necessity of repairing sidewalks (including aprons).

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution declaring necessity of repairing sidewalks. He commented this is the 16th year the city has done this annual program. He explained inspections are rotated on a four year basis to locate properties in need of repair. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this resolution. Resolution approved for first reading only.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with TEC Engineering, Inc. to complete the traffic studies on Route 4 and at the Nilles/Winton Intersection.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with TEC Engineering, Inc. to conduct traffic studies on Route 4 and at Nilles/Winton Intersection. He explained there will be three separate grants from the Ohio Department of Public Safety to do this work. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 3-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to modify the existing contract with Burgess and Niple to complete the engineering for the Exit 39 South Gilmore/Winton Corridor Project.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a modification to the existing contract with Burgess and Niple for the Exit 39 South Gilmore/Winton Road Project. He commented the value of this particular project is to support economic development remaining in the community. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 4-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with Mid-Ohio Sludge Management, Inc. for lime sludge disposal services.

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

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a three (3) year contract with Mid-Ohio Sludge Management, Inc. for lime sludge disposal services. Mr. Pizzano briefly explained the by sludge product that is created from the water softening process. He explained that this sludge is used as fertilizer. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Judd moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Judd moved to Adopt. Mr. Keith Davis, 1853 Vernon Place, discussed information he received from the Non-lethal Weapons Group and an application for using this by-product material. Mayor D'Epifanio suggested Mr. Davis discuss this with Councilmember Senger. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 3-09 ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ordinance amending Section 351.15 of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, relative to parking on private property and removal of vehicles illegally parked.

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of the ordinance. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Appropriation Ordinance (2009 Year End Transfers - see Ordinance for details).

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an appropriation ordinance for 2009 Year end transfers. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 4-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$900,000 for engineering services for S. Gilmore/Winton Road Project and 46,000 Traffic Study for Route 4 and Nilles/Winton Intersection.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following contractual items: \$900,000 for engineering services for South Gilmore Winton Road Project and \$46,000 for traffic study for Route 4 and Nilles/Winton Intersection. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 5-10 ADOPTED 5-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Johns Read the following Meeting Notices:

Monday, January 25 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, February 8 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Councilmember Meyers congratulated David Kieswetter on his recent achievement of Eagle Scout.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss pending and imminent litigation.

Regular Meeting Reconvenes:

The Regular Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:30 p.m. No announcements were made as a result of the Executive Session of Council.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved