

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

APRIL 26, 2010

Call to Order

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

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed on behalf of former Mayor Erick L. Cook. Councilmember Snyder led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Rhodus, Councilmember Meyers, Councilmember Judd, Councilmember Snyder, Councilmember Oler, and Councilmember Senger. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to excuse Councilmember Abbott. Motion Carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

No modifications were made to the agenda.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to Approve an executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate. Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. Motion Carried 6-0.

Public Hearing(s)

No public hearings were scheduled.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Mayor D'Epifanio introduced Lane Libraries Director, Mary Pat Essman. Ms. Essman stated 9,500 people per week visit the Fairfield library. She stated Lane Library receives 93% funding from state. She explained as of Aug. 31 they reduced the total employees in the system from 122 to 81 and from having 69 service hours per week to 44. She commented they received 1.1 million dollars less in 2009 than 2008. She further commented for 2010 she is hearing there will be a funding reduction of 7-10%. She explained the Board of Trustees decided to place a tax levy on the ballot, which is a .75 mil levy for five years. She explained for a homeowner for a \$100,000 home, it is \$22.97 per year or less than \$2 per month. Councilmember Rhodus asked if fees for services have ever been considered. Ms. Essman stated by the Ohio Revised Code you cannot charge for membership nor can you charge for straight fees. She commented you can charge for DVDs, but for libraries that have done it those circulations go down. She explained fees are charged when DVDs come back late. Councilmember Meyers commented even in these downturn times, it is more important than ever to have library services to help those that are perhaps unemployed to get educated and to use the computers for resumes, job searches, networking and so for. Ms. Essman briefly explained the demand for computer usage. Mayor D'Epifanio commented he does not know of a facility that we have that is more important to our community, serving toddlers to senior citizens and is available for those who are financially strapped. He commented this is a valuable asset and asked for Council's endorsement.

Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to endorse the Library Levy. Motion Carried 6-0. Simple Motion 5-10 approved 6-0.

Proclamation Presentation - National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day

Councilmember Snyder presented a proclamation to Eric Yost, President of Branch 426 out of Hamilton and Brian Hess, Food Drive Coordinator for the Butler County Region for the National Letter Carriers Food Drive Day on Saturday, May 8, 2010. Mr.

Hess explained the increased need for food, noting that two years ago the food bank gave away 7 million pounds of food and in 2009 it doubled to 14 million pounds of food. He further explained the drive is done at this time of year to help children who get food during the school year, but during the summer they have the new donation from the letter carriers. Mr. Yost commented food should be placed by the mailbox and it will be picked up even in rural route areas. He further commented food can also be dropped off at the Post Office.

Proclamation Presentation - Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't Be a Party to Teenage Drinking

Councilmember Mike Oler presented a proclamation to Jen Campbell of the Fairfield Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free Fairfield to recognize the month of May 2010 as *Parents Who Host Lose The Most: Don't Be a Party to Teenage Drinking*. The following students joined Ms. Campbell in the acceptance of this proclamation: Harley Humphrey, Richie Davis, Taylor Berryman, and Allie Roark. Ms. Campbell announced a parent presentation will be held at the Freshman Building on May 6th from 6:30-8:30 PM. Harley Humphrey briefly discussed the message for kids is that the norm is actually that most kids do not drink. Councilmember Oler commented on the great Afterprom available at the High School.

Mayor/Council Reports

Mayor D'Epifanio explained the audio problems from the last meeting were the fault of the service provider. He announced the memorial for May 21st at 6:15 PM at the High School for former Mayor Erick Cook.

Councilmember Snyder thanked everyone involved in the Fundraiser for One Way Farm and the Eagle Scout Ceremony for David Kieswetter.

Councilmember Rhodus provided an update on the economic development in the area including the plan from Neyer Properties, the VFW bought the old Post Office, and a church purchased property beyond the post office and Barry Brown bought the other building. He commented on the rehabbing of the shopping center on Patterson Boulevard from Marsh to the Dollar Center.

Councilmember Senger thanked the media for the article recently. He commented that the Echo intends to do a biography on each Councilmember and the Mayor. Councilmember Senger stated he also appreciated the positive coverage on the lowest water rate article.

Councilmember Snyder commented on the recent welcome home ceremony for Sgt. Rob Corner, K-9 Officer and Sgt. Scott Zeller, Probation Officer.

Councilmember Meyers thanked Karen Wittmer and Parks staff for the nice Volunteer Appreciation dinner and thanked the over 200 volunteers.

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting of April 12, 2010

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2010 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ISS Facility Services Inc. for janitorial services at the various city facilities.

Councilmember Judd presented the second reading of this ordinance. Ray McDaniels, 249 Palm Springs Drive, questioned if the company is out of Fairfield, if they have handicapped people working there and if this is a minority company and the number of minorities they have there. Public Works Director Dave Butsch stated they are located out of Pennsylvania. Mr. McDaniels stated Goodwill and Jewish Vocational have these kinds of services. Ordinance approved for second reading only.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Read the following two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Horton Emergency Vehicles for the purchase of a medium duty modular ambulance.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Horton Emergency Vehicles to purchase a medium duty modular ambulance. He stated this will replace an existing vehicle that has over 100,000 miles, which is a lot for an ambulance. He explained the purchase of an 800 MHZ mobile radio is a non-contractual item attached with this purchase. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of this ordinance. He commented he would like to suspend the second and third reading because this is critical to the safety of our citizens. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE 34-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Howell Rescue Systems for the purchase of hydraulic rescue equipment and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Howell Rescue Systems for the purchase of hydraulic rescue equipment. He explained the current rescue equipment that we have will not cut through the additional high strength steel that is in the passenger components of vehicles, so this replacement system will have that ability. He further commented this was not bid because of the requirement for compatibility with the other hydraulic components contained within the vehicle. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE 35-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to Read the following three (3) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Miller Pipeline Corporation for the 2010 lining of various storm sewers.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Miller Pipeline Corporation for lining of storm sewers. He recognized the cooperation between the Public Works and Public Utilities Wastewater Division on this relining project. He commented the streets include Gail Avenue, Magie Avenue, Hicks Boulevard, Oberlin Drive and Bruton Parish Way. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Duke Energy for the replacement and installation of streetlights.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an agreement with Duke Energy for the replacement and installation of streetlights. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Sunesis Construction for the ByPass 4 Widening - SR 4 to Symmes Road Project.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Sunesis Construction for the Widening of ByPass 4. He stated the portion conducted by our city is a section from Route 4 to approximately Symmes Road. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance. Mr. Chuck Rankin, Director of Field Support Services from Sunesis Construction spoke briefly about the company noting they have been in existence for 19 years. Councilmember Meyers asked that this go through all three readings because of the 10.1 million dollar value. In response to Councilmember Rhodus' question, Mr. Rankin stated they have not bid on other phases of this project. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to Read the following four (4) pieces of legislation by title only. Motion Carried 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 Pizzano recommended an ordinance levying special assessment for sidewalk repairs in conjunction with the 2009 sidewalk program. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance. He commented this legislation will require the emergency clause since unpaid assessments will be billed and in 30 days bonds must be certified and issued with the County Auditor. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE 36-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Resolution designating the public depositories for funds of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution designating a public depository of funds. He stated we have a current memo of understanding that will expire May 2010 and this action will extend those contracts and renew them. He further stated a future RFP will be put together so if there are other parties Finance can review those and assess whether they are going to be added to the existing list. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this resolution. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION 4-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-contractual Items) - \$24,500 Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D mower; \$38,994 furniture, fixtures and equipment for Community Arts Center; \$20,000 security system upgrade at Public Works; \$20,000 Access and Security Systems at the Municipal Building and Annex; \$25,000 for manhole repairs; \$15,000 replacement of instrumentation at Wastewater Treatment Plant; \$20,000 for professional services to design electrical systems and installation of emergency back-up power generator for Route 4 Booster Pump Station; \$9,700 for replacement pump directors for Muskopf road Booster Station; \$14,000 overhaul of existing channel grinder; and \$9,000 for purchase of an electric powered valve actuator for Public Utilities Department; \$100,000 various drainage improvement projects; \$20,000 school flasher upgrades and replacements; \$4,861 for Motorola 800 radio equipment.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following non-contractual items: \$20,000 school flashers upgrades and replacements; \$24,500 for Toro Lawnmower; \$4,861 for 800 Mobile Radio equipment; \$38,994 furniture, fixtures and equipment for the Community Arts Center; 20,000 security system upgrade for Public Works; \$20,000 security system upgrade for Municipal Building; \$100,000 various drainage improvements; \$20,000 design and installation of generator at Route 4 Booster Pump Station; \$25,000 manhole repairs; \$9,000 electric powered valve actuator; \$15,000 for replacement instrumentation at Wastewater Treatment Plant; \$9,700 replacement pump directors for Muskopf Road Booster Station; and \$14,000 overhaul of channel grinder at Wastewater Division. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE 37-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$216,163 medium duty modular ambulance; \$33,000 for purchase of hydraulic rescue equipment; \$80,000 for various lining of storm sewers; \$67,000 streetlight replacement and installation; and \$10,182,510 for the By-Pass 4 Widening - SR 4 to Symmes Road Project.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following contractual items: \$216,163 for modular ambulance; \$33,000 hydraulic rescue equipment; \$80,000 storm sewer lining; \$67,000 street light replacement; \$10,249,509 By-Pass Widening Project; and \$1,243,734 By-Pass Widening Project. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance. He explained we have allocated the money for the By-Pass 4 Project, but it is not spent yet. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE 38-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Johns read the following meeting notices:

Monday, May 10 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 24 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 14 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council ended at 8:30 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved