

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
JANUARY 10, 2011

Call to Order

Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:06 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

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

Agenda Modifications

No modifications were made to the Agenda.

Executive Session Requests

City Manager Pizzano recommended an Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to approve an Executive Session for the reasons stated by the City Manager. Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. Motion Carried 6-0.

Public Hearing(s)

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

- Oath of Office Ceremony - Sgt. Amy Mays

Police Chief Mike Dickey stated this is an opportunity to promote a sergeant within the Fairfield Police Department. Councilmember Oler conducted the swearing in ceremony for Amy Mays as Police Sergeant. Chief Dickey presented Sergeant Mays with an official commissioning document. Sergeant Mays thanked the City for this opportunity and stated she looks forward to doing the best job she can for the city and to all the new duties and responsibilities that lie ahead.

- Commendation - Officer Joe Drake

Chief Don Bennett discussed an event in which Police Officer Joe Drake was performing CPR on an individual in full cardiac arrest. Chief Mike Dickey presented Officer Drake with a Commendation for performing CPR on an individual in cardiac arrest on the scene on December 21, 2010. Chief Dickey further commented the paramedics and physicians agree that Officer Drake's immediate and skillful use of CPR was a critical element in extending the limited time frame for paramedics and medical staff to treat this person.

- 4th Quarter Star Awards

City Manager Pizzano recognized lab technicians Linda Moubray and Lynette Hodnicki as the fourth quarter 2010 star award winners for their efforts between September 12th and 26th on a research project. He further stated the project involved BioWin, a cutting edge software, which generates a model of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's biological and mechanical processes. Mr. Pizzano further

stated Linda and Lynette put a great deal of time and effort into that two week time period in collecting and testing over 500 samples. Public Utilities Director Dave Crouch stated this was a special project that saved the City a tremendous amount of money and will help move us into the future with the EPA.

#### Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Snyder offered best wishes to recent retiree, Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Glenn, who had 41 years of service. He further encouraged residents to submit applications to consider volunteering for the various open boards and commissions.

Councilmember Judd commented the leaf collection was completed January 7th. He further commented we are prepared for the upcoming winter weather.

Councilmember Senger congratulated everyone who was recognized tonight and thanked them for their good work for the City. He further stated now that it is 2011, he will be Chairman of Parks and Councilmember Meyers will be Chairman of Public Utilities.

Councilmember Abbott thanked the Finance Department as they continue to work hard to close the books out for the year.

Councilmember Oler commented on the recent death of the officer who was killed in Clarke County. He asked everyone to remember in their prayers the officers who have been killed in the line of duty, both fire and police, and thank them for the service they do. He also commented that Colonel Senger retired January 1st after 35 years of service in the Marines. He thanked Colonel Senger for his years of military service.

Councilmember Senger thanked everyone for their kind words over the years. He stated it has been great and the Marine Corps is a great organization.

Councilmember Meyers stated the Treatment Plant Operators Journal in December highlighted the City of Fairfield for outstanding landscaping. He commented on the Fairfield Choraliers' recent win as Grand Champions and Pure Elegance came in first for large school in the Marysville Classic.

Mayor D'Epifanio announced the Crystal Classic, which is a competition of show choirs on the first Saturday in March and is hosted at our school.

#### Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2010

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2010 were approved as written.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to read the following two (2) Resolutions by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution permitting the existing sign and landscaping for the McDonald's on South Gilmore Road to remain within the future right-of-way for the Exit 39 - South Gilmore/Winton Road Improvements Project and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution, which would permit existing sign and landscaping at the McDonald's on South Gilmore, which currently are within the future right-of-way for the construction project at Exit 39 - South Gilmore/Winton Road to remain. He explained McDonald's is actually in Forest Park, but the right-of-way and the landscaping, once things are reconfigured, are actually going to be in Fairfield. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this Resolution. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the Resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION NO. 1-11 ADOPTED 6-0.

Resolution declaring intent and necessity of the Exit 39/Winton/S. Gilmore Road Improvements Project and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution declaring intent and necessity for the Exit 39/Winton/S. Gilmore Road Project to purchase a number of parcels that are required for right-of-way acquisitions. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this Resolution. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the Resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION NO. 2-11 ADOPTED 6-0.

#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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

An Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Duke Realty to modify tax liabilities for various leased premises for 6025 Union Centre Blvd.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an agreement with Duke Realty to modify their tax liabilities for various leased premises at 6025 Union Centre Blvd. He explained this is a portion of Union Centre Boulevard, which is just east of Seward Road and the property has a split between West Chester Township and the City of Fairfield that runs through the building. He explained this is an eight year renewable agreement that requires City approval for any renewals. Legislative Action: Councilmember Snyder presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Judd moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt. John Brunner, from Duke Realty, stated he would like to seek approval to have this tax liability modified. He commented this is a rare instance where the actual property line between West Chester Township and the City falls right in the property. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 1-11 ADOPTED 6-0.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rock River Construction, LTD. for Route 4 and Stadium Drive, Phase 1 and Route 4 and Magie Avenue, Phase 1 A water line replacement.

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with Rock River Construction for a project at Route 4 and Stadium Drive, Phase 1 and Route 4 and Magie Avenue, Phase 1A. He stated these are both water line replacements. He further stated this particular line is some of the original iron pipe installed by Butler County when Fairfield City was part of Fairfield Township. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this Ordinance. He commented this particular line dates back to 1939 and supplies water to Central and the Freshman school as well as the kidney dialysis center. He stated it will be upsized for future growth.

#### **FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$330,000 Water Line Replacement for Route 4 and Stadium Drive, Phase 1 and Route 4 and Magie Avenue, Phase 1 A.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following contractual item: \$330,000 for the water line replacement for Route 4 and Stadium Drive, Phase 1 and Route 4 and Magie Avenue, Phase 1 A. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of an "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. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE 2-11 ADOPTED 6-0.

#### Meeting Schedule

Clerk Johns read the following meeting notices.

Monday, January 24 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Monday, February 14 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Monday, February 28 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

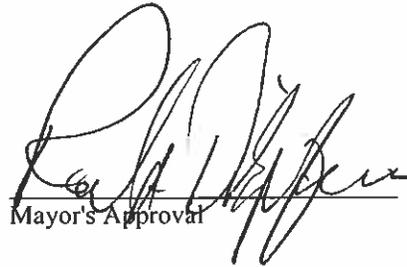
Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:36 PM.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council



Mayor's Approval

Date Approved

1/24/11