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Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 8, 2018

6:30 PM

Town Hall

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett & Marvin Stevens

I. Call to Order

by Mayor Westcamp at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Marsha Hall - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Portier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Shawn M. Cleary, Edward Dildine, Jean Ann Hilbert, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, and Marvin Stevens

V. Approval of Minutes - December 18, 2017

Approved as submitted.

[#002-2018](#) City Council Minutes 12-18-17

Attachments: [City Council Minutes 12-18-17.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests

None.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

None

B. 2nd Readings

None

C. 1st Readings

[ORD. 18-001](#)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 17-016, PASSED APRIL 24, 2017

Sponsors: Cleary

Law Director Shannon stated staff is requesting this Ordinance be referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 18-001. This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

[ORD. 18-002](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE COLUMBUS URBANIZED AREA FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FUNDING FROM THE ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM (SECTION 5310), AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE SAID GRANT FUNDING, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Dildine

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.18-002. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt as emergency legislation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Lance Westcamp thanked all the family members and the people from the community coming tonight for the great honor of witnessing our new Council people being sworn into office. Mayor Westcamp and Council Member Dildine would like to start having family attend everytime there is a new election. He apologized that the

meeting was being held at Town Hall but that was something Council had no control over.

Mayor Westcamp commented on the passing of former Council Member Donna Drury. A service will be held at the Groveport Methodist Church on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Donna Drury was valuable to this community and the City of Groveport. She will be sadly missed.

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to appoint Council Member Becky Hutson to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

The Mayor congratulated Gary York on his appointment as the Madison Township Chief of Police. It's a great opportunity for Gary and the Mayor knows he will serve Madison Township very well.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall noted that her submitted report requested Council to go into executive session, now she asks that it be delayed until the next meeting. Ms. Hall gave a brief explanation of why Council is meeting at Town Hall tonight. There was a waterline break at the municipal offices today, the building was closed to the public, and will more than likely be closed to the public tomorrow. The water has damaged the reception area and has put the elevator out-of-service. There is damage on the first, second and basement floors. The insurance company has been contacted and all of the City's expenses will be covered. Most of the reception area flooring will need replaced and some of the drywall. The work will be under construction for some time. Don't be surprised if Council meetings are held at Town Hall in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Hall reminded everyone the municipal offices will be closed next Monday in observance of the holiday. Therefore, the Committee of the Whole meeting is on Tuesday, January 16th. The elevator being out-of-service is the reason meetings will need to be held at Town Hall for the time being. Mayor Westcamp asked for suggestions of other building locations to hold the temporary meetings. If there is a need to move the January 22, 2018 meeting to another location, it was suggested that staff look into the recreation

center.

[#003-2018](#)

Adm Report to Council - Jan. 8

Attachments: [Adm Report to Council - Jan. 8.pdf](#)

C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

There will be a retirement reception for Gary York on January 28, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Paddock Pub.

Chief Portier sadly reported that the son of a former Groveport Police Officer, Victor Boyd, currently with the Madison Township Police Department, lost his 16 year-old son, Mason Boyd, in a car crash Saturday morning.

The Groveport Police Department will be supporting the Groveport Special Olympics in the 2018 Columbus Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Express LIVE! Team Leader Officer Josh Gilbert is the one to contact for details on the event.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Finance Director Jeff Green reported that in regards to the damage caused by the waterline break in the municipal building, he has been in contact with the City's casualty insurance company, Travelers Insurance. He also contacted Wichert Insurance Agency, who is part of the Central Ohio Risk Management Association (CORMA). There is a \$25,000 deductible that will be picked up by CORMA so the City should not have any out of pocket expenses. The extent of the damage is not yet known. The elevator repairs will most likely be the biggest expense.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Nothing further to report.

F. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Marvin Stevens

Council Member Jean Ann Hilbert reported the Opioid Conference will be at 6:30 p.m. on February 20th at the high school.

Council Member Shawn Cleary commented on the snow storm to hit Friday and the City crews keeping the roads clear.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Clerk of Council Ross stated Council needed to elect two (2) Council Members to the Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents' Fund Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to elect Shawn Cleary to the Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents' Fund Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to elect Ed Dildine to the Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents' Fund Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

H. Standing Committees

Council Member Ed Dildine reported on the Trees & Decorations Committee meeting from November 13, 2017. The small Blue Spruce pine trees from the Main Street planters will be replanted at the Recreation Center. Apple Butter Day was a big success. Committee Chair, Leah Keller, and Mayor Westcamp met with Elmont Place residents regarding the trees in the development. Two (2) species of trees will be chosen, staggering every other one. The Committee looks to replace 76 trees in Elmont Place in the spring. The Committee voted to allocate \$1500 for wreaths and garland to be placed throughout the City. The Committee had an open discussion about the Haunted Park event for 2018. Topics include how the event can be made better and this Committee supplying some funding. The Committee voted to purchase all metal benches for various places in the City not to exceed \$17000 including shipping. Patty Storts has ordered the benches that are due for delivery in February. Parks & Facility Director Tom Bryne is currently working on the City's application for Tree City USA.

Mayor Westcamp asked for an update on tonight's Trees & Decorations Committee meeting. The funding for the Elmont Place trees was approved at tonight's meeting. \$10,000 was allocated for the removal and stump grinding of 73 trees from Elmont Place, which can be started at any time. Red Maple and Littleleaf Linden trees would be planted staggering every other one. Both are hardy trees and historically do very well in the type of setting between a roadway and a sidewalk. The Mayor wanted the newest Council Member, Marvin Stevens, to be aware of what was going on in his own neighborhood. It

his neighbors come to him with questions and concerns, he needs to be in the know of what is going on with the Elmont Place trees.

IX. Other Business

Mayor Lance Westcamp opened up nominations for Council President Pro-Tem for 2018 and 2019. Council Member Scott Lockett nominated Council Member Shawn Cleary. Council Member Hilbert seconded that nomination. Mayor called for any other nominations, hearing none, he asked for a motion to close the nominations.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to close the nominations for President Pro-Tem. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to approve the appointment of Council Member Shawn Cleary as President Pro-Tem for the calendar years 2018 and 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

Mayor Lance Westcamp opened up nominations for Vice Chair for 2018 and 2019. Council Member Jean Ann Hilbert nominated Council Member Scott Lockett. Council Member Dildine seconded that nomination. Mayor called for any other nominations, hearing none, he asked for a motion to close the nominations.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to close the nominations for Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to approve the appointment of Council Member Scott Lockett as Vice Chair for the calendar years 2018 and 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens

Adjournment

Mayor Lance Westcamp thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone to stay for some treats provided by the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Stevens