

CITY OF GROVEPORT  
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 12, 2018

**ADMINISTRATION – Marsha Hall**

***Legislation***

Repeal Ordinance 17-016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

The Building Department has been informed that the applicant who requested a use variance for a dental assistant training facility at 5055 Hamilton Road is no longer moving forward with the project. The new proposed legislation will repeal the original use variance ordinance.

Authorize the Construction of Two (2) Tennis Courts at Degenhart Park (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Council has discussed the possibility of adding two (2) additional tennis courts at Degenhart Park. Approval/dis-approval of this ordinance would provide staff with the necessary direction to take on this project.

Franchise Agreement with Ohio Power Company (AEP) (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

The 25 year franchise agreement with Ohio Power Company to maintain its services within its service area of Groveport terminated on October 23 2017. The new agreement will also be for a term of 25 years, but carry language to allow for automatic one year renewals. Mrs Shumate of AEP will attend the Feb. 20 Committee of the Whole meeting to respond to any questions.

Modify Pay Scale (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

The Compensation Plan, as amended January 23, 2017, requires us to determine if there is a need for a “cost of living adjustment”. According to Social Security, the cost of living for 2018 is increased by 2.0%. This legislation increases the pay scale by 2%. It does not change employee pay unless there is any employee who’s current pay is less than the new minimum. I am requesting Council consider three readings and adoption at tonight’s meeting for this emergency legislation so that the new pay scale is in effect as seasonal employees are hired.

Revise Golf Rates (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Tom Walker has recommended as part of their effort to grow the game and institute programs for player development the following for consideration: In the months May through August on Saturdays after 1:00pm all players 14 and under play for free when accompanied by a paying adult. Limit 2 juniors per paying adult. If approved, the staff is planning on having additional tee options 150 yards, 200 yards, and 250 yards out to accommodate players of different ages and skill levels. They have also discussed offering a free junior clinic on a Saturday each of those months to also increase junior interest and to help those beginning the game.

***Miscellaneous***

Grant Application – Touching Little Lives

As part of the City’s grant application process for non-profit or civic organizations, I have approved a request for \$750.00 to Touching Little Lives, Inc. for the purchase of materials used to sew quilts for premature and needy infants.

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Columbia Gas Transmission Project

We have received notification that construction activities associated with this project will begin about March 15, 2018. Survey crews are expected on site for staking about February 10. When they will be working in Groveport is still unknown at this point.

Small Cell Wireless Infrastructure

SB331, passed in late 2016, included language sharply curtailing a municipality's right to manage small cell wireless infrastructure in the right-of-way. Several municipalities challenged the provision in court, resulting in several injunctions being granted. The Ohio Municipal League and several municipalities have since worked with the Ohio House Speaker to come up with new language everyone can live with. Currently HB478 is going through the process of being adopted. Most importantly, the law will allow municipalities to adopt written design guidelines with criteria that reasonably matches the aesthetics and character of the area. Once the legislation is adopted, we will begin work to add appropriate language to our code.

February Committee of the Whole Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20.

***Meetings; Events***

Meetings/Events Attended

01/24 Meeting re. janitorial services contract  
01/25 Meeting w/school re. fiber and IT  
01/26 Meeting re. Hartman property  
02/01 Chamber After Hours  
02/06 Meeting re. canal locks

Upcoming Meets/Events

02/15 Interviews for HR Admin. Assistant