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Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 26, 2017

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

I. Call to Order

by Mayor Westcamp at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Marsha Hall - Administrator, 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

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to excuse Council Member from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

Yes: 5 - Beidler, Cleary, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

V. Approval of Minutes - June 12, 2017

Approved as submitted.

[#456-2017](#) City Council Minutes 6-12-17

Attachments: [City Council Minutes 6-12-17.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests - None**VII. Ordinances and Resolutions****A. 3rd Readings**

[ORD. 17-024](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 5625 GROVEPORT ROAD, PARCEL NUMBER 185-002767

Sponsors: Hilbert

Attachments: [ORD. 17-024 5625 Groveport Rd Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-024. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to amend.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

Yes: 5 - Beidler, Cleary, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

Council Member Lockett expressed his concerns about the City setting a precedent for allowing electronic signs throughout the City. He wouldn't want Main Street looking like a Las Vegas strip with these types of signs flashing continuously. He has no problem with this particular sign as it is located at one end of town and the City sign is located at the other end of town by the Recreation Center. Council should be careful in the future about allowing the signs along Main Street. Mayor Westcamp stated these applications are handled case by case. Council can deny an application for this type of sign. Main Street is a historic district and these signs could take away from that historical distinction.

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

Excused: 1 - Dildine

Yes: 5 - Beidler, Cleary, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

[RES. 17-002](#)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Hutson

Attachments: [2018 Tax Budget attachment.pdf](#)

Finance Director Jeff Green explained emergency language was added to this legislation because staff is requesting Council to consider waiving the 30 days for legislation to go into effect. The deadline to submit to Franklin County is July 20th and the documentation could not have been completed any earlier to start the Resolution at an earlier date.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Resolution No. 17-002. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

Yes: 5 - Beidler, Cleary, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

B. 2nd Readings

None

C. 1st Readings**[ORD. 17-026](#)**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE AS TO THE PERMITTED USES IN THE ESTABLISHED ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4855 HENDRON ROAD, PARCEL NO. 185-001359, CURRENTLY ZONED COMMUNITY SERVICE (CS), DIANA WARD, APPLICANT

Sponsors: Lockett

Attachments: [4855 Hendron Rd - Use Variance attachment.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-026. This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

[ORD. 17-027](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART FIVE - GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, CHAPTER 521, HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION, SECTION 521.10 - NONSMOKING AREAS IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY OF THE GROVEPORT CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Sponsors: Beidler

Attachments: [ORD. 17-027 521.10 Smoking Ban attachment.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-027. This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

VIII. Reports**A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Lance Westcamp looked to Administrator Hall on the matter of Council's time and place to load up for the 4th of July parade. Everyone will meet at the golf course at 10:00 a.m. to be shuttled over to the Recreation Center. After the parade, one of the Groveport shuttles will take everyone back to the golf course. Mayor Westcamp commended the 4th of July Committee for the great job they do planning this event.

Mayor Westcamp recommended John Detty for the vacancy on the Trees and Decorations Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member

Cleary, to appoint John Detty for the vacancy on the Trees and Decorations Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

Yes: 5 - Beidler, Cleary, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall reported the West Bixby Road project will begin with the road closing on July 6th. The road is scheduled to be closed for 21 days to complete the project.

Administrator Hall commented on the number of power outages the City has incurred, both extended periods of time and just blips, momentary outages. The City has spent quite a bit of money on replacing equipment that was taken out by the outages. Parks and Facilities Director Tom Byrne estimates the cost to the City will be somewhere around \$10,000. AEP is conducting an in-depth investigation into the entire circuit. Groveport's Customer Service/Marketing Representative Kelli Beuzard will keep the City updated on the results. Council Member Cleary suggested to have Ms. Beuzard carbon copy (cc) him on any email communications between AEP and Ms. Hall, as it may help knowing that he works for AEP.

Council Member Cleary asked if the City will need to get its own crew involved in mosquito control this year. Ms. Hall stated the City was asked by Franklin County not to bring out our own crew to spray. Franklin County will come out to spray whenever requested by Groveport. The City just needs to be placed on the County's schedule.

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Adm Report to Council - June 26

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C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Police Chief Ralph Portier updated Council on the bank robberies that have taken place in Groveport. The department is working with other agencies who have had the same or similar types of incidents. There are no connections at this point. The fact that the individuals are completely gloved and masked makes it very difficult. The delay in getting the call does not help in any way. Huntington National Bank has hired a security service to have a person monitor activity in the bank and to assist bank employees in the event something does happen. The Groveport Police Department responds within one minute but the actual call to 911 can be delayed for several reasons. Someone on the outside takes notice of suspicious activity and calls 911; bank employees call after the individual has left the building; even with an alarm button, employees are encouraged to wait until the

individual has left. This lowers the risk of a hostage situation occurring.

Chief Portier also commented the Ohio Collaborative Commission has been dictating things that police agencies are to do as far as use of force and other tactics. Groveport has been test driving body cameras for quite some time. The lowest cost for what the City's police department needs to do is close to \$100,000. Less expensive cameras and equipment can be purchased but there isn't any hardware for them because there is so much data to be stored and the department has to maintain its record keeping requirements. The Chief will give a breakdown of costs in his next report. The money would have to be addressed in next year's police department budget. The department will be looking into any possible grants to help fund body cameras.

The speeding on Main Street has been monitored by Sgt. Josh Short. The average speed has been 25 to 35 mph. There is still some concern with speeding on State Route 317.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Director of Finance Jeff Green reported contact has been made with Columbia Gas regarding their transmission stations. There is one in front of Founders Bend, another at the Kroger parking lot and one in the Methodist Church parking lot behind Mashburn's office. Mr. Green took pictures and sent them to his contact at Columbia Gas. Two of the transmission stations have already been painted. Columbia Gas came in and replaced roofs, painted trim and buildings, removed rust, and trimmed tree limbs where needed. The last one to maintain is the most visible. Its replacement will be tied into the Columbia Gas pipe line project on Bixby Road. The company will take out the transmission station and replace it with a new station.

Council Member Beidler raised a concern about the odor of gas on the alley that runs at the back of the mission. There is a strong odor of gas coming from a Columbia Gas pipe sticking out of the ground. Mr. Green will look into the matter.

Administrator Marsha Hall interjected, back in November 2016, House Bill 587 was the legislation pertaining to Ohio Peace Officers' requirement to wear body cameras. The bill has a provision to allocate \$50,000,000 to offset the costs of the cameras and pay for the server space to backup all of the videos. If this requirement goes through, there will be some ability to get funding. Representative Kevin Boyce sponsored the bill.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Not present.

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

Council Member Hilbert thanked the 4th of July Committee for all the hard work they have done, especially this year.

Council Member Beidler commented the Farmers Market seems to be doing very well. Sophie's Pierogies did very well selling out of their food truck. No other food truck vendors have inquired about participating.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Clerk of Council Ruthanne Sargus Ross reported she will be absent for the July 17, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting. She will be attending the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association's 2017 Annual Institute in Cleveland. The conference runs Monday, July 17 through Thursday, July 20, 2017.

H. Standing Committees - None

IX. Other Business - None

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. A RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.