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Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2016

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

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 Ed Rarey

V. Approval of Minutes - November 14, 2016

Approved as submitted.

[#272-2016](#) City Council Meeting Minutes 11-14-16

Attachments: [City Council Meeting Minutes 11-14-16.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**a. Deborah Franks - Banning of Dogs**

Deborah Franks of 3710 London-Lancaster Road, Groveport, Ohio addressed Council regarding an article in the Southeast Messenger about someone allowing their dog to do its business in the cemetery and they didn't clean up after their dog during the Apple Butter Day Event. Ms. Franks, a professional dog trainer and canine behavior expert who has taught many seminars on dog training, agreed the act was 100% unacceptable and very disrespectful. What concerns her is that the City of Groveport's Council is considering banning all dogs from City events. Ms. Franks pointed out that City Council has had one letter from one person, the offender should be fined and how does the City keep it from happening when the City is not having an event. Banning dogs from all events will not cure this problem. Ms. Franks

didn't find any laws on dogs for Groveport by doing a Goggle search and thought maybe Groveport was governed by Franklin County's dog laws. Law Director Kevin Shannon advised the City of Groveport has its own criminal code, general offense code, under section 505 of the Groveport Codified Ordinances which specifically addresses the issue that occurred during Apple Butter Day. She was advised to go to Groveport's website and look in the Codified Ordinances for the City of Groveport. She suggests free training seminars could be offered at Town Hall as a public service on the responsibility of canine ownership, understanding canine behavior, and training obedience and behavior. She doesn't know what kind of turn out these courses would attract but she would rather educate the people than ban the dogs. Committee Chair Shawn Cleary stated there was not just one letter. He sits on the Cemetery Committee that had received more than one complaint on the matter. Council Member Dildine commented the classes are a good idea but wants to err on the side of caution. He would never consider taking his 107 pound dog, who has no behavioral issues, to an event such as Apple Butter Day. Council Member Hutson remarked she witnessed two dogs squaring off in the gravel. Neither owner could control their dog where children, food and vendors' wares were present. The situation had the potential to turn ugly. Ms. Franks stated she and her clients take their dogs everywhere. They take the dogs any place that doesn't serve food. Council Member Hilbert commented Ms. Franks made the statement where food is not served and Apple Butter Day is a lot about the food. Ms. Franks said it is not like a Kroger, a restaurant or that type of thing. She thinks it is a mistake to ban all dogs. If the City is going to monitor anyway, monitor the people who are irresponsible and not punish the people who are responsible. Mr. Cleary stated the City has time to look into the matter but he agrees with Mr. Dildine. The event has a lot of food and a lot of people and it only takes one dog to get a bad situation started. Council will settle the matter before the 4th of July Celebration.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[ORD. 16-049](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-007 (ADOPTED 02/23/2015), PART ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE NINE - TAXATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT BY AMENDING **CHAPTER 181 - INCOME TAX, SECTION 181.15 - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Sponsors: Hilbert

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-049. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[ORD. 16-050](#)

AN ORDINANCE REMOVING THE POSITION OF PERSONNEL COORDINATOR IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND ADDING THE POSITION OF PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

Sponsors: Hutson

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-050. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[ORD. 16-051](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADD THE POSITION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER I IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Sponsors: Rarey

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-051. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. 2nd Readings

[ORD. 16-052](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A GOLF CART FLEET FOR THE LINKS AT GROVEPORT AFTER A VENDOR IS SELECTED VIA COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Sponsors: Lockett

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-052.

[ORD. 16-053](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A GOLF COURSE SPRAYER FOR THE LINKS AT GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Dildine

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-053.

[ORD. 16-054](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE EAST BIXBY ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

Sponsors: Hutson

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-054.

[ORD. 16-055](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE 2017 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Sponsors: Hilbert

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-055.

[ORD. 16-056](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PAINTING OF THE INDOOR POOL CEILING AND WALLS AT THE GROVEPORT RECREATION CENTER

Sponsors: Dildine

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-056.

[ORD. 16-057](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHARITY NEWSIES SALE AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Cleary

Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-057. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, 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 Rarey

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

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

[ORD. 16-058](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW PAR, DBA VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A UTILITY TOWER AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Hutson

Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-058. A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Lockett, 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 Rarey

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

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

[RES. 16-005](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION

Sponsors: Lockett

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Resolution No.16-005.

C. 1st Readings

[ORD. 16-059](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO EASEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING THREE PROPERTY OWNERS IN RELATION TO THE WEST BIXBY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, PHASE 1: DINU M. REHNER AND

JANE GOLDBERG, COLUMBUS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY METRO PARKS, AND AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Hilbert

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.16-059. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 1 - Cleary

Yes: 5 - Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

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

Abstain: 1 - Cleary

Yes: 5 - Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Lance Westcamp reported the tree lighting will be on Friday night, December 2, 2016. Santa arrives at 6:30 p.m., then goes to the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Nothing further to report.

[#273-2016](#) Adm Report to Council - Nov 28

Attachments: [Adm Report to Council - Nov 28.pdf](#)

C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Police Chief Ralph Portier displayed the Groveport Police Department's flag. The department wanted to come up with their own flag as a backdrop that lets people know who the City of Groveport Police Department is and what they are all about. The flag is dedicated to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Nothing further to report.

[#275-2016](#) Finance Report October 2016

Attachments: [Finance Report October 2016.pdf](#)

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Law Director Shannon reported the City has its yearly clarification from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control that our liquor licenses are coming up for renewal at the beginning of 2017. Mr. Shannon spoke to Chief Portier prior to tonight's meeting and they are not aware of any complaint issues with any liquor permit holders within the City of Groveport. This is the City's opportunity, through Council action, if Groveport wants to object to a particular issuance of a permit. The City needs to let the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control know as soon as possible. Mr. Shannon is asking Council tonight, unless there is some objection, that a motion be made authorizing the Clerk of Council to notify the Department of Commerce that Groveport has no objections to any issuance of liquor permits at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to authorize the Clerk of Council to notify the Department of Commerce that Groveport has no objections to any issuance of liquor permits at this time. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Council Member Dildine remarked about today's incident at Ohio State University. He commented the violence was close to home this time and asks everyone to be vigilant, take care of neighbors and themselves. The violence is coming home and we all need to be aware of our surroundings. First responders did a fantastic job with all the available resources they had and those same resources will be available to Groveport if the need ever arises.

Council Member Cleary wished the best to Clerk of Council, Ruthanne Ross on the arrival of her three newest grandchildren. All three are due to arrive within the next few days.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Nothing to report.

H. Standing Committees

None.

IX. Other Business

[#274-2016](#) 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Attachments: [2017 MEETING SCHEDULE - final.pdf](#)

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dildine to approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule as submitted. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

X. Adjournment

Council Member Rarey made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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