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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 24, 2013

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

*Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert,
Donna Drury, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary & Jan Stoots*

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

Present: 6 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member Dildine, Council Member Drury, Council Member Hilbert, Council Member Rarey, and Council Member Stoots

V. Approval of Minutes - June 10, 2013

Approved as submitted.

[#051-2013](#)

6-10-13 Minutes

Attachments: [6-10-13 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests

None

A. Trustee Victor Paini - Electric Supplier Update

Mayor Westcamp welcomed Madison Township Administrator Susan Brobst to the meeting. She apologized on behalf of Trustee Paini, who had a last minute obligation and could not attend the meeting.

Council Member Cleary excused himself from the Council Meeting due to his employment with AEP, noting that he did not want any issues to arise.

Administrator Brobst updated the Mayor and Council with the latest information provided at a Trustee informational meeting with Scott Belcastro with Trebel, LLC, who coordinated the proposals for the electric side of the information. She explained there were three proposals; AEP Energy, Border Energy and Constellation Energy. She said all bids were based on RFP Proposals and similar information. After discussions on the pros and cons and questions, the group decided which proposal best suited the residents of the township. The group clarified that there would be present savings and not a fixed rate and a twelve month or fifteen month contract was available, the fifteen month contract was decided on by the group to carry the contract up to change in the electric deregulation. At the end of the fifteen month contract, a new contract can be negotiated. One company would allow residents/businesses in current contracts with another company to join the current contract at the existing locked in rate, as to the other companies, residents would join in at whatever the rate is at that time, with no guarantees of savings. One company did not run credit checks on residents; the group feels residents should not be excluded from saving money based on negative credit reports. The group decided to recommend Border Energy for the trustees, at a fifteen month contract at a fifteen percent savings. There is an early termination fee of \$25.00. Trustees voted to enter into a contract with Border Energy for 15 months.

Administrator Brobst said Trustees have already filed paperwork with the PUCO, once reviewed, two informational meetings will be held, one at Groveport Council Chambers, Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 6:30 pm and one at the Madison Community Center, Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Once the PUCO completes their timeline, letters will go out to residents explaining the opportunity to take advantage of this program or opt out of the program. Additional information will be published in the paper and Council will be kept informed of specifics on the progress.

Council Member Stoots asked Mrs. Brobst about the outcome of the Groveport precincts' vote. She responded that there was no information available at this time from the Board of Elections. Council Member Stoots asked if a resident sold their home within their fifteen month contract, would the new owner be locked into the rate. Mrs. Brobst responded that she believed it

was by person not household.

Council Member Drury asked, at the end of the 15 months will the contract be renegotiated for another price and Mrs. Brobst responded that yes there will be another RFP and decisions will be made all over again.

Administrator Brobst said there will be bumps in the road and hopes to use that as knowledge for future reference.

Council Member Cleary re-joined the Meeting.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[ORD. 13-027](#)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO J. FERGUS, INC. AS TO THE PERMITTED USES IN THE ESTABLISHED ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6000 GROVEPORT ROAD, CURRENTLY ZONED COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ("CC")

Sponsors: Drury

Council Member Hilbert read the amendments (P&Z conditions).

The Clerk of Council read the title. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to amend to include the following language at the end of Section 1:

"with the following conditions:

A. That access to the property from Groveport Road shall be restricted to a right turn in only approach.

B. That no patron vehicle repair shall be permitted on the subject property and signage advising the same shall be installed."

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to adopt as amended. The motion

carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

B. 2nd Readings

[ORD. 13-028](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MADISON TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL UNION COLLECTION FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Sponsors: Ed Dildine

This Ordinance was read by title

[RES. 13-004](#) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Sponsors: Stoots

Attachments: [RES. 13-004 2014 TAX BUDGET.pdf](#)

This Resolution was read by title

C. 1st Readings

[ORD. 13-029](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 12-051 (ADOPTED 11/13/2012), THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013 AND FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE 13-007 (ADOPTED 3/25/13) AND ORDINANCE 13-014 (ADOPTED 5/13/13), WHICH AMENDED THE SAME

Sponsors: Hilbert

Attachments: [ORD. 13-029 amend appropriations - stormwater.pdf](#)

Finance Director recommended passage to comply with the stormwater grant requirements.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

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

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

VIII. Reports

[#052-2013](#) 6-24-13 Council Update

Attachments: [CR 6-24-2013.pdf](#)

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp read a thank you card addressed to him and Council from Girl Scout Troop #50568 for allowing them to use the City for a station for Groveport's Amazing Race.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Hall discussed the entryway arche locations that she submitted in her Council Update. She said there was a typo, Ebright Road should be south of Grovepointe, not GreenPointe. She said additional locations can be submitted for discussion or added to the Committee of the Whole at any time Council chooses.

She said as noted in her report Town Hall has requested donation of a Bunn Coffee Maker to the Church of Christ of Christian Union on Center Street in Groveport. She said they have a new coffee maker due to this one leaking. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, second by Council Member Drury, to donate the Bunn Coffee Maker to the Church of Christ of Christian Union. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator Hall provided information on the Sidewalk Program in her update as requested by Council Member Rarey. She explained she was unable to find any other documents that refer to an on-going sidewalk improvement program. She said she discussed it with Dennis Moore, who said that after the initial 1999 improvements, it was his understanding that it was only informally decided that the City would continue to replace defective sidewalk sections. Regarding gaps in sidewalk areas or no sidewalks, Mr. Moore said it was decided that sidewalks would be added when streets are reconstructed, depending on available right of way and design. She noted Engineer Farst had the same recollection. She asked for some direction from Council as to how to proceed.

Council Member Rarey commented on the poor conditions of some areas of sidewalks and the safety hazards they present and non-existing sidewalks in other areas, such as Wirt Road, that have been overlooked for years. Council Member Hilbert asked Administrator Hall the how they can push the Safe Routes to School Program. Administrator Hall responded that it is a matter the school would have to approve or consider to be needed for that particular school. As the final plan is finished inspections will be done and a determination would then be made as to whether a sidewalk is needed. If it can be done, she said it will need to be decided which is the priority, Hendron Road or Wirt Road. She said Hendron Road will probably get a higher score/priority with Safe Routes, because there are other means to travel to the elementary school. Council Member Rarey expressed his concerns on the necessity to see this through to provide safe routes to the schools. Mayor Westcamp referred it to the Committee of the Whole to discuss the options to give Administrator Hall more direction on the matter.

Administrator Hall mentioned that the last Comprehensive Plan was done was back in 2004 after which a survey was sent out. She suggested that they send the same survey out again to get people's opinions and see how much they've changed. Council concurred.

Administrator Hall indicated that Spiegel Drive came in under the estimated bid and they will sign contracts sometime in July.

She said Mr. Walker will introduce the new Golf Superintendent at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Council Member Rarey asked Administrator Hall how the new restaurant at the Golf Course was going. She responded that with the bridge being out, it is slow. She said they modified the contract in order to increase patronage and reduce the prices. She suggested that they get information out to the industrial parks and Rickenbacker to reach out to the military that eat out in Groveport. She said the quality of the food and the service has been very well received by everyone she has spoken to about it. She said they are discussing signage for marketing purposes. Council Member Dildine heard that they have hired someone to press advertising once the bridge is open.

Council Member Stoots asked when the Recreation Center sign would be running. Administrator Hall responded they ran into a glitch in the system and are working to fix it.

Council Member Drury asked about the Town Hall sign. Administrator Hall said it is in the works and the annual contract has been signed.

Council Member Drury inquired about the Disaster Plan. Administrator Hall said it is mostly finished, however, they are still working on a multitude of contact information. Chief Portier said it took a lot of modification for Groveport, but that they are about ready to complete the plan.

C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Chief Portier reported he will be meeting with school officials and adjoining law enforcement officials concerning potential issues with busing next year. He noted children are walking through the parks or on major roadways and said they intend to be prepared in advance in the potential dangers.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Jeff Green reported that Finance is to have its ratings call with Moody's Financial Analyst, regarding the City's bond rating for the upcoming bond issue for the Front and Main Project and the acquisition of the property next door, as well as other miscellaneous items, including the golf course.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Mayor Westcamp said that it is hard to believe that Mr. Shannon is on vacation, noting that he can't remember many years that he was out of the office.

F. Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert, Donna Drury, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary & Jan Stoots

Council Member Dildine will be absent for the Wednesday Facilities meeting due to his son's last tournament. He said he will review everything with Administrator Hall.

G. Clerk of Council - Kimberly McWilliams

No report

H. Standing Committees

No report

IX. Other Business

None

X. Adjournment

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

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Kimberly McWilliams, Clerk of Council

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