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Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 16, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

I. Call to Order

by Committee Chair Cleary at 5:28 p.m.

Staff Present: Marsha Hall - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Dennis Moore - Public Works Superintendent, Stephen Moore - Chief Building Official, Tom Walker - Director of Golf, Kyle Lund - Recreation Center Director, Patty Storts - Community Affairs Director, Steve Farst - Engineer, Bob Dowler - Director of Transportation, Sue Wadley - Personnel Director, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police

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

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor had asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence at tonight's 5:15 p.m. City Council Special Meeting.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Portier had led the Pledge of Allegiance at tonight's 5:15 p.m. City Council Special Meeting.

IV. Roll Call

Council Member Hutson arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Present: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert, Hutson, and Lockett

V. Approval of Minutes - June 18, 2018

Approved as submitted.

[#161-2018](#) COTW Minutes 6.18.18

Attachments: [COTW Minutes 6.18.18.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**a. Madison Township Fire Department**

Fire Chief Jeff Fasone was not present. Battalion Chief Chris Pallos was present for any questions.

[#173-2018](#) MTFD Monthly Report

Attachments: [MTFD Monthly Report.pdf](#)

b. Superintendent of Groveport Madison Local Schools

Garilee Ogden, 3389 North Street, Granville, Ohio, introduced herself to Council as the new Superintendent of Groveport Madison Local Schools. Ms. Ogden thanked Council for so many things the City has done already. She spent the afternoon with the police department and the fire department walking through the new high school building. Both departments were incredibly helpful in assisting the school's administration with looking into safety measures for the new high school. She thanked everyone for their help with the 4th of July parade. Ms. Ogden is looking forward to the School District's partnership with the City of Groveport. Mayor Westcamp thanked Ms. Ogden for the lunch, where Mrs. Hilbert and Mr. Lockett had joined them. The School District is headed in a new direction and Ms. Ogden has some very good ideas.

VII. New Business

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None.

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[ORD. 18-033](#)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING AS A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT THE INFRASTRUCTURE/IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPUS BUSINESS CENTER AT RICKENBACKER-RICK VIII

Sponsors: Grashel

City Engineer, Steve Farst, stated this infrastructure involves the cul-de-sac at the end of Green Pointe Drive South which was finished somewhere around 2015. There were some easements that needed to be dedicated. All the pieces are now in place, so Mr. Farst recommended the matter be brought to Council.

Chair Cleary read by title Ordinance No.13-033. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert, and Lockett

B. 2nd Readings

None.

X. Financial Report

The Finance Report will be made available to City Council at a later date.

XI. Other Business

None.

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

Mayor Lance Westcamp reported on the passing of former Village of Groveport Solicitor James Thompson.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall reported that Administration was asked to provide some discussion points for the property the City recently purchased on the corner of Main Street and College Street. The information can be discussed later in the meeting if Council wishes to go over that information.

[#162-2018](#)

Adm Report to Council - July 16

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C. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Nothing to report.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Finance Director, Jeff Green, informed Council of a letter the City received from the City of Columbus. The letter informed Administration that as of January 1, 2019 the City of Columbus will no longer collect income taxes for suburban communities, such as the City of Groveport. Mr. Green has already received two calls regarding Columbus' announcement. One call was from the City of Cleveland, Center

Collection Agency (CCA) and the other from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). Mr. Green, Marsha Hall and City of Groveport Tax Administrator Bob Curtin met with both agencies. Administration recommended to Council that the City go with RITA. Many neighboring communities use RITA already. There is no City of Rita, RITA is a council of governments, where CCA is the City of Cleveland making Groveport more beholding to Cleveland. RITA makes decisions somewhat like a co-op giving all the municipalities equal footing. RITA is fairly sophisticated, it has been around since 1971, it offers great on-line services and has a local presence being located in Worthington. Groveport will change to mandatory filing with the exception of retirees on pensions. Groveport currently contracts with Bob Curtin as its Tax Administrator; his roll after January 1, 2019 will be determined when it is time to renew his contract.

E. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Nothing further to report.

[#163-2018](#) PD Council Report

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F. Public Works Superintendent - Dennis Moore

Nothing further to report.

[#164-2018](#) PW Council Report

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G. Chief Building Official - Stephen Moore

Nothing further to report.

[#165-2018](#) B&Z Council Report

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H. Director of Golf - Tom Walker

Nothing further to report.

[#166-2018](#) GOLF Council Report

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I. Recreation Director - Kyle Lund

Recreation Director, Kyle Lund, reported that he received confirmation today that the Ruck Run will take place on Sunday, September 9th starting at 8:52 a.m. at Groveport Park. The Ruck Run Remember event is put on by the Fallen 15.

The Recreation Center Movie in the Park event is Friday, July 20th at dusk in Groveport Park. The movie being shown is The Sandlot and is free of cost.

[#167-2018](#) REC Council Report

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J. Community Affairs Director - Patty Storts

Nothing further to report.

[#168-2018](#) CA Council Report

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K. Director of Parks & Facilities Management - Tom Byrne

Not present.

[#169-2018](#) P&FM Council Report

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L. City Engineer - Steve Farst

Nothing further to report.

[#177-2018](#) ENG Council Report

Attachments: [ENG Council Report.pdf](#)

M. Director of Transportation - Bob Dowler

Nothing further to report.

[#170-2018](#) DOT Council Report

Attachments: [DOT Council Report.pdf](#)

N. Personnel Director - Sue Wadley

Nothing further to report.

[#171-2018](#) HR Council Report

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O. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Nothing to report.

P. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Chad Grashel

Nothing to report.

XIII. Adjournment

Council Member Hilbert made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Shawn M. Cleary, President Pro-Tem

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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