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Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 28, 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, Kurt Blevins - Police Captain

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

Captain Blevins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Jim Beidler, Shawn M. Cleary, Edward Dildine, Jean Ann Hilbert, Becky Hutson, and Scott Lockett

V. Approval of Minutes - August 14, 2017

Approved as submitted.

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VI. Business of Guests**a. Tim Kraft - State of Ohio Auditor's Office**

Tim Kraft with the Office of the Auditor of State presented Finance Director Jeff Green with the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. To qualify for the Auditor of State's highest award an entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in the form of a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) and the audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit findings or questionable costs. Mr. Kraft commented about how hard it is to receive this award. The office audits over 5,800 public entities throughout the State of Ohio. Out of the more than 5,800 public entities, only 5% receive this award every year. This award is being presented to Jeff Green and his staff for another great year of financial reporting. Mr.

Green accepted the award along with Senior Accountant Anna Krigbaum and Accounting Clerk Amy Hartung.

b. Ramona James

Ramona James, 4926 Founders Drive, inquired if Council would allow the Founders Bend Homeowners Association to pay for and post a "No soliciting" sign. Residents are tired of solicitors coming into their neighborhood. Administrator Hall stated the association would need to have the City's formal permission to put a City "No soliciting" sign in the right-of-way. Ms. Hall will consult with Law Director Kevin Shannon as to the proper procedure to handle this matter.

Ms. James wanted to know the next time the City will spray for mosquitoes. The Franklin County Board of Health is scheduled to spray throughout the City on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. There are more effective ways to control mosquitoes than spraying. Starting in early spring, the County places pellets in standing water and other breeding areas liked by mosquitoes. Spraying is done when any West Nile is found in the trap, like it was the last time the traps were checked, or if the number of mosquitoes is high. The County has already sprayed twice for West Nile and once for a high number of mosquitoes. After the flooding in July, Franklin County once again placed pellets in standing water and treated along the roadways.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

ORD. 17-030

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH 6500 PONTIUS ROAD LLC, AKA HILLWOOD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (HILLWOOD), VACATING AN EXISTING EASEMENT AND GRANTING A NEW EASEMENT TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION OF A SANITARY SEWER LINE FOR THE 6500 PONTIUS ROAD SITE

Sponsors: Dildine

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-030. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ORD. 17-031

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING AS A PUBLIC

IMPROVEMENT, THE SANITARY SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GROVEPORT 1 DEVELOPMENT AT 6500 PONTIUS ROAD AND 6606 PONTIUS ROAD DEVELOPMENT SITES

Sponsors: Lockett

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-031. A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Beidler, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. 2nd Readings

[ORD. 17-033](#)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO SOUTH CENTRAL POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, STATE OF OHIO AND ITS SUCCESSORS, LINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND ENERGY TO PARTS OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF FOR LIGHT, HEAT, POWER AND OTHER PURPOSES AND FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THE SAME WITHIN, THROUGH OR ACROSS SAID CITY OF GROVEPORT, STATE OF OHIO, SUBJECT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CERTIFIED TERRITORIES FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS ACT (OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 4933.81 TO 4933.90Z)

Sponsors: Hutson

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-033.

[ORD. 17-034](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO

Sponsors: Hilbert

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-034.

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SWACO Plan overview

Attachments: [SWACO Plan overview.pdf](#)

[RES. 17-006](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GROVEPORT TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RELATING TO VARIOUS CITY OF GROVEPORT TAX INCENTIVES

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [RES. 17-006 TIRC Meeting Minutes 8-2-2017.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Resolution No. 17-006.

C. **1st Readings**

[RES. 17-007](#)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO REIMBURSE ITS STREET AND STORMWATER FUNDS FOR THE WEST BIXBY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PHASE I, LOAN PROJECT NUMBER CC09T WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Dildine

Finance Director, Jeff Green stated the City got a second pay request for the West Bixby Road Reconstruction Phase I Project, so Finance went ahead and paid the invoice. Senior Accountant, Anna Krigbaum, didn't realize the City has always paid and then been reimbursed. She did not see in the documents that the process needs to be signed up front. This Resolution needed to be done now so the City can be reimbursed for any further payments.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Resolution No. 17-007. 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 - Beidler, Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

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

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

VIII. **Reports**

A. **Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Lance Westcamp hopes the Council Members will get the opportunity to join him for the Mayor's Business Appreciation Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday. The Mayor reported the Groveport Madison High School new ballfield looks excellent. The opening game drew a great crowd and the Hall of Fame Ceremony went very well. The Mayor now sits on the Cruiser Hall of Fame Committee. Groveport

Madison Athletic Director, Steve Petros thanked the City of Groveport for providing golf carts to transport nominees. It is great that the City of Groveport partners with the Groveport Madison Schools.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall noted the mosquito spraying information is on the City's boards, Facebook and Twitter accounts and on the City's website. Franklin County Public Health will be spraying Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Hall referred to her submitted Council Report in regards to temporary signage in the industrial area.

Last June Council approved by motion the granting of an area variance for temporary signage to advertise for jobs during peak season for businesses in the industrial area. It was understood that the City would be adopting a new sign ordinance in 2017 due to a Supreme Court decision. The process of re-writing the code has been lengthy and the new sign code has just now been brought before Council to move forward for adoption. The modifications we allowed in last year's area variance are currently being proposed for temporary signs in the industrial district in the new code. Because passage of the new code will not take place until later this Fall, staff is requesting the same area variance for this peak season.

This would be a motion granting a temporary area variance pursuant to the Groveport Codified Ordinances as to the sign code in the City's industrial district from August 28, 2017 through January 15, 2018 and further authorizing the Administrator and/or her designee to perform any acts necessary to carry out said motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Beidler, to grant a temporary area variance pursuant to the Groveport Codified Ordinances as to the sign code in the City's industrial district from August 28, 2017 through January 15, 2018 and further authorizing the Administrator and/or her designee to perform any acts necessary to carry out said motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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Adm Report to Council

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

C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Not present.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Nothing to report.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Not present. Mayor Westcamp noted Kevin Shannon had knee surgery last Thursday. Mr. Shannon will be working half days for now.

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

Council Member Cleary asked everyone to keep the flood victims in Houston in your thoughts. He has a friend in the area now who reports this storm makes Hurricane Katrina look like a thunder shower. The City of Houston will have a long recovery period.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Nothing to report.

H. Standing Committees - None**IX. Other Business****a Smoking Ban at the Golf Course**

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to put in place the plan Director of Golf, Tom Walker, submitted to Council, to designate smoking and non-smoking areas of the patio at the golf course. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

No: 2 - Beidler and Cleary

b. Executive Session

Administrator Marsha Hall requested Council to consider making a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, to include Council, the Mayor, the Administrator, the Assistant Administrator and the consultant.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes at 6:58 p.m.; to include all members of Council, the Mayor, the Administrator, the Assistant Administrator and the consultant. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. with no action taken. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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