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Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 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, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police, Casey Adams - Police Sergeant

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

Sergeant Casey Adams 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

Approved as submitted.

#400-2017 City Council Minutes 4-24-17

Attachments: City Council Minutes 4-24-17.pdf

VI. Proclamation

Mayor Lance Westcamp read the 2017 Police National Week Proclamation and presented the proclamation to Chief Ralph Portier and Sergeant Casey Adams.

#401-2017 National Police Week

Attachments: National Police Week.pdf

VII. Business of Guests

None.

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

ORD. 17-021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART FIVE - GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Lockett

Attachments: ORD. 17-021 Part Five, Ch 505 Animals & Fowl Exhibit A.pdf

Council Member Hilbert clarified that this Ordinance covers situations when animals are part of a City sponsored/supported event. Council Member Hutson commented Blystone Farm no longer allows animals (pets) on their farm due to a recent incident involving the owner's dog's aggressiveness to a patron's dog. Council Member Lockett opposed the legislation. He gave the example of someone bringing their dog to the Arbor Day ceremony the City has each year with the Groveport Elementary children. Mr. Lockett said technically the City would make the person leave since it was a City event. If a person was in the park with their dog while the children planted trees and they just wanted to watch, technically they would have to be asked to leave. He thinks these situations will make it tough to enforce and to ask the City's police officers to enforce it will put them in bad situations. Mr. Lockett thinks this Ordinance is overkill. He thinks the City needs to pick specific events such as, Apple Butter Day, where the event is more self-contained. Administrator Marsha Hall explained this Ordinance does not apply to the City parks; Groveport allows pets in its parks. What it does apply to is the following specific events: the 4th of July celebration, not the parade just the immediate area closed-off for the festivities; Apple Butter Day and KidsFest. As to the Arbor Day event, even though it is City supported, there is no closed-off area. Ms. Hall stated the events this Ordinance is referring to are events where hundreds of people attend within a small closed-off area. Law Director Kevin Shannon interjected the Ordinance states: **The City Administrator shall define the designated event areas at the City sponsored or City supported event where the prohibition set forth in (a) above applies.** *Signs would be posted at the entrances prohibiting pets from the closed-off area. Event areas prohibiting pets would be looked into on an individual basis. Applying this statute would be at the discretion of the Administrator. Council Member Beidler asked what recourse the police department has now when situations occur. Chief Portier responded nothing other than asking them to leave. Mr. Shannon noted the City does have a statute regarding pets being on a leash, and another statute regarding owners cleaning up after their pets, which are both enforceable. If someone does not clean up after their pet they could*

be issued a minor misdemeanor citation.

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

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

No: 1 - Lockett

B. 2nd Readings

ORD. 17-022

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE AS TO THE PERMITTED USES IN THE ESTABLISHED ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4833 HENDRON ROAD, PARCEL NO. 185-001095, CURRENTLY ZONED RURAL, VANESSA RILEY, APPLICANT

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: 4833 Hendron Rd - Exhibit A.pdf

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-022.

#402-2017 ORD. 17-022 Staff Reports

Attachments: ORD. 17-022 Staff Reports.pdf

ORD. 17-023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2850 ROHR ROAD, PARCEL NUMBERS 185-001433, 185-001444 AND 185-001445

Sponsors: Hutson

Attachments: 2850 Rohr Rd - Exhibit A.pdf

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 17-023.

#403-2017 ORD. 17-023 Staff Reports

Attachments: ORD. 17-023 Staff Reports.pdf

C. 1st Readings

None

IX. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Lance Westcamp reported with all of the construction on Hendron Road there will be no kids' parade this year on the 4th of July.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall handed out a project list and project descriptions to the Mayor and all of Council. Last Friday, this list was hand delivered to all residents within the project area. Message boards went up today at both ends of the project. The City will be posting the project on the City's website, Facebook page and other boards with updates as changes occur throughout the project. Sign boards were installed on Hendron Road at Main Street and Hendron Road at Cherry Blossom Drive. Ms. Hall will provide a copy of the project list and project descriptions to include road closures to the Madison Township Fire Department.

#404-2017 Adm Report to Council - May 8

Attachments: Adm Report to Council - May 8.pdf

C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Nothing to report.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Nothing to report.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Nothing to report.

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

Council Member Jim Beidler commended Chief Portier and his officers for their service to a resident in need due to multiple domestic matters and their service to Groveport in general. He knows the officers have to balance compassion and caring with being the strong arm of the law. Again, the job the officers did for this particular woman is commendable.

Council Member Cleary reported Groveport's Girls Softball Team opens up a tournament this Wednesday at Groveport Elementary. He thinks they have a good shot and will have a pretty good run.

Council Member Hutson raised a matter about traffic in Groveport.

She lives up against State Route 317 and works on Main Street. The pace the vehicles are going is way too fast. With school letting out and good weather bringing out the motorcycles, she thinks something needs to be done to slow traffic down. Chief Portier stated he has his officers staying off State Route 317 to concentrate on the residential areas. The department has been receiving drug related complaints. It is hard for officers to be in two places at once; when they are always patrolling SR317 they can't keep the residential areas safe. The Chief will look into what can be done to have officers on SR317.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Nothing to report.

H. Standing Committees

None.

X. Other Business

None.

XI. Adjournment

Council Member Hilbert made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

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Lance Westcamp, Mayor

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Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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