

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JUNE 11, 2012

Call to Order

Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Jones led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Jolivette called the roll of Council. Councilmember Holtegel, Councilmember Pennington, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Meyers, and Councilmember Jones.

Agenda Modifications

There were no modifications to the Agenda.

Executive Session Requests

There were no requests for Executive Session.

Public Hearing(s)

No public hearings were scheduled.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilman Jones noted that the new generator and electrical work is completed at the Rt. 4 Pump Station, resulting in a significant decrease in electrical costs, approximately \$800 per month.

Councilmember Senger commented on the ribbon cutting ceremony at Hatton Park and how well it went. He also thanked everyone involved in the Cpl. Nicholas Olivas procession and services. Councilmember Senger also thanked the employees involved in the Public Utilities equipment display and demonstration that was done in the Council-Manager Briefing at 6:00 PM.

Mayor D'Epifanio announced the Butler County Veterans We Thank You event on June 30. He also mentioned the dedication of the Joe Nuxhall Miracle Fields and the hard work that went into the park, by the Parks Department and Wastewater Superintendent Drew Young. Mayor D'Epifanio thanked the Police and Fire Departments for the excellent job they did with the return of Cpl. Nicholas Olivas and the services held for him. Mayor D'Epifanio said goodbye to Clerk Angela Jolivette in her last council meeting and introduced Clerk Alisha Wilson.

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2012

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2012 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Jeff Holtegel, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman, Tim Meyers, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a lease extension amendment with Red Spires Asset Sub, LLC for the tower on City land located on Joe Nuxhall Way.

Councilmember Holtegel presented the third reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Jones moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 59-12. ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Adam Jones, Chairman; Tim Meyers, Vice Chairman, Jeff Holtegel, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Adgo, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant SCADA Improvements.

Councilmember Jones presented the second reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 60-12. ADOPTED 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Terry Senger, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman, Adam Jones, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to accept an Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Forestry grant for the Ash Removal and Canopy Restoration Grant Program and Declaring an Emergency.

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the acceptance of the \$10,000 grant award from Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Division of Forestry for Ash Removal and Canopy Restoration. The grant is a 50/50 match with the city to fund the removal of trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer, to prevent the spread of the issue. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 61-12. ADOPTED 5-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terry Senger, Vice Chairman, Mike Oler, Member

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Jones moved to read the following four (4) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 5-0.

An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,300,000 of Wastewater System Improvement bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2002, tenth (2012) renewal, by the City of Fairfield, Ohio, in anticipation of the Issuance of bonds of the city, and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended refinancing existing bonds for more favorable interest rates. Fairfield was fortunate enough to be awarded a renewal of the current high-level AA1 bond rating by

Moody's Investor Services. The rates are expected to be about 1-2%, which is very low. City Manager Pizzano recommended the issuance of \$1,300,000 of Wastewater System Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 62-12. ADOPTED 5-0.

An Ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,750,000 of Road Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, series 2011, first (2012) renewal by the City of Fairfield, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of the City, and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the issuance of \$1,750,000 of Road Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 63-12. ADOPTED 5-0.

An Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$3,050,000 of notes by the City of Fairfield, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to provide funds to renew bond anticipation notes, and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the issuance of \$3,050,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds. All three ordinances are to save money on interest payments. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Jones moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 64-12. ADOPTED 5-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-Contractual Items) - \$20,500 overhaul of existing channel grinder Wastewater Treatment Plant; \$15,000 NPDES Phase II storm water system expenses; \$12,800 outfitting of 2012 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis Pickup Truck for Police Department; \$23,980 Purchase of 2012 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis Pickup Truck for Police Department; and \$9,800 Water Department Ford F-450 Crane.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended \$20,500 for the overhaul of existing channel grinder Wastewater Treatment Plant; \$15,000 for NPDES Phase II storm water system expenses; \$12,800 for outfitting of 2012 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis Pickup Truck for Police Department; \$23,980 to purchase 2012 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis Pickup Truck for Police Department; and \$9,800 for the Water Department Ford F-450 Crane. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this Ordinance. Motion Carried 5-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel moved to adopt. Motion Carried 5-0. ORDINANCE NO. 65-12. ADOPTED 5-0.

Fairfield Chamber of Commerce President Kert Radel noted three new businesses that have opened in the city over the past few weeks - Hot Heads Burritos, First Light Home Care, and Mountain Mudd Coffee.

Mayor and Council thanked Clerk Jolivette for her service to the city and welcomed Clerk Wilson as the new Clerk of Council.

Clerk Angela Jolivette expressed that she will miss everyone at the city, but is excited for her new opportunity.

Clerk Alisha Wilson thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve as the new Clerk of Council for the City of Fairfield.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Jolivette read the following meeting schedule:

Summer Schedule:

Monday, July 9 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 13 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 10 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:26 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____