

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MAY 14, 2012

Call to Order

Mayor D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Pennington 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 Oler, Councilmember Meyers, and Councilmember Jones. Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to excuse Councilmember Abbott. Motion Carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

There were no modifications to the Agenda.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Pennington advised an executive session was needed for the employment of a Public Official. Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to approve an Executive Session for the employment of a public official. Clerk Jolivette took a roll call vote of Council. Motion Carried 6-0.

Public Hearing(s)

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

- Proclamation - Pete Groh, 100th Anniversary of Groh Farm

Councilmember Pennington presented a Proclamation to Pete Groh in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Groh farm. Mr. Groh briefly discussed the history of the family farm.

- Proclamation - Fairfield Footlighters 10th Anniversary Season

Councilmember Meyers presented a proclamation to the Fairfield Footlighters on their 10th Anniversary season. Mr. Ray Sullivan briefly commented on his wonderful experience as part of the Fairfield Footlighters noting that this group started with just three people and now brings hundreds in from surrounding communities. He invited everyone to attend the theatre productions. Fairfield Footlighters President Dana Bruce encouraged everyone to attend the musical production *Songs from the Tall Grass*, which opens Friday.

Bob Kramer, 5690 Genevieve, offered positive comments about city workers. He also discussed the idea of the City owning and operating a pet cemetery. He gave the attached handout to Council.

Mayor/Council Reports

Mayor D'Epifanio announced the "Remember and Honor" countywide Veterans event will be held on June 30 from noon to four. He stated it will be held at the Butler County Regional Airport. He further stated May 24th is the press conference for this event. He commented on the D.A.R.E. graduation that was held today at the high school. Mayor D'Epifanio read the two essays from the winners of the Special Education D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony.

Debbie Pennington thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for their efforts with the Volunteer Dinner in which hundreds of volunteers were recognized.

Councilmember Senger announced a community blood drive this Thursday, May 17th at the Community Arts Center from 3:30 - 6:30 PM. He further announced the Memorial Day Parade which begins at 9:00 AM. Applications are on the City's webpage. Councilmember Senger commented on the Hamilton and Fairfield's efforts to honor the return of Sgt. Huling, a Marine killed in Afghanistan on May 6th and flown back to Butler County Regional Airport. He thanked everyone who participated.

Councilmember Oler advised this week is National Police Memorial Week and he encouraged everyone to take time to thank a police officer and remember those who have served.

Councilmember Meyers stated he received many positive comments from people in the Lake Michigan area regarding clean-up during the May 2nd rainstorm. He further advised Operation Dump Truck is available and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the brush program. Councilmember Meyers handed out the attached information regarding the use of I-Pads by City Council. He discussed information he found on the internet regarding annual cost savings for other cities. Councilmember Holtegel expressed his agreement with Councilmember Meyers' idea for an I-Pad. He stated Planning Commission has gone paperless. Councilmember Holtegel commented he uses the paper in his binder for printing as a way of recycling. Councilmember Oler discussed his experience with Butler Tech using laptops to reduce paper. He also commented on a city in Arizona using I-Pads in which the cost is significant. He agrees it needs to be looked into. Councilmember Holtegel commented on the reduction of paper since he was on Council eight years ago. Councilmember Meyers asked for Council's buy-in and for direction for the City Manager. Councilmember Senger stated cell phones were eliminated a year or two ago and asked if Council would get their own I-Pad for information to be loaded. Councilmember Meyers explained these would be supplied by the City. Councilmember Senger stated this seems contrary to what was done a couple years ago to save costs. He stated he is fine with a three-ring binder, but he is okay with this being an item for discussion. Councilmember Meyers commented with the I-Pad there can be a direct cost savings, which there probably is not with the cell phone. Councilmember Meyers explained cost of an I-Pad is about \$450.

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2012

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2012 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mike Oler, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman, Terry Senger, Member

Ordinance to adopt a new subsection 517.01 (ggg) and a new section 517.16 of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio relative to sweepstakes terminal devices.

Councilmember Oler presented the second reading of this Ordinance. Ordinance approved for second reading only.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Debbie Pennington, Chairman; Jeff Holtegel, Vice Chairman, Adam Jones, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to appoint the following residents to serve on the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission and the Environmental Commissions effective immediately. Mitch Rhodus (term expiring December 31, 2015) Rebecca Montag (term expiring December 31, 2013)

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to approve the appointment of the following residents to serve on the Environmental Commissions effective immediately. Mitch Rhodus (term expiring December 31, 2015) Rebecca Montag (term expiring December 31, 2013) Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 14-12 APPROVED 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mike Oler, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman, Terry Senger, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to approve a liquor permit application in the name of Thomas & King Inc. DBA Applebees Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 5331 Pleasant Avenue, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Classes: D5I and D6).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to approve a liquor permit application in the name of Thomas & King Inc. DBA Applebees Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 5331 Pleasant Avenue, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Classes: D5I and D6). Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 15-12 APPROVED 6-0.

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, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to read the following Ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a lease extension amendment with Red Spires Asset Sub, LLC for a tower on land that City owns on Joe Nuxhall Way. He explained this renewal will have a one time \$10,000 payment to the City for the lease extension fee. He stated this will provide a 20 year extension which will pay about \$50,000 per year. Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to read the following two (2) Ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance levying sidewalk assessments for the repair of sidewalks (including aprons) in the City of Fairfield, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance levying sidewalk assessments for the annual sidewalk program. Legislative Action: Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 51-12 ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-Contractual Items) - \$4,850 for professional engineering services to investigate critical water mains; \$9,400 purchase of flow monitoring equipment for use in Wastewater Division; \$8,000 water main line valve installation at South Gilmore Road and Kolb Drive; \$19,000 for solar recycling compactor units for use throughout the parks system.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following non-contractual items: \$4,850 for engineering services to investigate critical water mains; \$9,400 for purchase of flow monitoring equipment for use in Wastewater Division; \$8,000 for water main line valve installation at South Gilmore Road and Kolb Drive; and \$19,000 for solar recycling compactor units for use throughout the parks system. Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the first reading of this Ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of the Ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 52-12 ADOPTED 6-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Jolivette read the following meeting notices:

Tuesday, May 29 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Summer Schedule:

Monday, June 11 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:47 PM.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council ended at 8:30 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____