

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Miller 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 Abbott led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Adam Jones, Councilmember Craig Keller, Councilmember Debbie Pennington, Councilmember Tim Abbott, Councilmember Chad Oberson, Councilmember Mike Snyder, and Councilmember Bill Woeste.

Agenda Modifications

No agenda modifications.

Executive Session Requests

No Executive Session requests.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Fairfield Food Pantry by Howard & Judy Dirksen re: Certificate of Appreciation

Howard and Judy Dirksen presented Mayor Miller and Community Events Coordinator Ben Strickler each with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the city's support of the Fairfield Food Pantry.

Chamber of Commerce Update

Kert Radel, President of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, introduced Jim Whitaker from Skyline Chili. He stated that it was great news that Skyline Chili decided to stay in Fairfield and make an investment in our city. Mr. Whitaker thanked the city for their support of Skyline over the past years and said they have doubled the number of seats and sales, as well as tripled the parking, and brought a sports bar from Springdale to Fairfield. He also commended the Development Services Department and city staff for their assistance in the project, and especially Development Services Director Tim Bachman for coordinating a meeting with all city departments, which made the process a lot easier. He invited everyone to the ribbon cutting on Tuesday at 10 AM.

Public Hearing(s)

No public hearings.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Jones reported that the first annual Spring Walk/Run to benefit the Fairfield Food Pantry will be held on March 26 at Waterworks Park. Registration is at www.fairfieldfoodpantry.org.

Councilmember Keller congratulated Mark Fiemeyer, Public Works, for thirty (30) years of service.

Councilmember Pennington announced the final weekend for the Fairfield Footlighters production February 26-28. She also announced that Marsh Park Fishing Lake will open Friday, March 4 and will be regularly stocked throughout the season with a variety of fish. She also announced a Bunny Breakfast on Saturday, March 12, which is only open to residents of the city. The Historical Society's first meeting of the year is in March and newsletters are being sent out.

Councilmember Abbott announced that the GE layoffs will only affect the city's finances by approximately \$10,000 per year.

Councilmember Oberson reported that, although we have not had a lot of snow this year, we are still at approximately \$200,000 in snow removal; however, we were at \$300,000 this time last year. He commended the Public Works Department for their great work on snow and ice.

Councilmember Snyder reported that, effective February 1, the Wastewater Treatment Plant began operating under a new wastewater discharge permit from the Ohio EPA, which will remain in effect until January 2021 and includes new monitoring requirements for total and dissolved phosphorus.

Councilmember Woeste thanked the representatives from Skyline for their kind words and commended the Development Services Department for their great work.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2016

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2016 were approved as written

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chad Oberson, Chairman; Mike Snyder, Vice Chairman; Bill Woeste, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Prus Construction for the 2016 Concrete Repair and Replacement Program.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the third reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 14-16. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with options for years two (2) and three (3) with Prus Construction of Cincinnati, Ohio for the 2016 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement Program.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the second reading of this ordinance.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bill Woeste, Chairman; Adam Jones, Vice Chairman; Mike Snyder, Member

Ordinance to amend Chapter 735, Equal Housing Opportunity, of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste presented the second reading of this ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Craig Keller, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman; Chad Oberson, Member

Ordinance declaring twenty (20) high band portable radios from the Fairfield Fire Department to be surplus and authorizing the City Manager to transfer the radios to the Gratis Fire Department in Preble County, Ohio.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Keller presented the second reading of this ordinance.

Ordinance declaring thirty (30) sets of personal protective equipment from the Fairfield Fire Department to be surplus and authorizing the City Manager to transfer the equipment to area vocational schools.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Keller presented the second reading of this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bill Woeste, Chairman; Adam Jones, Vice Chairman; Mike Snyder, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Contract with the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a Professional Services Contract with the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. The working relationship between the city and the Chamber of Commerce is very beneficial to the city and this will be a two (2) year contract, which will provide Platinum-level sponsorship to the Chamber and allow the city entrance to Chamber events, as well as other benefits. The total cost is \$30,000. Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Woeste invited Kert Radel, President of the Chamber of Commerce, to speak about the professional services contract. Mr. Radel explained that the contract between the city and the Chamber of Commerce allows the Chamber to provide services and reports to the city, which provide information that is beneficial for the Economic Development Department to have and gives businesses a great link to the city. He would like to see the relationship between the city and the Chamber continue, as the Chamber benefits have grown tremendously from six benefits to thirty benefits, in part with the support of the city.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Craig Keller, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman; Chad Oberson, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to not request a hearing regarding a liquor permit application in the name of BCR Teamwork LLC, 7121 Dixie Highway & Patio, Fairfield, OH 45014. (Permit Classes: D5 & D6)

Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Pennington, moved to not request a hearing regarding the liquor permit application in the name of BCR Teamwork, LLC. Motion carried 7-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 3-16. APPROVED 7-0.

PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Debbie Pennington, Chairman; Craig Keller, Vice Chairman; Tim Abbott, Member

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to partner with MetroParks of Butler County to provide recreation and programming efficiencies mutually beneficial to both parties.

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to read the following resolution by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a resolution to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with MetroParks of Butler County. The first project under this partnership will be the expansion at Marsh Park. Legislative Action: Councilmember Pennington presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0.

Councilmember Debbie Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. RESOLUTION NO. 3-16. APPROVED 7-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chairman; Craig Keller, Member

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates for certain salaried and hourly employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and to authorize and limit the numbers and types of certain employees, to repeal Ordinance No. 7-16 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended an ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates. This ordinance is pertaining to the IUOE contract and will provide a 3% increase to those employees. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 15-16. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 107-15 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016."

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended the following Non-Contractual Appropriations – \$12,500 BCRTA Job Connector Shuttle; \$23,000 for purchase of replacement sights from Vance's Law Enforcement. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 16-16. APPROVED 7-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, March 14 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, March 28 Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 11 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

No Executive Session.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date: _____