

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 8, 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 Pennington led in prayer and two (2) local Boy Scout Troops led in 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 request for Executive Session.

**Special Presentations and Citizen Comments**

**Chamber of Commerce Update**

Kert Radel, President of the Chamber of Commerce, announced a cheese-tasting event at Jungle Jim's on Saturday and Sunday, as well as a ribbon-cutting for Skyline Chili on Dixie Highway.

**Public Hearing(s)**

No public hearings.

**Mayor/Council Reports**

Councilmember Woeste thanked Mr. Bachman and Mr. Kathman for their reports during the Council-Manager Briefing at 6 PM this evening and all of their hard work in economic development efforts for the city.

Councilmember Snyder reported that Fairfield's water system is not prone to lead problems that are currently being seen in Flint, Michigan. This is due to the fact that the system is relatively young and there are no lead service lines or water mains, as well as the fact that Fairfield's water source is ground water from the Great Miami River Buried Valley Aquifer, which is a high quality and non-corrosive water supply. Fairfield also adjusts the pH of its water at the Water Plant prior to distribution, so that the water is stable and not aggressive to pipes. The Water Department also conducts testing of lead and copper in the system every three (3) years, which was most recently done in 2015 and showed the system in compliance with all federal and state rules.

Councilmember Abbott reported that the Capital Improvement Plan has begun and will be reviewed by council in March.

Councilmember Pennington reported that Fairfield Footlighters will perform "The Nerd" at the Community Arts Center February 19-21 and 26-28. Tickets are available from the Parks & Recreation Department.

Councilmember Keller reported that the Fire Department has taken delivery of three (3) power cots and the new ambulance will begin assembly on February 9, which will take approximately 60 days. He also reported that Sgt. Lori Cresap was recognized in the Journal News for her mission trips to Haiti, as well as for the book she wrote following those trips.

Councilmember Jones announced that applications are being accepted for openings on the city's boards and commissions. There are several openings available. The deadline for applications is February 12 and interviews will be held on March 5.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016 were approved as written

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

Resolution declaring necessity of repairing sidewalks (including aprons).

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

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. RESOLUTION NO. 1-16. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with T.R. Gear Landscaping for the Grounds, Entryways and Landscaping Program.

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

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Debbie Pennington moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 10-16. APPROVED 7-0.

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 second reading of this ordinance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to read the following resolution and ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Resolution appointing Economic Development Manager Greg Kathman to the West Chester Township Joint Economic Development District Board of Directors.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a resolution to appoint Greg Kathman to the West Chester JEDD Board of Directors. Tim Bachman's term is ended and he has recommended Mr. Kathman to take his position. Legislative action: Councilmember Woeste presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. RESOLUTION NO. 2-16. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended an ordinance to amend Chapter 735 of the Codified Ordinances, relative to Equal Housing Opportunity. This amendment would do away with the city's Fair Housing Board, as these issues are now dealt with at a county level, by the agency HOME. Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste presented the first reading of this ordinance.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

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

Simple Motion: Motion to not request a hearing regarding a liquor permit application in the name of BCN Fairfield, LLC dba Bargos Grill & Tap, 7105 Dixie Highway, Unit B, Fairfield, OH 45014. (Permit Classes: D1, D2, D3, & D3A)

Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Pennington, moved to not request a hearing regarding a liquor permit in the name of BCN Fairfield, LLC dba Bargos Grill & Tap. Motion carried 7-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 2-16. APPROVED 7-0.

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.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended an ordinance to declare twenty (20) high band portable radios as surplus and transfer to Gratis Fire Department. Legislative Action: Councilmember Keller presented the first 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.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended an ordinance to declare personal protective equipment as surplus and transfer to area vocational schools. The equipment does not meet safety standards for use in the field, however, it does still have functionality for use in training. Legislative Action: Councilmember Keller presented the first reading of this ordinance.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**had Oberson, Chairman; Mike Snyder, Vice Chairman; Bill Woeste, Member**

Councilmember Chad Oberson, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 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.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a contract with Prus Construction for the 2016 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement Program. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oberson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

#### **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 three (3) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to amend Subsection 163.03 (g) of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio relative to personal leave.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances relative to personal leave. It has been city practice that personal leave balances are forfeited upon an employee's separation from city employment. This ordinance will clarify that practice in the codified ordinances. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Adam Jones moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 11-16. 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 Contractual Appropriations – \$235,730 for 2016 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement Program. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste 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. 12-16. 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 – \$40,362 for the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 for Public Works Department, Engineering Division; \$43,850 for the purchase of a Ford SUV Interceptor AWD for the Fire Department. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste 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. 13-16. APPROVED 7-0.

**Meeting Schedule**

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, February 22 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 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.

**Executive Session of Council (if needed)**

No Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor's Approval

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_