

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 14, 2013

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 Holtegel led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Councilmember Holtegel, Councilmember Pennington, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Abbott, Councilmember Oler, and Councilmember Jones.

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved to excuse Councilmember Meyers. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

Executive Session Requests

Public Hearing(s)

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Fire Department presentation - Recognition of 911 call, 5 year old girl

Fire Chief Bennett explained that Medic 31 was dispatched to a call on December 31 for a medical emergency. After the call, a captain notified him that he should pull the tape of the 911 call. This call involved a 5 year old girl, Aaralyn Schulte, talking to Dispatcher Dawn Burns about her mother's medical emergency. The tape of the call was played for Council. Chief Bennett and Councilmember Oler recognized Aaralyn for her quick thinking and calm manner during the phone call. They also commended Dispatcher Burns for her professionalism and patience in handling the 911 call.

Kert Radel, 3401 Cherry Hill Drive, commended city staff in the Public Utilities Department for their help in a clogged drain at his home. The staff worked diligently for several hours over two days to assist him in correcting the problem. Mr. Radel thanked city staff and commented that he is very proud to be a resident of Fairfield.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Pennington noted that applications for Boards & Commissions are being accepted until February 15 at 5:00 PM. The application is available online or at the Clerk of Council's office. There are several volunteer positions available.

Councilmember Senger reported that Fairfield Greens, North and South Trace, had a total of 54,109 rounds of golf in 2012, which is 10% more than in 2011.

Mayor D'Epifanio reported that Fairfield High School will host the Crystal Classic the first Saturday in March. Thirty-six (36) show choirs will attend from all over the country, as far away as California. The finals that evening will start around 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Simple Motion: Motion confirming the appointment of Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio as Fairfield's representative to the Butler County Emergency Management Agency Advisory Council for 2013.

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel, moved to appoint Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio as Fairfield's representative to the Butler County Emergency Management Agency Advisory Council for 2013. Motion carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION 1-13. APPROVED 6-0.

Simple Motion: Motion confirming the appointment of Arvind Kochar as Southwest Quadrant Business Representative to the Design Review Committee effective January 14, 2013.

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved to appoint Arvind Kochar as Southwest Quadrant Business Representative to the Design Review Committee effective January 14, 2013. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Pennington recognized Ms. Kochar in the audience. Mayor D'Epifanio, Councilmember Pennington and Economic Development Manager Greg Kathman thanked her for volunteering her service. City Manager Pizzano commented that Ms. Kochar is filling a vacancy on the Design Review Committee left by the former library branch manager at the Lane Library in Fairfield; Ms. Kochar is currently the assistant branch manager. Ms. Kochar thanked Council for the appointment. SIMPLE MOTION 2-13. APPROVED 6-0.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Holtegel, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

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

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a Professional Services Contract with the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. This is an annual contract that provides the city with services and information from the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, such as the Business Retention Surveys, as well as a Platinum Sponsorship recognition and admission at the events hosted by Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. Legislative Action: Councilmember Holtegel presented the first reading of this ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance to amend subsection 313.03(c)(1)B of the Traffic Code of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an amendment to subsection 313.03(c)(1)B of the Traffic Code of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio. He explained that there have been changes in the state code that should be reflected in the local code. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to adopt . Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 1-13. APPROVED 6-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Tim Meyers, Chairman; Mike Oler, Vice Chairman, Tim Abbott, Member

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to read the following three (3) pieces of legislation by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution declaring necessity of repairing sidewalks (including aprons).

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution declaring necessity for the annual sidewalk repair program. This is the eighteenth (18th) year of the program, and the resolution is the first step in the program. Property owners are notified of the necessary repairs and given the opportunity to have them completed prior to the city doing it for them and billing them. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Holtegel asked if the process for assessing repairs has changed, as in the past one ward was repaired at a time, and now there are properties in all four (4) wards that listed for repair. Public Works Director Dave Butsch explained that there is a rotation to do a portion of repairs in each ward each year, so that the work is more evenly distributed throughout the city.

Resolution declaring intent and necessity of the Seward Road Improvement Project and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution to declare intent and necessity of the Seward Road Improvement Project. This is a step in the legal process for the acquisition of right-of-way for the upcoming Seward Road Improvement Project. This project will provide benefits in the area of economic development. Legislative Background: Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to adopt . Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION NO. 1-13. APPROVED 6-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with T.R. Gear Landscaping for landscaping maintenance.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a three (3) year contract with T.R. Gear Landscaping, a local company, for landscaping maintenance. The city had the last three (3) year contract with this company and during the bid process, they came in with the lowest and best bid and lower for a new contract than what the previous contract was, even with picking up two additional responsibilities. Legislative Action: Councilmember Oler presented the first reading of this ordinance.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following two (2) ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Contractual Items) - \$226,539 three (3) year contract with T.R. Gear Landscaping.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contractual appropriation to go along with the landscaping contract that was previously discussed. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to adopt . Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 2-13. APPROVED 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-Contractual Items) - \$2,200 Portable pH datalogger for Wastewater Division; \$33,325 X-Ray machine for Municipal Court; \$19,833 Seward Road right-of-way acquisition.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended appropriations of \$2,200 for portable pH datalogger for Wastewater, which will help detect substances dumped into the wastewater; \$33,325 for an x-ray machine for Municipal Court, as the current one has reached its limit for use and is more costly to repair than replace; \$19,833 for the Seward Road right-of-way acquisition. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt . Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 3-13. APPROVED 6-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, January 28 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 11 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 25 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 7:32 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date Approved

Mayor