

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
JULY 12, 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**

Fairfield VFW Post 1069 presented the colors and led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Keller, moved to excuse Councilmember Pennington. Motion carried 6-0.

**Agenda Modifications**

No agenda modifications.

**Executive Session Requests**

No Executive Session requests.

**Special Presentations and Citizen Comments**

**Oath of Office – Joseph Mollmann, Police Officer**

Councilmember Keller administered the ceremonial oath of office for Police Officer Joseph Mollmann.

**Proclamation – Todd Kristoff, Ohio Army National Guard Retirement**

Mayor Miller presented Sgt. 1st Class Todd Kristoff with a proclamation in honor of his 32 years of service with the US Army and Ohio National Guard. Sgt. 1st Class Kristoff spoke of what an honor it was to receive such recognition and told a little about his time in the military.

Mardia Shands, 5780 Windermere Lane, addressed council regarding the recent police-involved shootings, and made requests for policies and procedures to be reviewed so that Fairfield does not end up in the same situation. Police Chief Mike Dickey assured her that her requests are already part of the department procedure, as well as their accreditation process. Ms. Shands' full statement is attached to these minutes.

**Public Hearing(s)**

**2017 Tax Budget**

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 7:30 PM. Clerk Wilson read the hearing notice. City Manager Wendling explained the 2017 tax budget, with total revenues just over \$28 million and expenses at just over \$29 million. Mayor Miller closed the public hearing at 7:35 PM.

### **Mayor/Council Reports**

Councilmember Woeste mentioned that the first meeting of the new opiate task force went very well.

Councilmember Snyder welcomed a new employee in Wastewater Division, David Reis, who was hired as a Maintenance Electrician.

Councilmember Oberson announced that the paving projects are complete and the striping will be wrapping up soon. He also mentioned that the Gilmore/Rt. 4 project is still on-going.

Councilmember Keller noted a couple of letters received by the police and fire departments in recognition of their service. He reiterated his thanks to both departments for all that they do.

Councilmember Myron announced that the First Ward Parks & Recreation Board vacancy will be posted for applications for 30 days.

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2016**

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2016 were approved as written and submitted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Bob Myron, Chairman; Bill Woeste, Vice Chairman; Debbie Pennington, Member**

Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Fairfield, Ohio of a proposed amendment to the Charter of said city at a special election to be held and conducted on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 to amend Section 8.03 of the Charter to abolish the Board of Building Appeals and provide that the powers, duties and functions of the former Board of Building Appeals be performed in all respects by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Background: City Manager Wendling explained that the Charter Review Commission has recommended an ordinance to abolish the Board of Building Appeals, due to the fact that there has not been any need for the board to meet in some time. The recommendation is for the Board of Zoning Appeals to absorb the duties of the Board of Building Appeals, in the event that there is a case that needs to be heard.

Legislative Action: Councilmember Myron presented the first reading of this ordinance.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Mike Snyder, Chairman; Chad Oberson, Vice Chairman; Bob Myron, Member**

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Horizon Brothers Painting for the cleaning, repairing and painting of the Mack Road Water Storage Tower.

Councilmember Mike Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a contract with Horizon Brothers Painting for cleaning, repairing and painting the Mack Road Water Storage Tower. Legislative Action: Councilmember Snyder presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Mike Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Tim Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Mike Snyder, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 61-16. APPROVED 6-0.

#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Bill Woeste, Chairman; Bob Myron, Vice Chairman; Mike Snyder, Member**

Ordinance accepting five (5) separate sections of existing water main as public improvements to be maintained by the City of Fairfield.

Councilmember Bill Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended an ordinance to accept five sections of water main as public improvements. This project has been several years in the planning stages and is finally complete. Legislative Action: Councilmember Woeste 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 Chad Oberson moved to read the following legislation by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution adopting the tax budget of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and submitting the same to the Butler County Auditor and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a resolution to adopt the tax budget for 2017, as discussed in the public hearing. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION NO. 6-16. APPROVED 6-0.

Resolution declaring the necessity of an additional levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation and requesting the County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the City of Fairfield and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills and declaring an

emergency.

Background: City Manager Wendling recommended a resolution to declare necessity of an additional levy. This resolution will ask the County Auditor to certify the tax valuation and dollar amount generated by an additional levy. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Bill Woeste moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION NO. 7-16. APPROVED 6-0.

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 – \$374,000 for Mack Road Water Storage Tower project. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Mike Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Chad Oberson moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 62-16. APPROVED 6-0.

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Background: City Manager Wendling recommended the following Non-Contractual Appropriations – \$32,000 for purchase of air release valves for Wastewater Division Broadview Relief Sewer Lift Station Force Mains; \$25,000 for routine cleaning of Wastewater Division's Anaerobic Digester #2; \$32,000 for Joe Nuxhall Way Sanitary Sewer Force Main Installation Project; \$21,000 for Cisco network equipment support agreement; \$25,994 for project administration and inspection services for Mack Road Water Storage Tower project; \$8,350 for improvements to Village Green Park/Town Center Campus; \$7,369 for purchase of Exmark 60" Turf Tracer walk-behind mower. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Bob Myron moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Tim Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Craig Keller moved to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 63-16. APPROVED 6-0.

### **Meeting Schedule**

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, July 25 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 8 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 12 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 of Council adjourned at 7:45 PM.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor's Approval

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