

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 2010

Call to Order

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

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Meyers led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Abbott, Councilmember Rhodus, Councilmember Meyers, Councilmember Judd, and Councilmember Snyder. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to excuse Councilmember Oler. Motion Carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

No modifications were made to the agenda.

Executive Session Requests

There were no requests for Executive Session.

Public Hearing(s)

No public hearings were scheduled.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

- Proclamation Presentation to Rhythm Express Show Choir

Mayor D'Epifanio presented a proclamation declaring Tuesday, April 13, 2010 as Rhythm Express Day to the Junior High students for their many accomplishments including their championship win at National this year. Rhythm Express directed by Jeff Clark performed the ballad "Cinderella", which is an excerpt from their show.

- Proclamation Presentation - Arbor Day

Councilmember Meyers presented a proclamation to Environmental Commission President Veronica Craig declaring Arbor Day on April 30, 2010. Ms. Craig stated we have been a tree city for 15 years, which we work hard to maintain. She briefly discussed the removal of trees in the Memorial Grove near Banker Drive due to the trees being either diseased, dead or a nuisance species impeding the growth of better species. City Manager commented the stumps will be ground. Ms. Craig displayed a recycled material base for the walkways that will provide better drainage and will not impede the flooding process. She commented there will not be a parking lot in that area.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Senger commented on the Oakwood annual Water and Sewer Rate Study and once again Fairfield is number one in the survey for annual water rates and second for the combined water and sewer rate.

Councilmember Rhodus thanked staff for their efforts with the Home Expo held over the weekend in which hundreds of people attended. He further commented on the MASC Soccer tournament we hosted last weekend and reminded everyone it will be here

again this weekend. Councilmember Snyder commented on the good traffic control for the event. City Manager Pizzano commented this is the second year for the traffic control.

Councilmember Judd stated typically about 4,000 tons of salt is used in a winter, but this was a really rough winter and 6,692 tons of salt, 19,872 gallons of calcium were used. The cost for the salt and calcium combined is \$428,533 and the total cost including labor is \$578,880. Councilmember Judd recognized the Public Works Department for all their work.

Councilmember Snyder recognized the Fairfield Women Club for their 50th Anniversary celebrated recently. He also commented on a program he participated in recently in which he read to preschoolers at the Kindergarten Center.

Councilmember Meyers commented in Mt. Healthy the names of those currently serving in the military are on each utility pole. He suggested possibly doing something similar here for Memorial Day or 4th of July.

Councilmember Abbott stated we continue to track close to projections and next month will give us a good handle on what we will look like for the rest of the year.

Mayor D'Epifanio invited everyone to attend this Saturday, April 17 at noon at the Joe Nuxhall Pavilion in Waterworks Park where we will honor two employees, Probation Officer Scott Zeller and Police Officer Rob Corner, who just returned from Iraq. He stated the Choraliars, Amvets and VFW will be there. Mayor D'Epifanio commented that former Mayor Erick Cook has been taken to hospice and asked that Mayor Cook and his family be kept in everyone's prayers.

Approval of Minutes

- Special Meeting of March 15, 2010
- Regular Meeting of March 22, 2010.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 15, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2010 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mitch Rhodus, Chairman; Mike Snyder, Vice Chairman; Tim Meyers, Member

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an option and lease agreement with Clear Wireless LLC for antennas on the Winton Road water tower and the Mack Road water tower.

Councilmember Rhodus presented the third reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 30-10 APPROVED 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Marty Judd, Chairman; Mike Oler, Vice Chairman; Tim Abbott, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ISS Facility Services Inc. for janitorial services at the various city facilities.

Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to Read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a contract with ISS Facility Services to perform janitorial service at our various city facilities. He commented this particular firm is an international firm that does work at the Mason office, Hamilton County and the State of Kentucky. He commented by doing this joint venture we stand to save \$70 per year over last year. Legislative Action: Councilmember Judd presented the first reading of this ordinance. Ordinance approved for first reading only.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Terry Senger, Chairman; Tim Meyers, Vice Chairman; Marty Judd, Member

Resolution permitting a Fairfield property owner to receive City of Hamilton, Ohio sewer service and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution to permit a Fairfield Property owner to receive Hamilton sewer service. He explained we do not have sewer service in the vicinity of this property owner. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Read the following resolution by title only. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Snyder moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Senger, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION 2-10 ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY 6-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to Read four (4) pieces of legislation by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance to establish salaries and hourly rates for certain Municipal Court employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio and to authorize and limit the numbers and types of certain Municipal Court employees to repeal Ordinance No. 16-10 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance establishing salaries and hourly rates for a number of Municipal Court employees. He explained this will move several positions to the wage and salary ordinance specific to Municipal Court. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE 31-10 ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY 6-0.

Ordinance establishing salaries for certain exempt and salaried employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, to repeal Ordinance No. 116-09 and all amendments thereto and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance to establish salaries for certain salaried and hourly employees that will move three Court employees out of the city ordinance and into the Court ordinance and will appropriate as is done annually, funds for the performance based pool. He commented the pool has been cut this year by 10% and wages have not been increased at the bottom or the top end as we have customarily done in previous years in light of the economy. He further explained an across the board reduction has been made in the performance based wage adjustments that are subject to a matrix used to set these salaries. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three reading of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 32-10 ADOPTED AS AN AMERGENCY6-0.

Resolution to approve and adopt the City of Fairfield, Ohio 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the adoption of this year's Capital Improvement Program. He commented the 2010 CIP budget is just short of 25 million dollars. He briefly commented on the larger projects including the city portion of By-Pass 4, Exit 39 Project near Gilmore Road, Black Bottom Park Project, concrete and asphalt work, and water, sewer and drainage upgrades. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. RESOLUTION NO. 3-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-contractual Items) - \$45,000 for By-Pass 4 Widening Testing (under existing contract); \$55,000 for By-Pass 4 Widening Construction Administration (under existing contract); and \$4,200 for engineering services for relocation of Public Safety Tribute Project.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following non-contractual items: \$45,000 for By-Pass 4 Widening testing, \$55,000 for By-Pass 4 Construction Administration and \$4,200 for engineering services for relocation of the Public Safety Tribute Project. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 33-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Johns read the following meeting schedule:

Monday, April 26 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 10 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 24 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Adjournment

Councilmember Rhodus, seconded by Councilmember Judd moved to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:35 PM. Motion Carried 6-0.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____