

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

OCTOBER 25, 2010

#### Call to Order

Mayor D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

#### Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Rhodus 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 Oler. Councilmember Judd, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to excuse Councilmember Snyder. Motion Carried 6-0.

#### Agenda Modifications

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to add to the agenda an item authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Butler County Emergency Management Agency. Motion Carried 6-0.

#### Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Judd made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. Clerk Johns called the roll of Council. Motion Carried 6-0.

#### Public Hearing(s)

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

#### Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Bill Meyers discussed the 6th Annual Hero's Ride that took place on August 28, 2010. He announced the donation being made in the name of Tom and Stephanie Bobbinger this year to Impact a Hero is \$20,300. He thanked everyone for their support. Mayor D'Epifanio asked that anyone from the school district returning from active duty contact the Mayor's Office in order to be recognized.

- Presentation of Employee Third Quarter STAR Awards

City Manager Pizzano presented a Third Quarter Star Award to Fire Lieutenant Richard Hall for his efforts in coordinating a mass casualty incident training involving numerous area communities, hospitals and other agencies. Mr. Pizzano presented a Star Award to Fire Lieutenant Randy McCreddie and Firefighter Mike Susaneck for their extra efforts in assisting a citizen fix a flat tire while on duty as Medics. Mr. Pizzano presented a Third Quarter Star Award to Information Technology Manager Joseph Waldmann for fixing and updating a laptop on his own time for the Gratis Police Department. Mr. Pizzano recognized Third Quarter Star Award recipient, Police Officer Sandy Sears for her efforts in collecting needed items for the Transitional Living organization, which suffered damage after a recent fire.

Kelly Bowman, 252 Kings Ridge Square, explained on September 24 her son was struck by a minivan when crossing the back of the high school on North Gilmore over to Jungle Jim's parking lot. She discussed a need for increased safety for the students at Fairfield High School. Ms. Bowman suggested the back of the school, meaning North Gilmore, be considered a school zone and a crosswalk be installed at the back of the school over to Jungle Jim's. Councilmember Oler stated the Safety Committee will look into that item.

#### Mayor/Council Reports

Mayor D'Epifanio commented on the community event this Saturday at Jungle Jim's, which is being planned by those businesses. He complimented the Police Department for their work with the murders by MS-13 and the individual who was been convicted of murdering a local attorney.

Councilmember Judd commented all the resurfacing should be complete by the end of this week, weather permitting. He explained the section of Monica Drive, which received a slurry seal will be resurfaced with a top layer of asphalt as well. He commented the brush collection is complete for the year and leaf collection will begin on November 1st.

Councilmember Rhodus discussed the Huffman property near the golf course will be discussed at the Council-Manager Briefing on November 8th. He explained Patterson Boulevard is progressing on the redevelopment project and the senior housing facility is reapplying for tax credit. He commented the Beautiful Fairfield presentation will be in November at the Council meeting. Councilmember Rhodus commented Google earth images of Fairfield are extremely up to date.

Councilmember Senger congratulated the award winners. He commented it is very encouraging to learn about all the good work the City employees do.

Councilmember Oler discussed two robberies and commended Officer Aaron Meyers for recognizing the car and solving two robberies. He commented on how blessed we are with all the good services we have in Fairfield and to have departments that go above and beyond.

Councilmember Meyers commented on the October 10 Cyclocross that brings in about \$200,000 for the community for the one day event. He commented the Community Arts Center is ahead about \$28,000 from last year from an operating piece and overall concessions are up about \$14,000 over last year. Councilmember Meyers further commented the golf course is down about \$100,000 from last year's plan.

#### Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting of October 12, 2010

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2010 were approved as written.

- Special Meeting (Goal Setting Session) of October 12, 2010

The Special Meeting Minutes for the Council Goal Setting Session of October 12, 2010 were approved as written.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Mitch Rhodus, Chairman; Mike Snyder, Vice Chairman; Tim Abbott, Member**

#### Ordinance to amend various sections of the Zoning Code of Ordinance No. 166-84, The Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Councilmember Rhodus presented this Ordinance for second reading. Ordinance approved for second reading only.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

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

#### An Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with GRW Engineers, Inc. to conduct a study of existing water and sewer rates.

Councilmember Senger presented this item for second reading. Ordinance approved for second reading only.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Mike Oler, Chairman; Marty Judd, Vice Chairman; Mitch Rhodus, Member**

Simple Motion: Motion requesting that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Fiesta Navidena Inc 2 DBA La Pinata Mexican Grill & Bar, 500 Wessel Drive STE 2A-E, Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Classes: D5).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to request that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Fiesta Navidena Inc 2 DBA La Pinata Mexican Grill & Bar, 500 Wessel Drive STE 2A-E, Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Classes: D5). Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 20-10 APPROVED 6-0.

Simple Motion: Motion requesting that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of AJ's Fairfield Inc, DBA Maury's Lighthouse Cafè, 6121 Dixie Hwy Unit B, Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Classes: D1, D2, D3, D3A, and D6).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to request that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of AJ's Fairfield Inc, DBA Maury's Lighthouse Cafè, 6121 Dixie Hwy Unit B, Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Classes: D1, D2, D3, D3A, and D6). Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 21-10 APPROVED 6-0.

Simple Motion: Motion requesting that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Scap PH LLC, 510 Nilles Rd., Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Classes: D1).

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to request that no hearing be held on the liquor permit application in the name of Scap PH LLC, 510 Nilles Rd., Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (Permit Classes: D1). Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 22-10 APPROVED 6-0.

Simple Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Butler County Emergency Management Agency for the County-wide tornado policy.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an item in follow-up to the Council-Manager Briefing held earlier this evening in which Butler County EMA Director Jeff Galloway made a presentation about initiating a countywide emergency siren policy throughout Butler County. Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Butler County Emergency Management Agency for the county-wide tornado siren policy. Motion Carried 6-0. SIMPLE MOTION NO. 23-10 APPROVED 6-0.

#### **FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Read the following two (2) Ordinances by title only. Motion Carried 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Year End Transfer - See Ordinance for details)

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an appropriation ordinance to conduct year end transfers. He commented the main thing contributing to the need for the transfer has been the rising cost of prisoner housing. He explained the other item is for Parks concession to inject more money into the expenditure category only because of our success in the revenue category. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of the Ordinance entitled "Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 149-09 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, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010." Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Rhodus moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 96-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-contractual Items) - \$9,000 Explorer's Post uniforms, training equipment and operating supplies; \$15,000 hydrant adaptors; \$10,750 roof on Digesters 3 & 4 at Wastewater Treatment Plant; and \$22,000 alternate power for traffic signals.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended the following non-contractual items: \$9,000 uniforms, training equipment and operating supplies for the Explorer's post; \$15,000 for fire hydrant adaptors, \$10,750 for a roof on Digesters 3 and 4 at Wastewater Treatment Plant; and \$22,000 alternate power for traffic signals. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of an "Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 149-09 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, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010."'

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Senger moved to Suspend the rules requiring three readings of the ordinance. Motion Carried 6-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to Adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. ORDINANCE NO. 97-10 ADOPTED 6-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Johns read the following meeting schedule:

Monday, November 8 Council-Manager Briefing, 6 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Monday, November 22 Council-Manager Briefing (2011 Budget Review), 5 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Monday, December 6 Council-Manager Briefing (2011 Budget Review), 5 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:43 PM.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting of Council ended at 9:45 PM.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor's Approval

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