

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, January 12, 2009

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, January 12, 2009, with Mayor Mike Barhorst presiding.

Mayor Barhorst opened the meeting with a moment of prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present and answered roll call: Mike Barhorst, Steve Hamby, Frank Mariano, Katie McMillan, Tom Miller, Mardie Milligan, and Terry Pellman.

Also attending was: City Manager Steve Stilwell, Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy, Police Chief Steve Wearly, Fire Chief Stan Crosley, Park Foreman II Jim Heuing, Public Works Director Bill Gosciwski, Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, Purchasing Manager Gary Gerkey, and Wastewater Supt. Brian Schultz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Regular meeting, December 19, 2008 Special Meeting, and January 5, 2009 Workshop Meeting of Council were presented for approval.

Council member McMillan noted a typographical correction and Councilman Miller then moved, with Councilman Hamby seconding a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The roll call vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

PROCLAMATIONS – Right to Life and Martin Luther King Day

Mayor Barhorst read a proclamation declaring January 22, 2009 Right to Life Day in the City of Sidney and presented a copy of the proclamation to Kevin Schmiesing, Director of Right to Life of Shelby County. Schmiesing thanked Council for this proclamation; adding he sees this as a culmination of many years of support the Right to Life group has enjoyed. He added Right to Life protects and promotes dignity of life and they will strive to continue to live up to these standards.

Mayor Barhorst next read a proclamation designating January 19, 2009 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and presented a copy of the proclamation to Mt. Vernon Baptist Church representative Douglas Leslie. On behalf of Pastor David Wynn, Leslie thanked Council for remembering this special day; adding he hoped the community could continue to work together and walk together as Dr. King stressed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rick Sims, 921 E. Parkwood, voiced his concern with the recent passage of Resolution 72-08 (Dec. 19, 2008) authorizing purchase of property next to the Sidney Airport. Sims added he feels in the present economic times, this is a poor expense of City money; adding he fails to see how this purchase will benefit the residents of Sidney. Sims also voiced his concern with the December 19 meeting being held during daytime hours, making it difficult for citizens to attend. Sims commented he felt this purchase only benefited the property owner.

City Manager Stilwell commented the west side of the present airport runway has the potential to support commercial and T-hanger development, but as the area is difficult to reach, this purchase would allow road access to the area. Stilwell noted it was staff's opinion this property may not become available again for a very long time and this was an opportunity for the City to prepare for the future needs of the airport. Stilwell advised the scheduled closing of this purchase dictated the necessity of the December 19 meeting. He stressed proper procedures were followed for the conduct of this special meeting.

Sims commented he understands why the City wanted to purchase this property, but again stressed during the present economy he feels this money would have been better directed to help offset routine expenses for residents. Sims again commented he didn't see the airport being a vital part of the community in the near future.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

(A-2596) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP ESTABLISHED BY SECTIONS 305.01 AND 305.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING HANDICAPPED PARKING (CAC Office)

Public Works Director Gosciewski explained this ordinance would designate one handicap parking space at 1431 N. Main for use by Tri-County Community Action Corporation. He noted this designated handicapped parking would be one space immediately south of their office driveway, along the west side of Main Avenue.

Mayor Barhorst questioned whether this designation would be removed should the office location change and was assured it would be.

Councilman Miller questioned whether this designation would cause a problem in this mostly residential area, and Gosciewski responded he saw no concerns.

This will return to Council's January 26, 2009 agenda for further consideration.

RESOLUTIONS

(1-09) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS ITEMS AND PROJECTS

Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy explained this resolution would authorize the City to seek and accept bids for a variety of items, projects and services throughout 2009, in

accordance with the City's purchasing policy. He noted these bid items were included in the 2009 budget adopted by Council.

Councilman Hamby commented with the present downturn in the economy, he urged the City to try to get the lowest possible costs for these projects.

Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy responded the City is already looking at ways to decrease some of these purchases.

Councilman Pellman then moved and Councilman Miller seconded a motion to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 1-09 was declared adopted.

(2-09) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Community Services Director Dulworth explained this resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into a Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement with the Ohio Department of Development for a three-year period. Dulworth noted this agreement is mandatory unless the City wishes to relinquish the balance of the Revolving Loan Fund to the Ohio Dept. of Development.

It was moved by Council member McMillan, seconded by Council member Milligan to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 2-09 was declared adopted.

(3-09) A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING FRANK RATERMANN TO THE SHELBY COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

City Manager Stilwell explained this resolution confirms the reappointment of Frank Ratermann to the Regional Planning Commission for a new term expiring January 1, 2012.

Councilman Mariano moved and Councilman Hamby seconded a motion to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 3-09 was declared adopted.

(4-09) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

City Manager Stilwell explained this resolution would authorize the execution of an agreement between the City of Sidney and the Shelby County Public Defender's Commission to provide legal services for the indigent in the Sidney Municipal Court. He noted the proposed charge for this service in 2009 will be \$60,330.00.

It was moved by Councilman Pellman, seconded by Councilman Miller to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 4-09 was declared adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Comments

Councilman Hamby voiced his appreciation for the two proclamations tonight – recognizing civil rights leaders past and present. Hamby added he couldn't think of a better time to be serving on City Council and thanked fellow Council members for their support.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Stilwell welcomed former Planning Director Barbara Dulworth as the new Community Services Director and sitting at the table as a Senior Director.

Stilwell also reminded Council of the summary of liaison appointments to the various Boards and Commissions and asked Council to advise him of any changes they wished to make.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 PM with nothing further to come before Council, Councilman Mariano moved and Councilman Miller seconded a motion to adjourn. The voice vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was held pursuant to Sidney City Council Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jocene Fahnestock
City Clerk

Mayor