

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, October 12, 2009

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barhorst called the regular meeting of Sidney City Council to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, October 12, 2009. Councilman Pellman opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also attending was: City Manager Steve Stilwell, Law Director Mike Smith, Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy, Police Chief Kevin Gessler, Fire Chief Stan Crosley, Parks Director Duane Gaier, Public Works Director Bill Gosciewski, Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, Water Supt. Larry Broughton, Wastewater Supt. Brian Schultz, Assistant Wastewater Supt. Barry Zerkle, Assistant Water Supt. Sean Withrow, Purchasing Manager Gary Gerkey, City Engineer Scott Landon, Fleet Manager Doug Dearing, and Utility Director Chris Clark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting were presented for approval.

Councilman Mariano moved, with Councilman Miller seconding a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

(A-2624) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 925.01(b) AND 925.09(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING PARKS AND BEAUTY AREAS (Piper Park)

Parks and Recreation Director Gaier explained this ordinance would name the park land at 120 S. Main as "Piper Park".

It was moved by Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Miller to adopt this ordinance as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Ordinance A-2624 was declared adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- (A-2625) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE TAXED AS COSTS IN ANY CIVIL, CRIMINAL, OR TRAFFIC ACTION IN THE SIDNEY MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN DUTIES BY THE SIDNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Law Director Smith explained this ordinance would authorize the Municipal Court Clerk to charge as court costs, for certain services performed by the Sidney Police Department on behalf of the Court. He compared the current charges with the proposed amounts; noting no changes have been made to these amounts in almost 30 years. Smith commented the Clerk has estimated approximately \$25,000 could be realized as additional revenue annually from these charges.

City Manager Stilwell commented this came to staff's attention when the Police Department started looking for additional revenue sources; noting Lt. Balling took this project on to research as a possibility for increased funding.

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

RESOLUTIONS

- (61-09) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR OFFSITE REFUELING SERVICES

Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Judy explained this resolution would authorize the City Manager to accept bids for offsite fueling services as a result of the City's underground fuel tanks at the Service Center being beyond their usefulness. Judy noted the present tanks should be removed to remove risk of future environmental issues.

Councilman Pellman questioned whether there is any protection built in for fuel spikes and Judy noted the City has a "30-day opt out" clause.

Councilman Miller questioned whether the City would be locked in to a particular price or could the company come back at a later time with a higher price. Judy responded the City's price could be tied to the index or pump price. He noted this would be included in the proposals.

Councilman Mariano questioned whether several vendors in the community would be able to meet the City's guidelines and Judy responded we won't know until we send out for proposals.

It was moved by Councilman Pellman, seconded by Council member Milligan to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 61-09 was declared adopted.

(62-09) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE CITY OF SIDNEY ENGINEERING STANDARDS DATED OCTOBER 12, 2009

Public Works Director Gosciewski explained periodically the Engineering Department reviews and makes recommended changes to the City's Engineering Standards. He reviewed the proposed changes; noting the Shelby County Home Builder's Assoc. also found these proposed changes to be acceptable. Gosciewski responded to an earlier concern of Council's in regards to grinding down tripping hazards in sidewalk areas; noting these proposed standards would permit grinding as long as at least 2 ½" in thickness remained.

Councilman Mariano then moved and Council member McMillan seconded a motion to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 62-09 was declared adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion – Water Plant Capacity vs. Future Growth

Water Plant Supt. Broughton shared an overview of the Water Treatment Plant capacity vs. future growth; noting Sidney's plant is licensed under permit by Ohio EPA as a drinking water supplier and meeting regulatory standards. He noted the water system is essential to the City's quality of life as well as for the protection of health and safety and serves as a critical component of the economic base. Broughton shared a long-term plan to develop a financial and technical blueprint to systematically implement water improvements on a timeline consistent with the Land Use Plan. He pointed out at the present time the water plant pumps 3.14 MGD of finished water, while the current design of the plant is capable of 7 MGD. He reviewed some of the challenges of the present system including meeting present and future OEPA regulations as well as possible future growth and demands on the City's water.

Council member McMillan questioned the security of the water plant and water supply and Broughton responded the present system meets all requirements. McMillan added she thought the plant was doing a great job is meeting the needs of the community. Broughton responded Sidney has a good facility and good staff at the plant.

Discussion – Wastewater Plant Capacity vs. Industrial Growth

Assistant Wastewater Plant Supt. Zerkle introduced Rob Guisinger and Brian Clark from the department and then reviewed the present capacity of the Wastewater Treatment Plant vs. future growth potential. Zerkle noted while the present plant has a reserve capacity for future industrial growth, it is still important to review the plant's capacity as it relates to

possible future growth. He compared present loads to the plant in relation to the maximum designed capacity, and noted some of the challenges to the operation. Zerkle also reviewed some short and long-term needs as identified by the Wastewater Plant Planning Study/Master Plan.

Discussion – Wastewater Plant Planning Study

Water Supt. Schultz next reviewed the Wastewater Plant Planning Study noting the City's plant is a 7 MGD conventional secondary treatment facility. He noted this study is designed to provide a plan for potential improvements to the plant over a 20-year window, and highlighted specific objectives included in the plan.

Council Comments

Councilman Miller commented in light of tonight's presentations, he has a lot of confidence in City staff; adding they know what is coming and how to handle it.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Stilwell reminded Council of the October 21 Snow Plow "Roadeo", noting Piqua employees will also be participating in this event.

Stilwell also noted historically the first Monday in December is set aside for the annual Council/Staff Christmas party, in place of the regular Workshop Council meeting. Council agreed to again have the Christmas party on this date. Stilwell urged Council to advise him if they would like to host this event.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 PM with nothing further to come before Council, Councilman Burns moved and Councilman Mariano 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