

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, August 2, 2010

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop meeting of Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, August 2, 2010, with Mayor Mike Barhorst presiding. He welcomed those in attendance and explained a workshop meeting is simply a working meeting for Council and comments will not be entertained from the audience.

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, Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy, Law Director Mike Smith, Police Chief Kevin Gessler, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, Public Works Director Bill Gosciwski, Utilities Director Chris Clark, City Engineer Scott Landon, IT Manager Ken Van Hook, Underground Utilities Supervisor Dave Wood and Water Meter Foreman Chris Petty.

WORKSHOP ISSUES

Discussion – Traffic Safety Update

Public Works Director B. Gosciwski reviewed the current ODOT funded study being conducted by a Dayton traffic consultant for the 13 downtown traffic signals. This study is intended to identify “level of service” and possible improvements for traffic flow within the city. Consultant’s report and recommendations will be completed by September/October and will be brought to Council for further review and action. Police Department also utilizes the data for patrol improvements/concerns; Fire Department will have input for their emergency routes.

City Engineer S. Landon gave a slide presentation addressing the 2009 high volume intersections and traffic accidents.

Council members expressed several areas of concern, namely, I-75/SR 47, SR 47 and Folkerth, timing for crosswalk signals, east/west alley on West Avenue (between North Street and Poplar St.).

Discussion – Homeland Security is Hometown Security

Police Chief K. Gessler explained to Council the importance of planning and preparing for homeland security on all levels (local, state, national and international). Local law enforcement has the primary responsibility for preventing, responding to and recovering from terrorist attacks (i.e. 9/11/2001). Local law enforcement agencies have an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) in place and conduct periodic drills. Interaction with surrounding communities (Dayton, Piqua) is also critical.

Presentation – Water Meter Auto Read Project

Utilities Director Chris Clark gave Council an update on the water meter auto read program. Project is approximately fifty percent completed; contract completion date is November 30, 2010. This ARRA project is 40% funded by grant and 60% by 0% interest 20 year loan. A demonstration of the new auto read meters followed the report.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING ZONING BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

City Manager Stilwell reviewed the two items scheduled to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals at their August 16, 2010 meeting. Due to lack of agenda items, Planning Commission meeting for August 16th has been cancelled.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Stilwell briefly reviewed the prospective Council agenda items for the August 9 and August 23, 2010 Council meetings.

COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mayor Barhorst commended the paving work completed on Hoewisher Road.

City Manager S. Stilwell celebrated the completion of the Northbrook Mobile Home utilities project. Council members Barhorst and McMillan commended the job well done.

Parking and pedestrian traffic areas in the immediate vicinity of the Taylor Building have been blocked off for safety reasons. City Manager Stilwell advised that he contacted the adjacent property owners and advised them of the City staff's concerns. No further communication has been received from the owner of the building. Staff may look into using concrete jersey barricades and public signage for the subject area.

Council reviewed the proposed work schedule for the Acting City Clerk/Office Manager position. Acting Clerk J. Goubeaux thanked Council for their support and asked for patience as the details are worked out.

Mayor Barhorst reminded all to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, August 3.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 PM, with nothing further to come before Council, Council member Mariano moved and Council member McMillan seconded a motion to adjourn. The roll call vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was held pursuant to Sidney City Council Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Goubeaux
Acting City Clerk

Mayor