

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, August 23, 2010

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, August 23, 2010. Council member Milligan 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, 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, Acting Fire Chief Rick Simon, Parks Director Duane Gaier, Public Works Director Bill Gosciewski, Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, and Utilities Director Chris Clark. Also in attendance were Wastewater Plant Superintendent Brian Schultz, Assistant Wastewater Plant Superintendent Barry Zerkle, Water Plant Superintendent Larry Broughton, Assistant Water Plant Superintendent Sean Withrow and Chief Operator – Wastewater Plant Brian Clark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 9, 2010 Regular Meeting of Sidney City Council were presented for approval.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A-2657 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 921.01(a), 921.02(e), 921.04, 921.05, 921.07, 921.08(a)(d)(e)(f), AND 921.12(d) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING GRACELAND CEMETERY

Parks Director Duane Gaier reviewed the proposed updates for Section 921 regarding Graceland Cemetery. These amendments will improve the operations, reducing the staff from two full time employees to one full time augmented by part-time summer help and employees from the Parks, Underground and Street Departments. It will further clarify that the cemetery office is not the depository of revenue for services but rather “all fees or charges... shall be paid at the Revenue Collection Office...”

This amendment will return for further consideration at the September 13, 2010 Council meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion – Wastewater Plant Capacity v. Industrial Growth

Assistant Wastewater Plant Superintendent Barry Zerkle gave Council an update on the plant's capacity versus future growth. In accordance with the City's "*Imagine Sidney 2025!*" Comprehensive Plan, the Utilities Department provides a periodic review on (1) maintaining a high level of awareness in community of critical nature of the wastewater system and (2) issuing annual technical report to the City administration on wastewater system performance versus Land Use Plan.

The purpose of the report was to provide an annual update to Council on available capacity at the WWTP; ensure that planning is ongoing to allow continued growth; and stay up to date with every changing technology/OEPA regulations.

Following a brief question and answer session, Mayor Barhorst commented that the City of Sidney is a role model for Ohio EPA, noting that the pre-treatment program in place at our facility has been nominated for the USEPA award.

DP&L representative Earl Reives reminded Council and City staff that when it looks to upgrade the facility, the City should consider the DP&L rebate program when purchasing energy efficient equipment. Through this program, the City would be able to purchase the most efficient equipment at only 50% of the cost.

Discussion – Water Plant Capacity vs. Future Growth

Assistant Water Plant Superintendent Sean Withrow presented an informative power point summary of the current capacity and the future growth trends for the facility. The major project for the City will be the land acquisition for new water source and the subsequent construction when the economic conditions improve. Estimate cost of the project is \$23 Million.

A summary of the ARRA projects completed in 2010 was given to Council. S. Withrow explained that twenty years worth of projects will be completed in one year. Council member McMillan complimented the staff on getting all of these projects underway and getting the word out to the residents, by way of project signage, newspaper article series, etc.

Staff members answered various questions from Council members regarding specific projects and options available.

Discussion – Liquor License – Bel Mar Lanes, 101 W. Russell

City Manager S. Stilwell reported that the City received a liquor license transfer request from the new owners of Bel Mar Lanes. Following a background check from the Police Department and hearing no objection from Council, the City will sign off on the request.

Council Comments

Councilman Miller commented that the painting of the two water towers looks pretty nice.

Council member McMillan expressed appreciation to the Police Department for their assistance in delivering the weekly packets to Council members.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Stilwell reminded Council that the September Workshop session will be held on Tuesday, September 7, one day delay due to Labor Day Holiday. This meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a “meet and greet” of the three Fire Chief finalists. Dinner will be served.

As reported in the recent Manager’s Newsletter, the City has received a grant in the amount of \$150,000 for Brookside Park improvements. Staff will continue pursuing further funding.

City staff and Applefest organizers are coordinating the Court Street closure for the upcoming festival.

Council members interested in attending the Annual Ohio Municipal League conference in Columbus (September 29-30 and October 1) are to contact Acting City Clerk Joyce Goubeaux for registration information.

The Traveling Vietnam Wall and Healing Field of Flags will be in Sidney during the next couple of weeks. Council members were encouraged to join the community in celebrating and honoring our veterans during this event.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:32 PM with nothing further to come before Council, Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Burns 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,

Joyce Goubeaux
Acting City Clerk

Mayor