

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, February 22, 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, February 22, 2010, and opened the meeting with a moment of prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present and answered roll call: Mike Barhorst, 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, Fire Chief Stan Crosley, Parks Director Duane Gaier, Public Works Director Bill Gosciewski, Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, Street Supt. Marty Keifer, and Utility Director Chris Clark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 8, 2010 Regular Meeting of Sidney City Council were presented for approval.

Councilman Pellman moved, with Council member Milligan seconding a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

PROCLAMATION – Prescription & Over the Counter Medication Awareness Week

Mayor Barhorst read a proclamation declaring the week of February 22, 2010 as Prescription and Over the Counter Medication Awareness Week. Police Chief Gessler received the proclamation and shared statistics noting every day, 2500 kids between the ages of 12-17 try a painkiller for the first time. He also noted the vast majority of teens abusing prescription drugs are getting them from the medicine cabinets of friends, family, and acquaintances. Kim Curlis of the Medicine Shoppe was present commenting they support the efforts of the Police Department in cracking down on this problem in our community.

Police Chief Gessler noted this is the first time such a program has been done; adding it was started through the DARE program. He noted local pharmacies have agreed to be a drop off location for old medications.

Mayor Barhorst commended the officers for putting this program together.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ron Dorsey, 114 N. Ohio was in attendance and presented his desire to establish a transitional home in Sidney for prisoners released back to the community, as a way to help them with housing. He indicated he is working with the banks for the necessary loan and questioned what assistance the City could give for guidelines with this project.

City Manager Stilwell advised Mr. Dorsey he should contact his office as well as work with the Planning Department for zoning issues.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

(A-2638) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 917.02 AND 917.05 REGARDING THE YARD WASTE PORTION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Asst. City Manager Judy noted this ordinance would amend Chapter 917 of the Codified Ordinances to implement a partial charge for grass and brush pickup. At the present time, the City pays a per-customer-per-month fee of \$1.15 for curbside pickup and disposal of grass and brush. Judy noted presently there is no customer fee for this service. This ordinance would have the City paying \$0.37 per-customer-per-month from taxes with the remaining program costs being recovered with a customer charge of \$0.90 per bag of grass or bundle of brush.

It was moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Council member Milligan to adopt this ordinance as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Ordinance A-2638 was declared adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

(15-10) A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOSEPH MARTINO TO THE STORMWATER APPEALS BOARD

City Manager Stilwell explained this resolution would reappoint Joseph Martino to a new five-year term on the Stormwater Appeals Board. This new term will expire January 28, 2015.

It was moved by Councilman Pellman, seconded by Councilman Miller to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 15-10 was declared adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion – Feeder Canal Plan Update

Parks Director Gaier gave an overview of the development of the Sidney Feeder Canal Trail from Graceland Cemetery, south along the west side of the Miami River. He reviewed the completion of Phase 1 (approximately one mile) of this project, as well as proposed Phase II and III. Gaier noted Phase II is expected to be completed in the spring of 2010. He noted this long-term project will utilize the Miami River corridor, promote recreational diversity and use outside funding sources; all recommended in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Gaier noted there are no funds available for development of Phase III and the City will be applying for possible grants for this project at a later date. It was noted at the present time, Phase III is located outside the corporate limits; with the City waiting on a response from the County concerning possible annexation of this area.

Mayor Barhorst questioned whether the City had any plans to go north with this pathway and Gaier responded at the present time the City would have to purchase property to do this. There are no plans to pursue this at the present time.

Council Comments

Councilman Miller moved and Council member Milligan seconded a motion to excuse Councilman Mariano (out of town), Council member McMillan (death in family), and Councilman Burns (schedule conflict) from tonight's meeting. The voice vote followed unanimously.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Stilwell reminded Council there presently is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals and they should advise City Clerk Fahnestock of anyone who may be interested in serving. Council was also reminded of the upcoming retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 27 and urged Council to review their agenda material beforehand if possible.

Stilwell commented he is impressed with staff's ability to move 20" of snow received in 12 days; adding they worked very hard to deliver what services funding would allow. He added he felt everyone did a wonderful job while being four people down in staffing.

Mayor Barhorst also commented he was impressed with the job done with limited resources.

Street Supt. Keifer then gave Council a review of operations during the recent snow event.

City Manager Stilwell also reminded Council of a March 22 luncheon with staff to review the process of recruiting a new Fire Chief.

Stilwell also commended Jennie Rogers (Parks) for her successful efforts to receive a \$2000 grant to provide free transportation this summer to all parks involved in the summer food program and clinics.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 PM with nothing further to come before Council, Council member Milligan moved and Councilman Pellman 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