

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

Held on Monday, March 8, 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, March 8, 2010. Councilman Burns 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, Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy, Law Director Mike Smith, Police Captain Mike Lundy, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Simon, Parks Director Duane Gaier, Public Works Director Bill Gosciwski, Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, and Utility Director Chris Clark.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting, February 27, 2010 Retreat Meeting, and March 1, 2010 Workshop Meeting of Sidney City Council were presented for approval.

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

### **PROCLAMATION – Red Cross Month**

Mayor Barhorst read a proclamation declaring the month of March as American Red Cross Month in the City of Sidney and presented a copy of the proclamation to Board member Merrill Asher. Asher thanked Council for this recognition and invited them to a jazz benefit scheduled for March 15 at the Piqua Country Club.

### **PROCLAMATION – Developmental Disabilities Month**

Mayor Barhorst also read a proclamation declaring March as Developmental Disabilities Month and presented a copy to Cheryl Long of S & H Products. Members of the People First Group (Robert Schmidt, Tia Braun and Brian Stotler) were present and shared their involvement with the People First Group. Rebecca Long, volunteer with this group, also shared she is learning how to advocate for people with disabilities.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

(A-2639) AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2010

Finance Officer Adams explained this ordinance would authorize supplemental appropriations for various funds for the 2010 budget year. She noted the majority of the appropriation is to cover unexpected expenses in connection with winter street maintenance. Adams noted this ordinance would also transfer \$57,000 from Parks & Grounds contractual expenses to Parks & Grounds seasonal labor expense to offset the loss of the prisoner work release program.

Councilman Mariano questioned how many seasonal employees this would cover and Parks Director Gaier responded they are looking to hire five additional seasonals.

Mayor Barhorst questioned whether we have checked with surrounding counties to see if they have a prisoner work release program and staff agreed to check into this further.

This will return to Council's March 22, 2010 meeting for further consideration.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

(16-10) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO FILE AN ANNEXATION PETITION AND AGREEING TO PROVIDE CITY SERVICES TO A 28.821 ACRE TRACT IN SECTION 34, PERRY TOWNSHIP, SHELBY COUNTY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE CAMP BROOKSIDE ANNEXATION

Community Services Director Dulworth explained this resolution involves the City's petition to annex two parcels of land located at the east and south of the existing Tawawa Park, specifically the Brookside Park and Baker Range. The total annexation would be 32.064 acres. It was noted the acreage in the Resolution title needs to be changed to reflect the 32.064 figure.

It was moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Pellman to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 16-10 was declared adopted.

(17-10) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$30,000.00 FROM THE CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO THE CDBG DOWNTOWN FAÇADE REHAB FUND

Community Services Director Dulworth explained this resolution would authorize the transfer of \$30,000 from the CDBG Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund to the CDBG Downtown Façade Rehabilitation Fund. She noted these funds would then be available for property owners in the 9-block Court Square business district to complete façade/exterior renovations and/or interior Code violations.

Councilman Mariano questioned whether this funding is only available for businesses and Dulworth responded it could be applied to businesses or homes in this area.

Councilman Burns then moved and Councilman Mariano seconded a motion to adopt this resolution as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous and Resolution 17-10 was declared adopted.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Discussion – Northbrook Mobile Home Park Update**

Utility Director Clark gave Council a brief update on activities at Northbrook Mobile Home Park. He reviewed the lawsuit filed in 2008 against the City by the owner of the park relative to the water and sewer connections to serve the park; noting a settlement agreement was reached early in 2009 and the lawsuit has been dismissed. Northbrook Mobile Home Park owner was awarded funding under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act for drinking water improvements and he also installed a new sewer system at the same time. Clark noted he expects the sewer installation project to be completed before May; adding, residents have been on City water since October, 2009.

### **City Manager Comments**

City Manager Stilwell called Council's attention to a map showing the streets affected by Vectren's current project replacing gas mains.

He also noted a draft summary of Council's February 27, 2010 retreat was included in their packets and if there are no changes, this will be provided to Sidney Daily News.

Stilwell also advised the City received the Chamber's Beautification Award for the development of Piper Park.

Mayor Barhorst commented he was happy Council member McMillan's sister Terry has been able to visit from California and wished her a safe trip home.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:57 PM with nothing further to come before Council, Council member Milligan 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 Fahnstock  
City Clerk

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Mayor