

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, November 8, 2010

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, November 8, 2010, with Mayor Barhorst presiding. Council member McMillan 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, and Mardie Milligan.

Also attending was: City Manager Steve Stilwell, Law Director Mike Smith, Asst. City Manager-Administrative Services Tom Judy, Police Chief Kevin Gessler, Fire Chief Brad Jones, Parks Director Duane Gaier, Public Works Director Bill Gosciewski, Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, and Utilities Director Chris Clark. Also attending was Deputy Fire Chief Rick Simon, Human Resources Manager Vickie Allen, City Engineer Scott Landon, and Street Supt Marty Keifer. Chamber Leadership Intern Carol Johnston was in attendance. Representatives of the Shelby County Health Department (Steve Tostrick and Kent Topp) were in attendance. Special Guest was Betsy Gosciewski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 25, 2010 Regular Meeting and November 1, 2010 Workshop Meeting of Sidney City Council were presented for approval.

Council member Milligan moved, with Councilman Miller seconding, a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments during the meeting. Mayor Barhorst welcomed Chamber Leadership Intern Carol Johnston to the meeting.

INTRODUCTION

Deputy Fire Chief Rick Simon introduced new Fire Chief Bradley Jones to City Council. Chief Jones was sworn in during the 8:00 a.m. ceremony and has a full day of work behind him. Chief Jones expressed his appreciation to City Council for their support and looks forward to working with the City staff for the benefit of the Sidney community.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Barhorst presented a Proclamation to Public Works Director Bill Gosciowski in honor of his thirteen years of service to the City of Sidney. PWD Gosciowski will be retiring from the City effective November 20, 2010. In accepting the Proclamation, "Bill G." thanked Council and fellow staff members for their support over the years and expressed his pride in serving the community.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A-2661 AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2010

Finance Officer Ginger Adams presented Council with the supplemental appropriations for the year 2010. The net effect of these changes would be to decrease 2010 appropriations by \$286,916.

Council member McMillan inquired as to the Airport Improvement Fund (runway project); Finance Officer Adams explained that the \$300,000 appropriation was moved to 2011.

There being no further questions from Council, Ordinance A-2661 will return for second reading on November 22, 2010.

RESOLUTIONS

57-10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACTS AND CONTRACTS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE WITH VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS

DFC Simon reviewed the contracts to be entered into with Clinton Township (EMS and Fire), Orange Township (EMS and Fire), Franklin Township (Fire) and Washington Township (EMS) for calendar year 2011. The dollar values reflect a 3% increase over 2010 amounts.

Councilman Burns inquired as to a comparison of contractual charges versus actual cost to perform the services for the townships. DFC Simon responded that an analysis has not been done but it is on the "to do" list for the next year. The results of that analysis will be reported to City Council for purposes of future contracts, specifically what is value to town, what is loss to City residents if equipment is used, are we recouping our costs?

Township residents are charged the same as a City resident for EMS services. Services provided to a non-Washington Township resident on the interstate are billed differently.

Councilman T. Miller commented that former Fire Chief S. Crosley had researched these rates and adjusted them; he suggested that the department refer to S. Crosley's research as a starting point.

Mayor Barhorst thanked DFC Simon for his extraordinary service as Acting Fire Chief. DFC Simon responded that he was honored to serve as Chief in the interim.

58-10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 912

Assistant City Manager T. Judy explained to Council the terms of the negotiations with the IAFF union. The tentative agreement correlates the union's wages to income tax collections for the three year period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

ACM Judy recognized the firefighters and lieutenants for agreeing to accept this risk sharing arrangement. Other changes in the contract are of the "housekeeping" variety, such as Leave of Absence article, residency article and educational bonus article.

Councilman Burns moved, and Council member Milligan seconded, to adopt Resolution 58-10 as presented. Upon voice vote motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION – Update on State/County Sewer Connection Rates

Utilities Director C. Clark gave Council an overview of the State of Ohio's changes to the State's sewage laws. He summarized the events of the last five years relative to the State's attempt to amend the Sewage Laws as well as the City's efforts to prevent the proposed changes. Shelby County Health Commissioner Steve Tostrick and Director of Environmental Health Kent Topp attended the Council meeting to give their input on the issues. The new law only applies to those entities outside of the Corporation Limit being served by septic systems. Appeals go to state mandated Sewage Treatment Appeals Board. For entities within the City, the Health Department still inspects septic systems but follows the City of Sidney's Sewage Rules. Appeals go to City's Utilities Connection Board.

Areas currently served outside of corporate limits without annexation are Honda, Village of Port Jefferson, a portion of Riverside Drive and the Stephens Subdivision.

Mayor Barhorst expressed his appreciation to the Health Department for keeping the City advised of the new law and thanks to City Manager and staff members for going to Columbus to head off the proposed changes.

Councilman Mariano joined his thanks with Mayor Barhorst's in thanking the Health Department for their role and the Mayor and City Manager for jumping on it.

Health Commissioner Tostrick addressed Council and expressed his appreciation for the City's help in providing services and hopes to continue the working relationship between the City and the Health Department; they are especially enjoying the rented space in City Hall. Kent Topp commented that it is a tough balancing action between annexation and sewer connections; he has been in the middle between the Township and City officials; he will continue to strive to be fair and equitable to all parties involved.

DISCUSSION – Snow & Ice Management Plan Update 2010-11

Street Superintendent M. Keifer presented an overview the 2010-11 Snow & Ice Management Plan. The staff has been preparing equipment and stocking material for the upcoming winter season. The

goals are to provide efficient service to residents, businesses and visitors with safety as priority. Salt will be applied for a “dusting” of snow within 4 hours (15 employees); plowing and salting will occur for a 2” to 4” storm within 12 hours (25 employees). Work shift is twelve hours, often 16 hour maximum depending on the severity of the weather event.

Councilman Mariano asked if the City uses salt brine for treating bridges and roadways. M. Keifer explained that it is applied prior to a storm event, however, a problem arises if rain occurs first, washing the treatment off the pavement.

DISCUSSION – Budget Review

Finance Officer Ginger Adams gave Council an opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns about the proposed 2011 Budget. Hearing none, the budget will be presented to Council for first reading on November 22, 2010.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Miller moved to excuse Councilman Pellman from the meeting due to a commitment out of town. Motion was seconded by Councilman Mariano and passed by voice vote.

Council member McMillan expressed gratitude that Councilman Mariano will continue to serve on City Council. Mayor Barhorst agreed that the County’s loss was the City’s gain.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

CM Stilwell reminded Council that the retirement luncheon for Public Works Director Bill Gosciwski is scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2010 at 12 noon in Council Chambers. All are encouraged to attend and wish Bill G congratulations and good luck in the future.

Leaf collection is ahead of last year’s schedule; first round will be completed by November 12. City crew will continue making rounds as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 PM, with nothing further to come before Council, Council member Milligan moved and Councilman Burns 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 L. Goubeaux
Acting City Clerk

Mayor