

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010
5:00 P.M.

Prior to the regularly scheduled Workshop Meeting, City Council members met with the three finalists for the Fire Chief position: Bret Kittle (Sidney), Ron Pristera (Ashtabula) and Bradley Jones (Kettering).

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop meeting of Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:40 P.M. Tuesday, September 7, 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, Acting Fire Chief Rick Simon, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, Public Works Director Bill Gosciewski, Utilities Director Chris Clark, Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth, Parks Director Duane Gaier, and Recreation Specialist Jennie Rogers.

WORKSHOP ISSUES

Discussion – Summer Recreation & Pool Report

Recreation Specialist Jennie Rogers reviewed with Council a summary of the 2010 summer programs and pool statistics. The participation in the food program at Green Tree Park was low due to 2010 being the first year in the program; anticipate that number to increase in 2011. Mayor Barhorst inquired about the impact of the reduced operating hours at the Pool. An interest has been expressed by the patrons to stay open longer during the week to allow workers to enjoy the facility. Councilman Mariano recommended that perhaps the hours could be adjusted to a 7:30 p.m. closing.

Discussion – Review of Five-Year Plan

Finance Officer G. Adams presented Council with a PowerPoint report on the overall financial status of the City and the long term financial plan. Assistant City Manager – Administrative Services T. Judy then led the financial contingency discussion. The review concluded with City Manager Stilwell giving a brief review of the Capital Projects proposed for 2011. Finance Officer G. Adams asked Council members to review the Five-Year Plan, keeping in mind that if they wish to include a specific project, then a current project would have to be postponed.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING ZONING BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Community Services Director B. Dulworth reviewed the four items scheduled to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals at their September 20, 2010 meeting. Planning Commission agenda for September 20th includes one item for review.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Stilwell briefly reviewed the prospective Council agenda items for the September 13 and September 27, 2010 Council meetings.

COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager S. Stilwell commended the City staff for their assistance and coordination of the Traveling Vietnam Wall in Sidney on Wednesday, September 1, 2010.

Finance Department received notice that the audit was “clean”; more information will be brought to Council.

Councilman T. Miller inquired about the process by which Municipal Court Judge Luce will be replaced upon his retirement effective November 1, 2010. Law Director M. Smith explained the procedure to Council. The Governor of Ohio will appoint an interim judge to serve until the next general municipal election (November 2011). In November 2011 a new judge will be elected to serve the unexpired two year term, until the November 2013 election. A written explanation will be provided to Council and staff.

Mayor Barhorst reported that the Shelby County Mayor’s Association has scheduled Trick or Treat nights for the next three years: October 28, 2010, October 27, 2011 and October 25, 2012.

Mayor reiterated the City Manager’s comments concerning the community’s show of patriotism and support for the local Veterans. As he looked around the crowds, many emotions were displayed by Veterans of all ages and all wars/conflicts.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:03 PM, with nothing further to come before Council, Council member Milligan 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