

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

Held on Monday, January 3, 2011  
6:30 P.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The workshop meeting of Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, January 3, 2011, with Mayor Barhorst presiding.

### **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, Finance Officer Ginger Adams, and Utilities Director Chris Clark. Additional staff members in attendance: Water Treatment Plant Supt. Larry Broughton, Engineer Scott Landon, Assistant Engineer Nick Miller, and Engineering Technician Kirby King. Guests included Airport Advisory Board Chairman Russ Gottemoeller, and Airport Consultant Greg Heaton.

### **DISCUSSION – Airport Runway Shift**

CM Stilwell introduced Airport Advisory Board Chairman R. Gottemoeller, Airport Consultant G. Heaton and Assistant City Engineer N. Miller. A brief history was provided regarding the work to date on the runway extension at the Municipal Airport. G. Heaton then reviewed the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) and discussions with the FAA for approval and funding of the proposed runway shift. Net cost for the project is estimated at \$2.3M; anticipate FAA paying approximately 95% of the cost. Public Hearings have been held with the adjacent property owners in an attempt to keep them up to date on the project and to gain their support. Additional hearings will be held with property owners east of the airport as needed.

CM Stilwell commented that the Airport improvements were included in Council's goals. City staff is providing in-house services (i.e. surveying, engineering design) in an attempt to keep the costs within budget, which costs can be applied to the City's 5% share.

Mayor Barhorst expressed his appreciation to Consultant G. Heaton and R. Gottemoeller for their time and energy for attending the meeting with the FAA, resulting in progress being made in the right direction.

### **DISCUSSION – Update on all ARRA Projects (including SPT)**

PW Director Clark gave a final report on all ARRA projects, followed by Assistant City Manager T. Judy giving a summary of items funded at the Shelby Public Transit facility. The projects were bid at \$8.2M, however, actual costs ended up at \$7.3M, less grant savings. Special acknowledgement was given to the various departments and staff members for their involvement in all the projects. T. Judy added that the Federal government looks at cities that can manage their funds and have a good track record of project management; the award of these funds speaks highly of our staff.

Council member Milligan commented that it would be interesting to track how much funds are reimbursed to the City, looking 15-20 years down the road.

CM Stilwell commented that the majority of these projects were needed, regardless of whether the City pursues a new water source.

### **DISCUSSION - Special Assessment (505 Doorley Road)**

PW Director Clark explained to Council the special situation for the water main extension on Doorley Road. The Doorley Road water main extension was completed in 2009 through the ARRA funding. This project involved the installation of water main, including valves and fire hydrants, from the north property line of 505 Doorley Road and heading south to the City's corporate limits. Due to the large front footage at this property, the water reimbursement is calculated at \$5,763. The owner has requested a payment plan as follows: \$5,763 @ 2.5% interest rate for 5 years plus 5% Auditor's Administration fee (one time only). If approved by Council, the annual payment equates to \$1,302.49.

Hearing no objections from Council, an ordinance will be introduced at the January 10, 2011 meeting authorizing this special assessment for 505 Doorley Road. Property owners, Brian and Sharon McDermitt, were in attendance and thanked Council for their consideration of this matter.

### **DISCUSSION – Wapakoneta property acquisition**

PW Director Clark led a discussion on the Phase I widening of Wapakoneta Avenue (between Parkwood and I-75). The new road will be three lanes with appropriate curb/gutter, storm drainage and sidewalks. In the section north of Hoewisher Road, the sidewalk will be on the west side of the road only to accommodate the residents in the Northbrook Mobile Home Park and the VFW patrons.

There are twelve properties involved in the acquisition of temporary and permanent right-of-way easements for utilities and road construction. The total negotiated compensation for all twelve property owners is \$33,067. A resolution will be brought to Council at the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to appropriate and authorize the purchase of necessary rights-of-way for Phase I.

Phase II (Russell Road to Parkwood) design is being reviewed by staff; funding through Small Cities Grant has received preliminary approval for 80% funding.

### **DISCUSSION – Water Source Property Acquisition**

CM Stilwell gave Council a brief update on the Hoge negotiations for the water source property acquisition. If no progress is made with the property owner, the next step will be initiating a condemnation ordinance in February, 2011.

### **DISCUSSION – 2011 Sidewalk Resolution of Necessity**

PW Director Clark reported to Council on the 2011 Sidewalk Program. Sidewalk construction and repairs in Precinct 2A will be addressed in 2011. A resolution will be brought to Council at

the January 10, 2011 meeting for approval; notices will be sent to all property owners after resolution is adopted.

The 2010 Sidewalk Program will be completed in February with the adoption of the assessment ordinance.

### **DISCUSSION – Council Rules and Committee Assignments**

Mayor Barhorst asked Council members if anyone wished to change committee assignments for 2011. No changes were requested; the assignments will remain the same as they were in 2010.

CM Stilwell reviewed the Council Rules and explained to Council that there have been no changes to the rules since 2007. The Rules will stand as is.

### **REVIEW OF UPCOMING ZONING BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011**

CM Stilwell reported that there are no items to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals and therefore no meeting in January. There are two items on the Agenda for the Planning Commission's January meeting: Annexation of Canal Land and adoption of a new Zoning Map.

### **UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS**

CM Stilwell briefly reviewed the prospective Council agenda items for the January 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Council meetings.

### **COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mayor Barhorst encouraged Council members to participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse.

CM Stilwell reported on the current events at the Ohio Building on N. Ohio Avenue. Due to lack of payment by the property owner, the utilities have been disconnected. City staff has taken necessary steps to prevent the water pressure from causing pipe leaks. All tenants have vacated the premises. With the cooperation of DP&L (specifically Earl Reives), the tenants were given extended use of electricity in order to evacuate the premises with the use of the elevator.

FO Adams was commended for receiving the "Excellence in Financial Reporting" from the Auditor of State; by applause, Council members congratulated her for a good job.

Acting City Clerk noted that Council members and Senior Directors received a questionnaire to be completed and returned by January 14, 2011. The consolidation of City Clerk and Office Manager positions will be scheduled for Council discussion at the February 7, 2011 Workshop meeting. A summary of all responses will be provided at that time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:56 PM, with nothing further to come before Council, Councilman Burns moved and Councilman Mariano 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

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