

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, October 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, October 3, 2011, with Mayor Barhorst presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present and answered roll call: Mike Barhorst, Katie McMillan, Tom Miller, Mardie Milligan, Terry Pellman and Steve Wagner.

Also attending was: Interim City Manager Tom Judy, Public Works Director Chris Clark and Finance Officer Ginger Adams. Other staff members in attendance included: HR Manager Vickie Allen and Street Superintendent Marty Keifer.

Discussion – Ice and Snow Removal Policy Update

Street Superintendent M. Keifer updated Council on the city's preparedness for the upcoming winter season. Employees are being trained, equipment prepared and necessary materials stocked to manage snow and ice removal. Council members were invited to participate in the October 19, 2011 Snow Plow Roadeo at Custenborder Field.

Challenges for 2011-2012 include the shortage of equipment operators and tax revenue issues. M. Keifer expressed appreciation to the Council and staff for their team effort and cooperation in making it possible to maintain the safety on the city streets as necessary.

Council commended the Street Department for a good job.

Discussion – Wapak Avenue Phase I Project Update

PWD Clark gave a brief update on the reconstruction of Wapak Avenue – Phase 1A and the projected plans for Phase 1B. Paving contractor, Barrett Paving, is behind schedule but hopes to catch up in the next week with favorable weather forecasted.

A public meeting was held on September 27, 2011 with residents in the Phase 1B section, explaining the timeline and necessary road closures and detours. The project contractor has done an excellent job communicating to all parties involved.

Tentative completion date for the entire project is December 9, 2011.

PWD Clark distributed the 2011 Street Resurfacing map depicting city streets targeted for paving, beginning the end of October, depending on the contractor's schedule on Wapak Ave and favorable weather.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING ON OCTOBER 6, 2011 AND PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 17, 2011

ICM Judy reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on October 6, 2011 to review a request from Fergus (Advanced Auto) regarding a setback variance. The October 17th meeting for the Planning Commission includes a request for a daycare operation in a general industrial district.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

ICM Judy briefly reviewed the prospective Council agenda items for the October 10 and October 24 Council meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council member Milligan moved to excuse Councilman Mariano from the workshop meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Pellman and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Barhorst noted that the City was invited to participate in the Buckeye Energy/Keystone project in Ohio. Council members concurred that this was not a project in which council wishes to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 PM, with nothing further to come before Council, Councilman Wagner 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 L. Goubeaux
City Clerk

Mayor