

COUNCIL MINUTES, MARCH 17, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Johnson

Roll Call: Mayor Johnson, Dave Snider, President, Eric Huston, Doug Fehrman, Linda Henery
Also present were Will Flautt, Kelly Beem and Jane Foulk

Guests: Casey Sargel, reporter, Randy Comisford, ODOT, Mitch Altier and Kevin Wood, IBI Group, Jeremy Vandermark, Police Chief

Reading of Minutes: Tom read the minutes from the March 3rd meeting Linda moved and Doug seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call vote – all yeas.

New Business

Streetscape discussion – Randy said we have until April 23 to accept bids. Kevin showed drawings of the base project, phase I which will extend from Courthouse Square to Pigs Foot Square. All four corners of Pigs Foot Square will have a brick plaza area, handicap ramp. There will be historic reproduction lights (25) plus all four corners of both squares. The lights will be placed intermittently from Pigs Foot Square to Courthouse Square.

Randy said Somerset is approved to be awarded funding for Phase II Streetscape, railroad acquisition and construction of the bike path. Funds will be allocated in June 2017, if funds available.

Kevin asked if we would have to go through the same process as for phase I. Randy said it will not be as rigorous. Bike path will be divided into two parts: the actual bike path and the right of way. Property acquisition will cost \$345,000. ODOT will pay 25 percent and Clean Ohio will pay 75%. Second application for phase III, will be for multi-use path and parking to tie into existing park, Emerald Necklace and access to tie into downtown area. \$919,300 total cost.

Jane asked Kevin if he had colored drawings. He will get us what he has that we can publish.

Tom, asked Council for approval to move ahead as presented. Approximately \$20,000 oversight amount which is 10% of total. Dave moved and Doug seconded to suspend rules and adopt the ODOT project on emergency basis. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Tom thanked Randy.

Mike moved and Eric seconded to pay ODOT for Village share of \$21,180. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Sheriff is donating 8 bikes. We will have 8 bike shares GO Bike like in Columbus. We will launch the program this summer. We need some technical advice for signage about bike safety.

Randy expressed two concerns: Part of the bike paths are outside the village limits and so is the construction of the bike path. Who pays for parts out of Village limits? Tom said all the land is within the village. Randy said we also need a parking area at the end of trail.

Old Business

Third reading of two levies – Res 1507 and 1508. Doug moved, Linda seconded to pass Resolution 1507. Roll call vote, all yeas. Doug moved and Dave seconded to pass Resolution 1508. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Doug thanked Tom for his vision and hard work. Exceptional!

BPA wanted executive session with Council. Dave moved and Eric seconded. Roll call vote, all yeas. Doug moved and Eric seconded to suspend the rules and go into executive session with BPA. Roll call vote, all yeas. Bill moved and Linda seconded to return from executive session. Roll call vote, all yeas. 8:15 executive session ended.

Eric moved and Bill seconded to suspend rules and go back into regular session. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Police Department

Jeremy talked about how old cruisers are and that we are spending too much (\$18,000+ on constant repairs. Cruisers get 100 miles per shift per cruiser. Our three police vehicles all have around 150 miles on them. We could buy a stripped Crown Victoria for \$5000, a new Chevy Caprice for \$19,000, a new

Taurus for \$25,000 stripped. All would come with cage, light bars and emergency lights. Jeremy would like to get new vehicles and turn them over every three years on rotation. Can finance.

Motion by Linda to authorize purchase of a Chevy Caprice every 2 years for \$19,000 Eric seconded, Roll call, all yeas.

Tom asked Jeremy about abandoned cars. Jeremy said eight vehicles have current tags but not on vehicles. He counted 42 cars without tags. He notified owners that they were not allowed to park on street with an unlicensed car. Six or 7 cars were legally parked on street, the rest are in yards. Technically it is a violation to park an unlicensed car on the street.

Bill moved and Dave seconded to suspend rules to go to executive session for personnel matters. Roll call votes, all yeas.

8:20 executive session ended.

Jeremy asked for pay increases for his officers of \$1.00 based on performance. Linda moved and Dave seconded to approve the increase. Roll call vote, all yeas.

BPA - The BPA wants market adjustment of \$1.50 an hour retroactive to December for Dean (when Dean got his license). Doug moved, Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Finance Report – Kelly asked if anyone had questions about the financial reports she passed out.

Pay Ordinance – Doug moved and Linda seconded. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Sewer Project – Mitch said Phase I will be for plant upgrades and relining lines. ARC grant pulled back but we still have 74% grants, \$1 million, 997,000. All items are much needed. BPA authorized going out for bid and starting the project. Will start in summer and be completed by late fall. Mike moved and Linda seconded to approve the project. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Water Project – Buckeye Hills will apply to the state. Dave moved and Doug seconded to authorize Tom to apply for ARC grant. Roll call vote, all yeas to proceed. Total grant funding \$500,000, 9% will be paid by the Village.

Kelly is working with Julie Ward on long term capital plans.

Spring Clean Up Day - Linda led the effort last year. She chose the day and community service workers worked with Ron in targeted areas. Linda will pick a day and time for this year and will announce it at next meeting.

Linda wanted to recognize and thank Tim Young for helping with snow plowing during winter months. He helped keep the alleys clean.

Dave pointed out that Kelly is ending her probation. He recommended a \$2.00 raise. Dave moved and Bill seconded to give Kelly a \$2.00 raise. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Mike Henery brought up the continuing bad water problem at his house. It has been 4 years with no action from Council. Mitch to investigate and report back to Council.

Motion to adjourn by Doug, seconded by Eric at 8:55 pm. Roll call vote, all yeas.

Dave Snider, President

Kelly Beem, Fiscal Officer

Tom Johnson, Mayor