

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2017

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on April 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Safety Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Pro Tem President Stephen Papalas, and the Clerk, Nicole Bacak, called the roll:

Lastic-P, Papalas-P, McNaughton-P, Steffey-P, Marchese-P, Mientkiewicz-P, Pezzano-P, Marino-NP

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Lastic to excuse President Marino from the meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to accept the Minutes from the March 15, 2017 meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM –Treasurer’s Office- Income Tax Division

Monthly Receipt Totals- March 2017

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Lastic to accept and place it on file.

Motion carried

FROM – Auditor’s office

Check Report by Check Number- March 2017

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Steffey to accept the report and place it on file.

Motion carried.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Papalas: You have five minutes. Please come up to the podium. State your name and address. Mr. Bickerstaff, how are you sir?

Andy Bickerstaff: Good. How are you?

Mr. Papalas: Good, thanks.

Andy Bickerstaff: 38 Wayne Street. Niles, Ohio. I am also in the fire department. Just addressing council, we're getting a little bit near that deadline for the class down at the academy. Frank Pezzano and Barry Steffey went with me last year and the deadline is coming up soon within the next two weeks. So, just addressing you guys again if you are interested in going.

Mr. McNaughton: What are the dates again, Andy?

Andy Bickerstaff: I have it as May 6th and there is also one November 4th.

Mr. McNaughton: Thank you.

Andy Bickerstaff: It's a good time to see what the fire department does. You get to play in, you know, full turn out gear, cut up cars, go in a live burning building. It's a real good experience to see what it is we do. And it helps you get a better understanding as to what we, you know, some of the costs associated with the equipment we use. You know, as you're there cutting up that car, the instructor is going to be telling you "Well listen, that jaws that you're using is \$5000.00." It helps to put a little bit of an understanding as to what we do and so you guys can get a grasp of what we do. Eddie Stredney accompanied down there with me one time and we made a full day of it, had dinner on the way back and it was a good time. So, just let me know if you want to attend or not and I can hand out my card.

Mr. Papalas: It's one day, Andrew.

Andy Bickerstaff: One day. It's on a Saturday.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Andy, how soon do you need a verification for the November date?

Andy Bickerstaff: Within a month before.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay.

Andy Bickerstaff: I never expect any.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Had one.

Andy Bickerstaff: Congratulations.

Mr. Papalas: Andy, I need one too.

Andy Bickerstaff: Yes sir.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you, sir.

Andy Bickerstaff: That's all I had.

Mr. Steffey: I would just like to add to what Andy brought up. As far as learning about the difference in equipment, and the difference in the manufactured equipment that they're using to save people in the jaws of life, there were several same age tools that would not cut through the cars. And then one of the other fire people said "Here, try this on." And it was go time. We're flipping lips off.

Andy Bickerstaff: Yeah.

Mr. Steffey: And it was like being a little kid. So, I highly recommend anybody who has the opportunity to go. It's the only time you're ever going to see me in the turn out gear. And even though there is instructors there to help you, it doesn't give justice to actually going through it and having an idea when there is no sense of feel, vision, smell because you got the oxygen on and you're searching for a baby doll and you know there is big guy that can pull you up right above you but you're still panicking. So, I just recommend it. Hats off to you guys for doing that.

Andy Bickerstaff: Also, there's no cost to this class either. So, it's just the time of your day to go down there with me to see what we do. It's a free class put on by the state. Alright, Thank you.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you.

Mr. Steffey: Thanks Andy.

Mr. Papalas: Anyone else? Anyone else wish to address city council this evening? Yes, sir.

James Sheely: Do I got to come up here?

Mr. Papalas: Yes sir.

James Sheely: Alright.

Mr. Papalas: Give us your name and address.

James Sheely: 31 Belmont Ave. This is regarding the utilities. I had spoke to Mr. Stredney about this.

Mr. Papalas: Okay.

James Sheely: There does seem to be a problem down down there at our utility department. I got a bill that just seemed ultra low. Most people "Yay, I got a low bill." Well, I'm looking and it was an actual bill it states. My water usage for that month was a 3 for 28 days, alright? My previous bill for 30 days was an 8. So, I'm looking and something isn't right here. So I go down that very day and that was the 19th of last month and I read my meter and compared and subtracted it for 17 days from the time they read it on the 2nd til the 19th, I used 8 units of water. So somewhere, somebody is improperly entering this. Now this is where you're getting people that get low bills and then suddenly wham, they get a high bill. So, my next bill coming up here is going to be significantly higher than the previous one. So, I went directly to Mr. Stredney. I

said, hey we have a problem here, Ed. I showed him everything I have written down, showed him my previous and then my current bill and we went over to the young lady that directs everything there. And my understanding is, am I wrong, do they enter this manually.

Mr. Stredney: They did. I think when they were doing that, now the water meter, we've sat down and addressed some of that with Neptune.

James Sheely: But they, you know, council needs to be aware of this. There is a problem down there. You know, and someone is making errors and you're going to have people that are going to get a low bill and then they think yay you know I got a low bill and then the next month, they may get a bill that's double and we can't have that. That's got to be addressed and that's got to be fixed. I'm not coming as come in here and bitch and beat up on people. I'm coming in here to help and say that there is a problem down here. Ed also has copies... you still the copies of this, Ed?

Mr. Stredney: Yes. Oh yeah.

James Sheely: Alright so you have that and if anybody wants to see it, I can just give this to Linda or Mr. Papalas or Ed and you go over it.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you, Mr. Sheely. Well stated. I appreciate that. We're sorry you went through that.

James Sheely: Alright.

Mr. Papalas: Ed, are you finding this... are you finding this to be a problem? Is it widespread? Are we hearing this anywhere else?

Mr. Stredney: Um, we are looking into it, Mr. Papalas. It seems, if you want my honest opinion, I think it's more of a... it doesn't seem to be a computer problem. It seems to be reading and then entering the numbers in. I think we've addressed some of that with Neptune and I'm hopeful that some of these other situations are or will be rectified through me and the billing offices management.

Mr. Papalas: So, are you saying its meter readers? Is it in the billing office? Human error?

Mr. Stredney: I think most of it is human error. I think it's a combination of from start to finish the process.

Mr. Papalas: So have we been able to determine which person or which people are responsible for this? Is it the same people over and over again who are committing these errors?

Mr. Stredney: One of them appeared to be, yes.

Mr. Papalas: What are you doing about it then?

Mr. Stredney: He's no longer working in that department, sir.

Mr. Papalas: Good move. Okay.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Is that an estimated bill?

James Sheely: No, it's actual.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: It's actual.

James Sheely: Both bills are actual. It wasn't estimated. I looked it. I can show you right here. It is actual and the previous bill was actual.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Well Mr. Papalas, to answer your question, the problem is yes it is happening other places. And I was going to save this until the end but since we are on the topic and I did get the chance with speak to Mr. Stredney about this issue so I do know what is going on. It took until last month for me to actually find a constituent who saves all of her bills. And I was able to sit down and look through 10 months of estimated bills and figure out in about 15 minutes where the problem lies. And, these ones are estimates, okay. And this person gets an estimate on her water bill, okay for a low value... a low amount and then ten months later she gets a bill for \$615.00. Alright. And what it is... what I had to explain to her that it's just the difference. You have been paying a portion of that but it's the difference in 10 months' worth of bills. Okay. So, I asked Mr. Stredney, and he agreed, that all estimates come to an end. Okay so that's where we are at, at least with the estimates. We're stopping the estimating of bills and when we...because it's plain as day when we see bills that are estimated, they're estimated at a lower amount and then when you get an actual bill it's your true actual read plus the difference of the estimated bill. So, Mr. Stredney looked into our issue. It was indeed a former meter reader who is no longer in the.

Mr. Stredney: These two were read by the same person.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay. My thought and what I expressed to Mr. Stredney is that I would hope that this is the last of it. If there is any more estimates, that people's heads start rolling from the bottom of the food chain all the way up because this is the problem.

Mr. Stredney: Right.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay.

Mr. Stredney: Some of that, if we are getting new estimates, I think even our law department was confirmed on, some of the people may actually be getting a letter with a picture explaining in detail as to why we are estimating their bill. Some of them you, we physically can't obtain... We can see where the meter is, but we can't get there because of whatever.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: We need to make a valiant effort to get to those meters. And if we can't

Mr. Stredney: You are correct.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: We have to notify the homeowner and they have to rectify the problem.

Mr. Stredney: Correct.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: We don't just skip it and the next month skip it and then the next month skip it, without telling people.

Mr. Stredney: Correct.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: So that's my spiel on that. This billing... these billing issues can very well be put to rest by reading the meters. By actually reading the meters.

James Sheely: Can I say one more thing real quick?

Mr. Papalas: Yes.

James Sheely: These were actual, like I said, these were actual so it was an error on someone's part. But not everybody's going to catch that. A lot of people are going to be like "Oh, I'm good to go" and then the next time around, they're going to get a high bill and they're getting because someone made a mistake.

Mr. Stredney: Absolutely.

James Sheely: And then they don't understand and they're down there worried and no one can figure it out. So when I saw this, I'm like something's not right here and they need to know so I went directly to Ed over this and him and I spoke. But then I also spoke with Linda about this.

Mr. Papalas: Alright, thank you Mr. Sheely.

James Sheely: Thank you.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you for your remarks. We appreciate it.

Mr. Lastic: We are at full strength with meter readers... full strength.

Mr. Stredney: We're out for advertisement for one more right now.

Mr. Papalas: Anyone else in the audience wish to speak to city council this evening? George.

George Kuriatnyk: I have to get my stuff. They can't hear back there. I'm glad to be talking to you, the leader of the fab five. That's awesome.

Mr. Papalas: George.

George Kuriatnyk: Yes sir.

Mr. Papalas: You keep this civil or you're going to sit down or you're going to be leaving. You make the decision.

George Kuriatnyk: Well you... what was wrong with that?

Mr. Papalas: I am not a member of any fab five. Let's go.

George Kuriatnyk: One, two, three, four, five.

Mr. Papalas: George, get to it.

George Kuriatnyk: Alright, Nikki you are the clerk of council, right?

Clerk: Your address.

George Kuriatnyk: 1206 Mason Street. And I didn't hear the reasons why the park director...or department heads and the supervisors why they weren't here today. You're actually supposed to... they're supposed to call you to report off and you're the... they don't do that?

Clerk: They don't call me.

George Kuriatnyk: Well they're supposed to because it's in the rules of council. So

Mr. Papalas: We've left that decision with the Mayor and the Service Director and I would hope that that is addressed very soon with the service director.

George Kuriatnyk: Also on that water issue that he was speaking of, you said that you're not aware of this.

Mr. Papalas: Of what?

George Kuriatnyk: The water deal. The water issue that he was...Mr. Sheely was talking about.

Mr. Papalas: Of his, no I never talked to him.

George Kuriatnyk: No you made. He was talking about his water bill being off.

Mr. Papalas: What's your point, George?

George Kuriatnyk: Well you said you wasn't aware of any of this.

Mr. Papalas: What's your point? Where you going?

George Kuriatnyk: I can't believe you're not aware of this.

Mr. Papalas: I'm aware that we have problems, George. Where are you going with this? Make your statement and sit down. You have five minutes.

George Kuriatnyk: Okay you know, you want to be civil about this, let's be civil.

Mr. Papalas: Sit down George.

George Kuriatnyk: Okay.

Mr. Papalas: You're done. Sit down.

George Kuriatnyk: \$180,000 in permits.

Mr. Papalas: Sit down George.

George Kuriatnyk: For what? I got five minutes.

Mr. Papalas: You're finished. Sit down.

George Kuriatnyk: I'm being civil.

Mr. Papalas: Sit down or I'm going to have you removed from the meeting.

George Kuriatnyk: I gotta go? I'm being civil here and you're not.

Mr. Papalas: Sit. It's over. Sit down please.

George Kuriatnyk: You are the fab five. The same five was here ten years ago, you guys is still here.

Mr. Papalas: Mr. Sergeant of Arms, please remove this man from the meeting.

George Kuriatnyk: You guys are a joke.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you.

George Kuriatnyk: And you lead the way, Papalas.

Mr. Papalas: Anyone else? Who is next?

George Kuriatnyk: Can I get my book?

Chief Holland: Sure

Beth Francis: 358 West Park. I just want to say my boyfriend and I was on Robbins Ave. and Vienna Ave. and there must have been an accident and there was glass all over and I came into the city building and paid my electric bill and mentioned it to the guy who was in the light department. He made a phone call and the street department did respond very quickly and I just wanted to say thank you to them that did that so.

Mr. Papalas: Good.

Beth Francis: I just want to say thank you to them. So, that's all I want.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you very much. We appreciate that

Beth Francis: That's all I wanted to say. They came out very quickly and cleaned it up.

Mr. Papalas: Good to hear that.

Mr. Steffey: Thanks Beth.

Beth Francis: You're welcome.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you. Anyone else in the audience wish to address city council this evening?
Yes sir.

Glenn Hickman: Do you want another one of those?

Mr. Papalas: Of what?

Glenn Hickman: Compliments.

Mr. Lastic: Compliments.

Mr. Papalas: We love to hear compliments. How are you this evening?

Glenn Hickman: Good. How are you doing? I'm Glenn Hickman up on 5th street.

Mr. Papalas: Yes sir.

Glenn Hickman: Most of you know me.

Mr. Papalas: Mr. Hickman, can you please give her your address on 5th?

Glenn Hickman: 731 5th.

Clerk: Thank you.

Glenn Hickman: I called the street department the day before yesterday. Couple of bad holes up on salt springs, our property. And they were on the road working. So, I had to come down to the offices and pay the bill. Well, here I will go over to the street department. I just caught them as they were coming in for lunch. I talked to a couple of guys that were layman, they weren't the bosses they were the gophers, the workers. I told them my problem. A couple of holes, a couple almost head ons by me. Me dodging them, them dodging me going both ways. They said "we'll take care of that right after lunch." Right. I'll test them. I waited. I had to do a run about an errand everything and I come back that way. They had it done. Signed, sealed and delivered by 1:15 P.M. Now that's action.

Mr. Papalas: Yes it is.

Glenn Hickman: And I made a couple of other phone calls for small problems but they get taken care of like that. Now we got a new new army for the city of Niles and I like it you know. I like what I see. I like what I hear. And I just thought I would let everybody know that. Thank you all for helping. I mean, pass it on to the street department guys. Pass it onto your boys.

Mr. Papalas: Thanks Mr. Hickman.

Mr. Pezzano: Thank you.

Mr. Papalas: Mr. Hickman is a man, by the way, a good father who has raised two eagle scouts in his family. Two, not one. Anyone else in the audience wish to address city council? Yes sir.

Calvin Young: Hello, I'm Calvin Young at 2212 Robbins Ave. And regarding the water issue, I remember reading a study a little more than a year ago that actually a lot of many the people themselves can see their water usage as they were using it. With the devices they had there, they were able to... since they were able to check it, they were able to then use their water more efficiently so they can actually pay the amount they want to pay instead of having to guess and hope that they get charged a price that fits what they actually used. So, I thought that might be something that would help or help solve this issue if you guys have the funds to put money into that.

Mr. Papalas: Alright.

Mr. Steffey: Thanks Calvin.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you very much.

Mr. Steffey: We appreciate that.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you for your comments.

Calvin Young: Yes, no problem.

Mr. Papalas: Anyone else wish to address city council? No one else? Alright, with that we will go to committee reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

Mr. Stredney: Mr. President

Mr. Papalas: Yes sir.

Mr. Stredney: I think

Law Director Swauger: No, he's got to do that.

Mr. Stredney: He's got to do it.

Law Director Swauger: Give that to him.

Mr. Papalas: Thanks for keeping us straight Mr. Law Director.

Law Director Swauger: You're welcome.

Mr. Steffey: Go ahead.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 44-17)

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR
TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE LEASING OF A NEW LAWN MOWER FOR
THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Ms. Marchese: This is a second reading.

Mr. Lastic: This says second reading.

Mr. Papalas: What did I say? First?

Mr. Lastic: It's second.

Ms. Marchese: Second reading.

Mr. Papalas: It is. Okay. I thought I said. Alright. Motion?

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Lastic to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey seconded by Marchese to adopt this Draft No. 44-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 44-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 48-17)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE NAMING OF THE WELLNESS CENTER ENACTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 29-08 AND RENAMING THE CENTER "THE NILES WELLNESS CENTER" AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Steffey to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton seconded by Steffey to adopt this Draft No. 48-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 48-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 49-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PY 2017 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Steffey to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 49-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 49-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 50-17)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 1327.12, SIGN REMOVALS

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Steffey to give 1st reading of Draft No. 50-17

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 50-17 has received its 1st reading on the 5th day of April 2017.

Mr. Papalas: Is this where... at what point do you want our.

Mr. Steffey: After this one.

Mr. Papalas: We're at 51-17.

Mr. Steffey: In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22, we need to adjourn into executive session to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and compensation of a public employees. Also reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation or the terms of their employment and matters required to be

kept confidential by federal and state law. I'd like to move that we move into executive session.
Let the clerk note that it is 6:26 P.M.
Motion carried.

Mr. Papalas: Let the minutes show that council has reconvened at 6:47 P.M.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (Draft No. 51-17)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF NILES, OHIO, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton seconded by Steffey to adopt this Draft No. 51-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 51-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ (Draft No. 52-17)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 165-16 IN PART; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 52-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 52-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 53-17)

A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS TO FUND THE POSITIONS AS AMENDED IN DRAFT NO. 52-17; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton seconded by Steffey to adopt this Draft No. 53-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 53-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 54-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL, WATER, LIGHT AND SEWER; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 54-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 54-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 55-17)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING QUARTERLY CASH TRANSFERS; AND,
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Marchese to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 55-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 55-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 56-17)

**A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE WELLNESS FUND APPROPRIATIONS
PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY
1, 2017; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by McNaughton seconded by Steffey to adopt this Draft No. 56-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 56-17 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by Marchese to add draft no. 35-16 to agenda.
Motion carried.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: I would also like to make an amendment, Terry, that we amend.. can you pull that up please?

Law Director Swauger: Yes you want to amend section 3- Sections and Guidelines, subsection I- Spacing

Mr. Mientkiewicz: To go from 1,500 feet to 2,000 feet.

Law Director Swauger: To read no group home shall be permitted within 2,000 feet of the boundary lines of the property on which another group home in the City is located.

It moved by Steffey, seconded by Mientkiewicz make this amendment.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 35-16)

AN ORDINANCE FOR REGULATION OF THE LOCATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GROUP HOMES WITH THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mientkiewicz, seconded by Marchese to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Pezzano seconded by Mientkiewicz to adopt this Draft No. 35-16.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 35-16 has been adopted on the 5th day of April 2017.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

Mayor Scarnecchia: Mike, come up here. This is always the good part. I would like to introduce our newest fireman hired under the safer grant. He was hired April 2nd and his name is Mike O'Connell.

Ms. Marchese: That's a nice Irish name.

Mayor Scarnecchia: A good Irish name. Congratulations.

Ms. Marchese: Congratulations.

Chief Holland: Our three new officers are currently riding with their field training officers and doing well. And I received a call today that our four new cruisers have arrived at the dealership. We should be getting them delivered the end of this week/beginning of next week.

Chief Danielson: Just to update council, I have a fireman retiring next week on the 15th. I have already started the process for the interviews to hire his replacement. So hopefully in the next couple of months we'll have a replacement on the job.

Mr. Steffey: That will be additional civil service exams, chief?

Chief Danielson: No as of now, we already scheduled the lieutenant's promotional.

Mr. Steffey: Okay.

Chief Danielson: Due to him being a lieutenant. That's already scheduled. But, we still have names on the list.

Ms. Marchses: Who's retiring chief?

Chief Danielson: Mike Monteforte.

Ms. Marchese: Mike Monteforte.

Mr. Crowley: Just real quick. I wanted to let everyone know that we did have four homes demolished these past two weeks thanks to our housing survey that we did. So, many of you in this room participated in that so I wanted to say thank you very much. We do have five or six in round 19 that will be happening later this year. So thank you very much.

Audience member: Where are the four?

Mr. Crowley: Where? The four are on Belmont Ave, Park, Reno and Russell. Thank you.

Mr. Steffey: Thank you for your work Jeff.

Mr. Papalas: Thank you

Treasurer Rizer-Jones: Just a reminder that the income tax deadline is April 18th to file your taxes. And that to date, we are \$85,000 ahead for the year.

Mr. Papalas: Good. Okay very good. As far as I'm concerned I have two comments both directed to the police chief. My son's burglar alarm went off and I went over there the other day when I was called and Captain Marshall answered the call. I just want you to know to thank him for me. He was very professional. Everything checked out fine and I was mighty impressed. Thank you.

Chief Holland: I will.

Mr. Papalas: We all appreciate those things. Everybody in town. And we appreciate you and all of the men.

Chief Holland: Thank you.

Mr. Papalas: And I also particularly want to thank you and your personnel working on the nuisance ordinance. For those of you who don't know it, that nuisance ordinance has been very important to us. We haven't been able to see work on it in the past couple of years and our present chief has reinstated an effort to reign in problem areas in our neighborhoods. What is it 3 strikes and they got a problem?

Chief Holland: It's three calls for service that qualify and they get a warning letter and on the fourth, they get billed for the officer's time.

Mr. Papalas: Good. Alright. Thank you very much. I don't have any other comments.

Mr. McNaughton: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to commend the work Jeff has done as well. I shared with him the house on Belmont that was being taken down. I go the back way to the highway for work in the mornings. It was 7 something, they're already starting by ten to 6 at night, you would never know there was a house there. So, congratulations for that work and for continued work. And it is my strong recommendation that whatever this governing body can do to support the work that's being done to get rid of these homes, we got to do it. It was wonderful to see action like that. So, thank you very much. Two, I want to share with folks that on Tuesday, April 18th I'm going to host with my co-host Mr. Steffey here, we are going to do a town hall. And we are going to do it at the First United Methodist Church from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. so bring your questions and answers. We will try to have some fun with it as well. Try to do a little something when I do those so 6:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M. Tuesday the 18th up at First United Methodist Church. I thank Barry for joining me on that as well. And third, this is for chief, when

Andy was here it kinda picked off a lot of the cobwebs I got between my ears. Has there been any movement or anything like that with trying to get into some of these buildings downtown to get those inspections done. I know Andy has talked with several of us and we've shared that you guys have our full support. Whatever we can do to get in there and check out these long neglected buildings. Has there been anything or is there anything that you need from us to do that.

Chief Danielson: We talked to the owners. We didn't have to go through the legal process. He let myself and Andy in. We basically did the walk through of three different addresses. I think it was 40, 42, and 44.

Mr. McNaughton: Are any of those the old theater?

Chief Danielson: One is the old theater.

Mr. McNaughton: Alright.

Chief Danielson: For the most part, it's the office building. They're up kept. Except for some mold, if we could have cited them, it would have been a couple minor violations. We do have a problem at the movie theater part down by elevated stage. As everybody knows, the trees growing through the roof. That's the only place that has water. The rest of the three buildings is all dry. Needless to say we asked him about if they had any intention on fixing that roof and they said this spring. If they stick to it, there's not much... it's up to them. There's still a lot of heavy equipment and stuff, there's electrical that's shut off. We did a lot of flashlights walking through but structurally, it's a solid building. The biggest problem we have with that building right now is the roof.

Mr. McNaughton: And they are empty.

Chief Danielson: They're empty except for his office which is on the far right side. Everything else is empty.

Mr. McNaughton: Well, I appreciate that update and I will share with our current law director what I shared with our previous law director. If there is any way that those home owners would love to join us at one of these meetings and share their plans and how we can work together to start rejuvenating those building in that part of town, please emphasis we are willing to work with them.

Law Director Swauger: I will tell you this. Mr. Bickerstaff came to me about getting in if they didn't cooperate and so we did arrange the conversation. I did talk to him personally and say you got to work this out. I don't want to make you go to court over this. So, he was open to that suggestion once we talked so I will have that conversation with him again.

Mr. McNaughton: Please do. We welcome them and have the two way communication. Thank you very much for that.

Law Director Swauger: You're welcome.

Mr. McNaughton: Appreciate it. Nothing further, sir.

Mr. Steffey: I just would like to thank our safety director he helped, in cooperation with both chiefs I'm sure, to help provide staff for a safety day at a local church on the south side. And they brought vehicles down and passed out coloring books and let children use the water hose and really made it a good event. One of the most telling things, especially in the times that we live in, is when you see a police officer pull in and this little boy, as soon as he parked his car, came running over and he was just so excited. "Hi. Hi. Hi." Because he wasn't taught to fear police. He was taught that when he needs help, help will come. So, it's important to give back to the neighborhoods and to the community and that I thank you for. And that's all.

Ms. Marchese: I'd like to thank the fire department, both chiefs and our police department. I know you've got hit really bad in our city with the drug problem. I know it's an ongoing problem and I'm hoping we'll get more money. They no sooner shut down, and attack one, another one pops up. But just the work that their doing, call after call, that has to be very hard especially when they find them deceased. It's the saddest thing. And I hope one day we can stop all of this heroin problem and find an end to it real quick. And also Jeff, I'd like to thank you for helping us in my ward in helping those houses get demolished. So, thank you for all of your help and support.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: I just appreciate everyone's effort with the ordinance on the group homes. It's a good way for the city to be proactive and it goes hand in hand with our housing ones. So, I appreciate everyone's effort. Mr. Stredney, before our former safety director or service director left, there was an ordinance passed for RFP for record retention. Do you know what's going on with that.

Mr. Stredney: We have not went out for record retention yet. It's a little encumber some to actually get the size of the scope of work to get a true proposal. I've contacted some people through the state to see what exactly we're allowed to just blanket and put out there so we can get a truer quote so when they come in. You realize we have never had this done so we have a building that is full of records so.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: So, that's being put on hold?

Mr. Stredney: No. We're actively doing it.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay.

Mr. Stredney: I'm talking with, I can't remember the lady's name at through state to... we're not the first community to run into this So, we're going to just kinda put a blanket out there and it will bring in probably like the top dollar and we'd work backwards from there based on how much volume they deem necessary that they have to achieve.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay as long as we are working on it.

Law Director Swauger: Steve, just a little on that. We can't just screen and destroy these records. We have to send our records to the Ohio History Commission to see if they want to keep anything of historical value. So, it is

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Right.

Law Director Swauger: A lot more complicated than people thought.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Well, I didn't know with the transition if that got lost in the shuffle.

Mr. Stredney: We got it. Thank you.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Thanks.

Mr. Pezzano: I just want to thank Mr. Vigorito, Mr. Crowley, and Mr. Swauger for working on an eye sore in the first ward and continuing taking care of that. I appreciate it.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by McNaughton to adjourn the meeting.



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