

Record of Proceedings
Coshocton City Council
Meeting Held: November 10, 2014

The regular session of the Coshocton City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Cliff Biggers, Council Members present were: Mr. Jim Baker, Ms. Jackie Salmans, Mr. Brad Fuller, Mr. Bob Pell, Mr. Cliff Biggers, Mr. Tom Grier and Mr. Glenn Mishler. Tom Grier made the motion to excuse Bob Fetters, seconded by Glenn Mishler, all members voted yes. Also present Mr. Steve Mercer, Mayor; Mr. Jerry Stenner, Safety Service Director and Ms. Cherry Wilson, Clerk.

Previous Meeting Minutes: None

Petitions & Remonstrance's: None

Reports of Standing or Special Committees: Jim Baker informed council he had received an email from Karen Casey regarding the Himebaugh Park that she is trying to come up with a positive turn out for the trouble the park has seen. President Biggers said he would like to go on record saying he does not know Ms. Casey but he has read blogs on social media that she has made remarks about him regarding the Himebaugh Park and the homeless shelter and some things are definitely false and she has accused him of things that are not true. He will continue work with the park and the shelter.

City Officers Report:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Mercer reported on the ordinance he brought up last week regarding graffiti. He had a meeting with Bob and agreed Ohio Revised Code addresses this and there is no need for the city to create an ordinance. Mayor Mercer reported he also received an email from Karen Casey. The was a news story on Channel 10 regarding vandalism/graffiti at the Himebaugh Park and after talking to Mr. Biggers apparently Channel 10 took old clips from the Coshocton Tribune and created the story without interviewing anyone for new information. Leonard Hayhurst confirmed Channel 10 is their broadcasting sister and has access to their clips and stories. The Mayor went over his monthly report and information included in the council packets from the Ohio Municipal League regarding HB5. Most cities are in favor of continuity but want the bill to be revenue neutral.

Service Director's Report: Mr. Stenner reported the City Hall Eighth Street parking lot will be paved Tuesday while City Hall is closed in observance of Veteran's Day. New sewer lines were laid last week.

Law Director's Report: Bob Skelton was present and the October Law Director's Report was given to council. Mr. Skelton also reported he had become concerned about the Kraft agreement if the city raised their rate he wanted to make sure the grant was capped at half of one and half percent and any future changes to income tax rates would not be part of the original grant.

Sheriff's Office Report: Absent

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Layton was present with no report.

Treasurer's Report: Absent.

Auditors Report: Auditor Sherry Kirkpatrick asked council to approve and accept the Then and Now's dated 10/22/14, Detail Check Report dated 10/22/14 and the Cash Statement dated 10/31/14. Bob Pell made the motion to approve and accept, seconded by Jackie Salmans. All members voted yes.

Utilities Department Report: Utilities Director Dave McVay was present. He reported the present sewer line was replaced by city crews. They started on Friday and finished on Saturday. The line was buried 9-10 feet deep. Jim Ruby borrowed a trench box for the safety of the crew.

Public Works Department Report: Public Works Director Jim Ruby was present. He reported Evergreen Park was finished today. The City Hall Eight Street parking lot will be paved tomorrow

and the boilers on Heated Hill will be installed in the very near future. He has spoken to ODOT regarding the SR 541 project and his crew is trying to patch as many potholes as possible before the plants shut down for the season.

Recreation Department Report: Absent

Income Tax Department Report: Income Tax Administrator Jackie Cushman was present. The Income Tax October report was included in the council packets.

Port Authority: Absent

Introduction of Ordinances:

Legislation at first reading:

37-14 transfers. Tom Grier made the motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading, seconded by Glenn Mishler, all members voted yes. After the second reading Jackie Salmans made a motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a third reading, seconded by Bob Pell, all members voted yes. After the third reading all members voted yes. Ordinance 37 -14 was passed with the emergency clause.

38-14 appropriations. Jackie Salmans made the motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading. seconded by Tom Grier, all members voted yes. After the second reading Glenn Mishler made a motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a third reading, seconded by Bob Pell, all members voted yes. After the third reading all members voted yes. Ordinance 38-14 was passed with the emergency clause.

Legislation at second reading:

None

Legislation at third reading:

34-14 an ordinance approving the addition and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Coshocton by the Walter Drane Company. After the third reading all members voted yes. Ordinance 34-14 passed.

Resolutions:

None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Communications: None

Executive Session: At 7:50 Jackie Salmans made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts, seconded by Tom Grier. Invited into the session were Mayor Mercer, Jerry Stenner, Bob Skelton and Sherry Kirkpatrick.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 with no action taken.


Cliff Biggers
Council President


Cherry Wilson
Council Clerk