

**Record of Proceedings
Coshocton City Council
Meeting Held: December 16, 2013**

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. Bob Fetters, Mr. Jim Baker, Mrs. Jackie Salmans, Mr. Brad Fuller, Mr. Tom Edwards, Mr. Cliff Biggers, Mr. Glenn Mishler and Mr. Tom Grier. Also present Mr. Steve Mercer, Mayor; Mr. Jerry Stenner, Safety Service Director and Ms. Cherry Wilson, Clerk.

Previous Meeting Minutes: President Biggers confirmed that all council members had received the minutes from December 9th. Tom Grier made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Glenn Mishler. After a roll call vote all members voted yes.

Petitions & Remonstrance's: Mr. Charles Baumer of 1645 Woodland Drive said he saw the article in the paper regarding a raise for council and stated he thinks a 40% raise would be excessive and he thought a 15-25% raise would be more in line.

Reports of Standing or Special Committees: None

City Officers Report:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Mercer informed council that he, Jerry Stenner and Dave McVay had met with the City's largest water customer the previous week and discussed the new proposed water/wastewater rates with them. The company wanted to know how the new rates were going to affect them, Mayor Mercer said both parties walked away feeling better than before the meeting. He also said that the administration wants to work anyway they can to assure they stay our customer. The Mayor also stated he had fielded many comments and no one was in support of council receiving a raise that had contacted him.

Mike Boals of PO Box 1003 addressed council and asked if the ethanol plant is not going to use the wastewater treatment plant expansion why wouldn't the city dismantle it and sell it. Mayor Mercer informed him that it was built in such a way that it could be dismantled and sold, but the technology is now 7-8 years old and he is not very optimistic as to how much the city could get out of it now. However it could still be used to attract a manufacturer here that would need that technology.

Tim Ross with Governor Kasich's Office presented Tom Edward's with a proclamation. Mayor Mercer presented Tom Edward's with a Certificate of Appreciation. Tom Edwards served on council for 8 years as an At-Large member and chose not to run for reelection this year.

Service Director's Report: Mr. Stenner congratulated Tom Edwards on his retirement and wished him the best. He thanked Tom Edwards for his 8 years of service and all that he has done for the city. Mr. Stenner also welcomed Bob Pell the new At Large Council Member. Mr. Stenner said the city is not making much progress on picking up leaves but they will still be going around and picking them up as weather permits.

Law Director's Report: No Report

Sheriff's Office Report: None

Fire Chief's Report: None

Auditors Report: Auditor Sherry Kirkpatrick asked council to approve the Detail Check Reports dated 12/4/13 and Then and Now's dated 12/4/13. Jackie Salmans made the motion to approve, seconded by Jim Baker. Six members voted yes with Tom Edwards abstaining. Ms. Kirkpatrick passed out worksheets for council's salary since 2004. Council said they would discuss longevity pay for non-bargaining employees at the next committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report: None

Utilities Department Report: Utilities Director Dave McVay asked for support for the new rate structure for water and wastewater. Mr. McVay stated the longer a new rate is delayed the larger the increase would need to be.

Income Tax Department Report: None

Public Works Department Report: None

Recreation Department Report: None

Port Authority: None

Introduction of Ordinances:

Legislation at first reading:

64-13 transfers. After the first reading Brad Fuller made the motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading seconded by Tom Edwards, all members voted yes. After the second reading Jackie Salmans made the motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a third reading seconded by Bob Fetters, all members voted yes. After the third reading all members voted yes. Ordinance 64-13 passed with the emergency clause.

Legislation at second reading:

62-13 an ordinance increasing Water and Wastewater Rates for the City of Coshocton customers effective February 1, 2013. Ordinance is to take its course. Tom Edwards felt he was not prepared to give a final reading on the ordinance he wanted to do more research. Tom Grier agreed and did not feel a delay would put the city in a situation that could not be handled and give council a chance to do research. Mayor Mercer said the meeting would need to be held by December 30th.

Legislation at third reading:

55-13 an ordinance amending ordinance 16-13 establishing wages for those positions that are exempt from collective bargaining. After the third reading all members voted yes. Ordinance 55-13 passed.

56-13 an ordinance establishing the position of Safety Coordinator. After the third reading 4 members (Edwards, Fuller, Mishler and Salmans) voted yes, 3 members (Baker, Fetters and Grier) voted no. Ordinance 56-13 passed. Tom Grier stated he does not feel his position is necessary he feels each department head is capable of handling safety issues and council itself has a safety committee. Jim Baker stated Rock Tenn had a safety director and the superintendent handles his own safety meetings.

59-13 an ordinance to appropriate funds for current expenses and other expenditures for the City of Coshocton, State of Ohio, for January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. After the third reading, all members voted yes. Ordinance 59-13 passed.

60-13 an ordinance establishing wages for Council Members, President of Council and Clerk of Council for calendar years 2014 and 2015.

Tom Grier stated that the \$2,500 difference was brought up to show the difference in salary for council and treasurer. He said the Mayor, Law Director and Auditor have had a chance to lobby for an increase and council has never asked for an increase. He stated \$25.00 more a week for council members is not an exorbitant amount. Brad Fuller said he received several (less than 10) comments from citizens not in favor of council receiving a raise, council should vote for an increase in salary prior to elections. Bob Fetters asked was it on \$2,500 increase per year and would citizens feel the same about \$25.00 per week increase.

Tom Grier made a motion to amend the ordinance to pay Council and Council President \$7,200 per year, seconded by Bob Fetters. 3 members (Baker, Fetters and Grier) voted yes, 4 members (Edwards, Fuller, Mishler and Salmans) voted no. Amendment failed.

After the third reading 2 members (Fetters and Grier) voted no, 5 members (Baker, Edwards, Fuller, Mishler and Salmans) voted yes. Ordinance 60-13 passed.

61-13 an ordinance establishing wages for Treasurer. After the third reading all members voted yes. Ordinance 61-13 passed.

Resolutions:

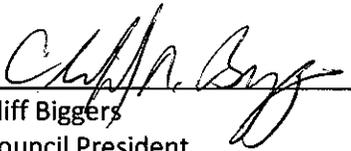
11-13 a resolution endorsing an agreement between City and Coshocton County Board of Commissioners for the City to accept the infrastructure lines and debt associated with the North Corridor Expansion. All members voted yes. Resolution 11-13 was adopted.

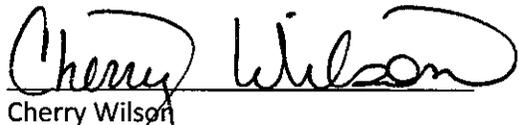
Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Communications: The clerk read a letter from the County Clerk of Courts offering 733 Cambridge Road to the City as foreclosed property. Council has no interest in acquiring the land.

Brad Fuller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Glenn Mishler, all members voted yes. Coshocton City Council adjourned at 8:20 pm.


Cliff Biggers
Council President


Cherry Wilson
Council Clerk