Record of Proceedings
Coshocton City Council
Meeting Held: February 8, 2016

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

President Biggers started the meeting by acknowledging Robert Moore new council person appointed to replace Bob Pell for the two year term 2015 and 2016. He also acknowledged Scout Troop 402 associated with Grace Methodist Church, Scout Master Tom Walter was in attendance tonight.

Previous Meeting Minutes: President Biggers confirmed that all council members had received the minutes from January 25, 2016. Jackie Salmans made the motion to accept the minutes as presented seconded by Tom Grier. After a roll call vote all members voted yes with Robert Moore abstaining.

Petitions & Remonstrance's: Several citizens spoke regarding the proposed water rate increase. Most were against the issue but a few were in support. Some citizens were there to speak against the cell tower that will be built at Coshocton High School.

Reports of Standing or Special Committees: None

City Officers Report:
Mayor's Report: Mayor Mercer went over his monthly report that was included in council packets. Mayor Mercer addressed some of the concerns. He gave a review of "how we got where we are". WestRock's closing was the hardest for the city with other plants/manufacturers that have closed they scaled back and the city was able to adjust. This plant was in Coshocton for 150 years and its closing will affects the city in so many ways. They were a great employer and paid well and used nearly half of what was produced at our water plant and the helped to subsidize one of the lowest water rated in Ohio for our water customers. The administration has done lots of research, lots of discussion, visited other plant this is not something arrived at by meeting a room saying what do we do now. The budget was cut 1.7 million from 2015 to 2016 the city was forced to eliminate positions. The plant will produce less but we still have a plant to maintain and operate.

Service Director's Report: Jerry Stenner spoke to the visiting Scout Troop saying he admired the fact they are here and they are lucky to have the leadership they have. This meeting will be longer than you hoped and you should all get double badges for attending such a long meeting. Thank you for coming. Mr. Stenner also announced Downtown Coshocton lost a wonderful citizen Cheryl Triplitt Wantuck passed away this weekend. She produced the First Friday's and her leadership will be missed.

Law Director's Report: Bob Skelton was present and summarized the SBA Communication issue. Basically the cell tower is a considered a necessary utility and they have a right to build the tower. He also reported on the 4th Street property that the city has received numerous complaints about. The Public Works Department has boarded the home and garage along with cleaning some of the yard. The owner called today and he is willing to clean up the property and get a contractor to secure the home more. He is interested in selling the property immediately.

Sheriff's Office Report: Lt Crawford was present with no report.

Fire Chief's Report: Absent

Treasurer's Report: Absent

Auditors Report: Auditor Sherry Kirkpatrick was present and requested the Detailed Check Reports dated 01/27/16, Then and Now's dated 01/27/16 and the Cash Statement dated 1/29/16 be approved. Jackie Salmans made a motion to approve the Auditor's reports, seconded by Jim Baker, all members voted yes.

Utilities Department Report: Utilities Director, Dave McVay was present and answered numerous questions from citizens. We are doing all we can to keep water rates as low as we can. What you receive is a utility bill (not a water bill) this includes, water, wastewater, storm sewer, trash and a debt reduction charge. The 34% increase is on the water portion only. Most customers are looking at a $5.00 increase. We need to do everything we can to keep our water plant and the ability to provide you with soft water. You can't run a water softener in your home for the amount your bill is going to increase.

Public Works Department Report: Absent

Recreation Department Report: Absent

Income Tax Department Report: Absent and monthly reports were included in council packets.

Port Authority: Absent

Introduction of Ordinances:

Glenn Mishler made a motion to add Ordinance 7-16 and Resolution 3-16 to the agenda, seconded by Bob Fetters, all members voted yes.

Legislation at first reading:
2-16 an ordinance to amend chapters 1305, 1351 and 979 of the City of Coshocton's Codified Ordinances. Ordinance to take its course.

3-16 an ordinance to approve settlement in case captioned "SBA Towers VI, LLC and the City of Coshocton. Tom Grier made the motion to wave the rules and give the ordinance a second reading, seconded by Robert Moore, all members voted yes. Ordinance to take its course.

4-16 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor or Service Director to prepare specifications, advertise and let a bid for Chlorine, Fluoride, Alum, Lime, CO2, Sodium Hexametaphosphate and Gasoline. Ordinance to take its course.

5-16 an ordinance amending ordinance 3-14 Water Rates for the City of Coshocton customers effective March 1, 2016. Ordinance to take its course

6-16 transfers. Ordinance to take its course.

7-16 an ordinance establishing the 2016 pay schedule for the Recreation Department. Brad Fuller made the motion to suspend the rules and give ordinance a second reading, seconded by Jackie Salmans, all members voted yes. Ordinance to take its course.

Legislation at second reading:
None

Legislation at third reading:
None

Resolutions:
3-16 a resolution adopting the Our Town Coshocton Business District Revitalization Plan. All members voted yes. Resolution 3-16 was adopted.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Brad Fuller recognized the Pomerene Arts Center for their contribution in making Main Street better by putting up the art to cover the windows of the empty JJ Newberry Building.

Communications: None
Brad Fuller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Baker, all members voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Cliff Biggers
Council President

Cherry Wilson
Council Clerk