

**Record of Proceedings
Coshocton City Council
Meeting Held: June 9, 2014**

6:45 President Biggers called the Budget Hearing to order. There were no questions or comments hearing was closed at 7:00.

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, Mr. Brad Fuller, Mr. Bob Pell, Mr. Cliff Biggers, Mr. Tom Grier and Mr. Glenn Mishler. Jim Baker made the motion to excuse Ms. Jackie Salmans, seconded by Bob Fetters, all members voted yes. 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 May 27, 2014. Tom Grier made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted seconded by Glenn Mishler. After a roll call vote all members voted yes.

Petitions & Remonstrance's: Karen O'Dell of 1515 Denman Avenue addressed council. She is pleased about the tree ordinance and hopes it passes. She wants to no longer see trees topped incorrectly. She also informed council someone has planted a Weeping Willow tree on the corner of Cambridge and Prospect. Those trees grow to 40x40 and it is planted approximately 8 feet from the street. She thinks the roots will eventually mess up the street. Ms. O'Dell was very upset about her neighbors parking over the sidewalk. She finds it a safety hazard and has called the sheriff's office several times in the last 6 months over the issue. She asked for a sign to be put up that says no parking on sidewalks. After several questions and a lengthy discussion Jerry Stenner said he would look into it for Ms. O'Dell.

Reports of Standing or Special Committees: Bob Pell announced the Insurance Committee met with Mayor Mercer, Auditor Sherry Kirkpatrick and insurance representatives today to discuss benefit packages getting ready for the August 1st renewal.

Bob Pell also announced he is working on attending a meeting in Zanesville in July as the council's representative for Public Records training.

The housing committee met with the mayor, service director and law director after last council meeting to look at and discuss Mr. Knepper's request for an easement. They decided to not grant an easement but to allow him access in and out of his property using City Hall's parking lot on 7th Street for now.

City Officers Report:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Mercer went over the Mayor's May Report. He stated council generally takes summer recess in August. He anticipates meeting most of July regular meetings.

Service Director's Report: Mr. Stenner started by thanking Bob and Michelle Fetters for cleaning up the island on Park Avenue. Mr. Fetters said they spent all afternoon Saturday mowing and trimming. Mr. Stenner said the city continues to struggle with the rain to get to all the places the Public Works Department needs to get to and there is more rain in the forecast for this week. They did get the work at Triple Locks Theatre done they cleaned the catch basins that were prohibiting water from draining properly. So they are making some progress.

September 18th will be the bid opening for the SR541 Project.

Jerry Stenner addressed Bob Fetters question regarding signs in front of the Railroad Restaurant. The owner put up their own signs and the city has not received any complaints and did not know there was an issue. He asked to be notified if there are complaints in the future as we do listen to downtown merchants and we have put up 15-30 minute parking spots requested by merchants on Main Street.

Law Director's Report: Bob Skelton was present with no report.

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

Fire Chief's Report: Absent

Auditors Report: Auditor Sherry Kirkpatrick asked council to approve and accept the Then and Now's dated 5/21/14, Cash Statement dated 5/30/14 and Detailed Check Report dated 5/21/14. Glenn Mishler made the motion to approve and accept, seconded by Bob Pell. All members voted yes.

Treasurer's Report: Absent

Utilities Department Report: Absent

Income Tax Department Report: Absent May's report was submitted to council.

Public Works Department Report: Absent

Recreation Department Report: Absent

Port Authority: Absent

Introduction of Ordinances:

Legislation at first reading:

16-14 appropriations. Ordinance to take its course.

17-14 an ordinance establishing Tree Rules and Regulations for the City of Coshocton.

18-14 an ordinance adopting the budget of the City of Coshocton, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 2015, and submitting same to the County Auditor. Ordinance to take its course.

Legislation at second reading:

None

Legislation at third reading:

None

Resolutions:

None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

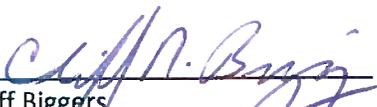
Communications: Brad Fuller gave the report on an active military member from Coshocton.. SFC Bradley Thomas Exline Sr. Bradley was born in Coshocton October 25, 1975 and attended CCS until 8th grade. They then moved to Warsaw, VA where he graduated from Rappahannock HS in June 1994. In August, 1994 Bradley began his Army basic training at Fort Knox, KY. At basic his AIT was Fort Lee, VA from which he deployed to Baumholder Army Base, Germany. He was selected as driver for his unit commander and must have done well since the Colonel requested Brad drive for him! While stationed in Germany, Brad's unit deployed to Bosnia in Operation Joint Endeavor. During this time in Germany, Brad's family was able to live with him which made deployment easier for everyone. Time for reenlistment came as did assignments at Fort Gordon, GA, Camp Walker, Korea and then Hawaii, as in "Aloha Schofield Barracks", where he trained in Malaysia and earned his air assault badge. But that enlistment being over, he decided to leave military life behind. That only lasted 5 months and it was back to Ft. Knox for retraining and on to Ft Bragg NC with the 82nd Airborne and deployment to Afghanistan followed.

On May 20, 2007, the Humvee Brad was riding came in contact with an IED. Brad and two other soldiers were injured. Brad sustained a head injury requiring 30 staples to close as well as second degree burns to his entire left side. After 30 days hospitalization and two weeks R & R, Brad returned to active duty as an Army Reenlistment Counselor at Fort Jackson, SC and Ft. Bragg, but returned to Afghanistan in 2009-2010. From there, Brad moved to Fort Detrick Maryland where he was promoted to his current rank as of January 10, 2014. He is now in the process of transferring once again, this time to Fort Campbell, KY. Brad has served almost 20 years. He has two grown sons, Bradley, a student at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw, VA, and Lane, who is currently enrolled at the University of Northwestern Ohio Diesel

Technology. Brad also has one granddaughter Kylie Anne who is three years old and lives in Callao, VA.

Home Town Hero Recognition! This special recognition of active duty service personnel from Coshocton County is intended to allow a grateful community to express its gratitude to one of our own, while permanently recording this information in the official minutes of the Coshocton City Council to remain forever as a tribute and a thank you to those who choose to serve our Country. On behalf of a grateful community we thank Brad for his service.

Bob Pell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Baker, all members voted yes. Coshocton City Council adjourned at 7:42 pm.


Cliff Biggers
Council President


Cherry Wilson
Council Clerk