

**Record of Proceedings  
Coshocton City Council  
Meeting Held: July 8, 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. Tom Grier and Mr. Glenn Mishler. Also present Mr. Steve Mercer, Mayor and Ms. Cherry Wilson, Clerk.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** President Biggers confirmed that all council members had received the minutes from June 24<sup>th</sup>. Tom Grier made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by Bob Fetters. After a roll call vote all members voted yes.

**Petitions & Remonstrance's:** Mr. Bill Freund of 699 High Street representing Coshocton is Blooming announced the America in Bloom judges are coming this Thursday and Friday to judge Coshocton. He is looking forward to another impressive visit from the judges.

Vicky Kobel of 1518 East Main Street addressed council regarding her concerns on the potbellied pig situation. She does not agree with allowing anyone to own a pig in the city. They smell and she feels they belong outside of the city. Her neighborhood has narrow long lots and the thought of having one 20ft from her does not excite her. She asked council to keep an open mind when voting on the ordinance at tonight's meeting.

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Tom Baker also of East Main Street addressed council saying not everyone who owns a dog is a good neighbor and has concerns that allowing potbellied pigs into the city may open the door to many other animals for therapeutic reasons. He also feels there are many other better choices for a therapeutic animal than a pig. He is concerned if he had to sell his property and one of his neighbors had a pig pen in their yard, nobody would be interested in purchasing his property.

**Reports of Standing or Special Committees:** None

**City Officers Report:**

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Mercer went over the Monthly Mayor Reports that were included in council packets. The Mayor invited council to come to the meeting starting the America in Bloom Judges tour at 9 a.m. Thursday morning. He commended Coshocton is Blooming for doing a great job making our city look its best.

**Service Director's Report:** Mr. Stenner wished good luck to Bill Freund and everyone else who has worked on this project. Mr. Stenner stated it is nice to have public participation tonight. The city officials like to hear all sides and get a consensus from the general population. He apologized for all the pot holes around town and said he is hoping for sunny weather the next couple of weeks to get caught up on patching the city streets.

**Law Director's Report:** Mr. Skelton informed council the June Law Director's report was included in the packets and he is available to answer any questions.

**Sheriff's Office Report:** None

**Fire Chief's Report:** None

**Auditors Report:** Auditor Sherry Kirkpatrick asked council to approve the Detail Check Report dated June 19<sup>th</sup>, Then and Now's dates June 19<sup>th</sup> and Cash Statement dated June 28<sup>th</sup>. Glenn Mishler made the motion to approve, seconded by Brad Fuller. Six (6) members voted yes with Tom Edwards abstaining from the vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** The JEDD Report was in council packets.

**Utilities Department Report:** None

**Income Tax Department Report:** The June Report was in council packets.

**Public Works Department Report:** None

Recreation Department Report: None

Port Authority: None

**Introduction of Ordinances:**

**Legislation at first reading:**

Jackie Salmans made the motion to add Ordinance 35-13 to the agenda, seconded by Jim Baker. All members voted yes. Ordinance 35-13 was added to the agenda.

34-13 appropriations. After the first reading Tom Grier 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 Glenn Mishler, all members voted yes. After the third reading all members voted yes. Ordinance 34-13 passed with the emergency clause.

35-13 an ordinance to amend the City of Coshocton Personnel Policy Manual. Brad Fuller made the motion to amend the ordinance adding effective date March 1, 2013 to Section 3.5, seconded by Jim Baker. All members voted yes on the amendment. Ordinance to take its course.

**Legislation at second reading:**

None

**Legislation at third reading:**

30-13 appropriations. Clerk gave the third reading, all members voted yes. Ordinance 30-13 passed.

31-13 an ordinance adopting the budget of the City of Coshocton, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 2014, and submitting same to the County Auditor. Clerk gave the third reading, all members voted yes. Ordinance 31-13 passed.

32-13 an ordinance to amend Chapter 505 of the City of Coshocton's Codified Ordinances. Tom Grier made the motion to amend the ordinance by changing Section C change from the word immediately to 30 days seconded by Brad Fuller, all members voted yes. The clerk was asked to read the full ordinance. After much discussion the ordinance was put to vote; 6 members voted yes and Mr. Edwards abstained from the vote.

**Resolutions:**

5-13 a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation. After a roll call vote all members voted yes. Resolution 5-13 was adopted.

6-13 a resolution adopting a City of Coshocton Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Home Investment Partnerships. After a roll call vote all members voted yes. Resolution 6-13 was adopted.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Communications:** Mr. Grier asked Mr. Stenner if the city has someone licensed to fog for mosquitos? Mr. Stenner replied Mark Frank with the Health Department is and he has been working with Tuscarawas Township to coordinate fogging.

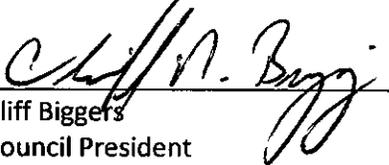
Clerk, Cherry Wilson read a letter to council from Steve Hitchens thanking council for rezoning his property on Cambridge Road.

Tom Edwards announced that several residents had told him how much they appreciated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks. He commended the mayor for his leadership in fund raising for this event. One of Coshocton's long standing traditions that could have passed away without the effort and concern from many who donated.

Mayor Mercer acknowledged Tim Ross in attendance tonight. He is the Eastern Ohio Regional Liaison for Governor Kasich's office. Mr. Ross said Coshocton is my hometown and I hope to be a resource for the city moving forward.

The mayor also announced he and Service Director, Jerry Stenner had attended a dedication at Roscoe Village for Jack Baumgardner on Tuesday. The village planted four trees and a small monument in honor of Jack Baumgardner.

Brad Fuller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Baker, all members voted yes. Coshocton City Council adjourned at 7:52 pm.

  
Cliff Biggers  
Council President

  
Cherry Wilson  
Council Clerk