

**Record of Proceedings
Coshocton City Council
Meeting Held: September 22, 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 a motion that was seconded by Glenn Mishler to excuse Mr. 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 September 8, 2014. Brad Fuller made the correction from Mr. Bathay to Mr. Mathay. Glenn Mishler made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction seconded by Bob Pell. After a roll call vote all members voted yes.

Petitions & Remonstrance's: None

Reports of Standing or Special Committees: None

City Officers Report:

Mayor's Report: Mayor Mercer announced there was a Health Board Meeting earlier this evening and the health department is in good shape. They received a certificate from the Ohio Department of Health stating the public swimming pool program is meeting the standards. He also said the fair is coming and he hopes everyone has time to visit this year.

Service Director's Report: Mr. Stenner said Jim Ruby is going to report on streets we have been working on diligently. We continue to search for the Chestnut Street problem. We are spending a lot of time and energy with no results as of yet.

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

Sheriff's Office Report: Sheriff Rogers was present with no report. He informed council that a DUI Task Force was done Saturday night and was somewhat fruitful. The officers found 3 DUI's and 2 cars with drugs.

Fire Chief's Report: Absent

Treasurer's Report: Absent

Auditors Report: Auditor Sherry Kirkpatrick asked council to approve and accept the Then and Now's dated 07/30/14 and 08/28/14, Detail Check Reports dated 07/30/14, 08/13/14, 08/28/14, 09/03/14 and 09/10/14, Cash Statements dated 07/31/14 and 08/29/14. Jackie Salmans made the motion to approve and accept, seconded by Bob Pell. All members voted yes.

Utilities Department Report: Absent

Public Works Department Report: Jim Ruby was present and reported the Adams Street Project is completed and material cost was approximately \$10,000. Evergreen Park Drive is still in progress estimated cost for that repair is \$10,000 - \$12,000. Fifteenth and Arthur Streets will be the next project.

Recreation Department Report: Steve Jones was present and wanted to thank Kiwanis Club for the generous donation for the other basketball hoop for the Himebaugh Park. It will hopefully be installed by the end of the week.

Income Tax Department Report: Absent

Port Authority: Absent

Introduction of Ordinances:**Legislation at first reading:**

28-14 transfers. Tom Grier made the motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading, seconded by Jackie Salmans, all members voted yes. After the second reading Brad Fuller 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 28-14 was passed with the emergency clause.

29-14 appropriations. Tom Grier made the motion to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading, seconded by Jim Baker, 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 Jackie Salmans, all members voted yes. After the third reading all members voted yes. Ordinance 29-14 was passed with the emergency clause.

Legislation at second reading:

None

Legislation at third reading:

None

Resolutions:

7-14 a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Tom Grier made the motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Jackie Salmans, all members voted yes. Resolution 7-14 was adopted.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Communications: Brad Fuller gave the report on an active military member from Coshocton. Staff Sgt George Rochester. George was born October 22, 1969 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, the 4th of six children. In 1972 his family moved to Marietta, Ohio, then to West Lafayette. George graduated from Ridgewood High School in 1988. In June 1988, he enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard as a medic for the 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment located at the Akron-Canton Airport. He completed his basic training at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas and then Texas Medic School, Ft. Sam Houston, July 1989—October 1989. In November 1991, he transferred to Active Duty and was sent to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX for Medical Laboratory School and then to Fort Knox, Kentucky Blood Donor Center Operations School for training as a Medical Laboratory Specialist. From there, he was assigned to the 546th General Dispensary/US Army Health Clinic-Mannheim Germany in May 1992 and remained with that unit until Honorably Discharged Nov. 1997. During this time he took the Primary Leadership Development Course and received the Army Achievement Medal for graduating with honors. He received the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Ribbon (enlistment during Desert Storm), Good Conduct Medal, Expert Weapons qualification—M-16 Rifle, and Army Commendations Medal—awarded when discharged for exceptional service while enlisted. In 2001 George received his Associate Degree of Science from Kent State University.

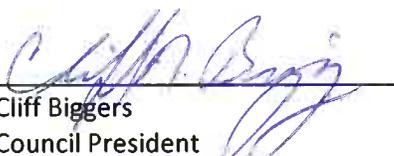
George re-enlisted as a Sergeant in December 2002. While assigned as a medic for 1st Battalion 107th Armory in Stow, Ohio his unit deployed to Iraq from October 2004 to December 2005, where he worked as the senior medic during the Unit's Detainee Operations Mission. In June 2007, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant and transferred to the 135th Military Police Company as their senior medic, and worked fulltime as an instructor for Ohio's Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Element. He received his Associate Degree of Applied Science from National Institute of Technology. In 2008 he completed Reserve Component Medical Specialist School. From 2007 to 2012, he trained National Guard soldiers in various common skills in preparation for their deployments to Iraq, their Police Training mission, assisting and training the Iraqi Police in order for them to perform their jobs during the transition of the new Iraqi government. Upon returning home, he resumed his duties as an instructor until October 2011, when he was deployed to Bahrain with Charlie Company, 37th Special Troops Battalion, as a Sergeant of the Guard. During this deployment, he was in charge of base security during his shift. When he returned home, he returned to his position as the senior medic for the 135th Military Police.

Awards/Decorations/Accomplishments while with 135th Military Police Company: Armed Forces Re-serve Medal with 10 year Device—Bronze and M Device, Iraq Campaign Medal with Two Campaign Stars, Army Commendation medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), Ohio Award of Merit (3rd Award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Ohio Faithful Service Medal, and Ohio Basic Training Ribbon.

Staff Sgt Rochester presently has 21 years of military service. He lives in Cuyahoga Falls Ohio with his wife Melissa and dogs Boobear and Snickers. He works as a Medical Assistant at the Crystal Clinic Orthopedic Center, St. Thomas Hospital in Akron Ohio. He is also attending the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Stark State College in North Canton.

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 Staff Sergeant Rochester for his service.

Glenn Mishler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Grier, all members voted yes. Coshocton City Council adjourned at 7:28 pm.


Cliff Biggers
Council President


Cherry Wilson
Council Clerk