

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**June 15, 2015**

St. Clairsville City Council met in Council Chambers on Monday, June 15, 2015 with the following present

Terry Pugh, Council President	Robert Vincenzo, Mayor
Libby Heintzleman, Council-At-Large	Tom Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Perry Jones, Council-At-Large	Richard Myser, Law Director
Jake Olsavsky, Council, 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Cindi Henry, Finance Director
David Trouten, Council, 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Jeff Henry, Police Chief
Frank Sabatino, Council, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	
Jim Weisgerber, Council-At-Large	

The meeting was called to order by Council President Terry Pugh

**CITIZENS HEARING:**

**Penny Hughes:** I live on North Marietta Street in Mr. John Swan's building. I look good but I am considered as handicapped because I fell and I found out that I have a disc going in my back, I have arthritis and bad knees. They tell us to park behind the building. They are ticketing the cars. I don't mind if I can get back there but especially in the winter when the snow melts and goes out in the alley and it is ice. I was just wondering, they took the handicapped space out that was at the bottom of the street. Is there any way they can put maybe a handicapped space back or put something closer so I could have a safe parking space? I am afraid and they have told me that the back is going to get worse and I am afraid if I fall again that it is going to tear it up worse or throw something or jar something. **Chief Henry:** I would have the street and alley committee for that area take a look at that and see what they can do. That would be my suggestion. **David Trouten:** I will take a look at it. **Jeff Henry:** I will be happy to go with them and discuss it with them. If you do it for one you are going to have to do it for everyone. **Penny Hughes:** That is it. We have another woman but she has permission from the lady at the other apartment building, the Courtyards. If worst come to worst she can park across the street but I can't. **David Trouten:** If you want to give me your information I will come and take a look.

**Marybeth Timko:** First I would just like to say thanks for the opportunity to speak to everyone. I am here today because I was not able to make the last meeting. My concern is with the red light that was proposed for Barton Road leaving St. Clairsville. I am a resident of St. Clairsville and I live on Orchard Drive which would almost directly affect me. I have many concerns about the traffic flow, the safety of the children that leave Orchard Drive to go to Barton Road who live in Pennwood Estates. I know that there are even the red light down by the High School that afford children the safety that they need to get home properly. The traffic on Main Street and through Route 40 has increased greatly over the last several years. I am very thankful for the growth in our city but I want to understand why the no vote for that red light and I also would like to ask what are we thinking about doing for the city in terms of the future growth and development. I know that the interchange coming off the Interstate is going to be just ahead of Barton Road on Route 40 as well as the new condo townhomes that will be built up there and what that is going to do to the traffic congestion and problem that we have in terms of getting in and out of that road safely. So I would like to ask again why the no vote and is there any

consideration and what the alternative if any is. **Terry Pugh:** I think the reason for the no vote was that Gulfport approached the Council provided the study that they did. They came a second time and talked with Council and you know Frank is your neighbor and you know he deals with this intersection every day. Mr. Jones deals with it and Mr. Olsavsky deals with it. You are the first person that is a resident who has asked why there is going to be a light. Everyone else said they did not want the light in the area. So I can say you are the very first Citizen that has said anything to me about this light. I don't know if you want it or if you are asking questions about it but all I can say is I think you would be better off. The vote was taken, the light was turned down. I think Mr. Sabatino gave reasons, I know on my vote I gave reasons. I am willing to go over my reasons but again I would be more than willing to just talk on you one on one about it because right now it has been voted on and turned down. So if that would be alright with you if you would like for me to meet with you I would be more than happy to. Anyone else on Council could meet with you as well. **Marybeth Timko:** Sure and I do speak for one of my other neighbors who could not be here tonight. The Hanlon Family they also live on Orchard Drive. But I do appreciate that opportunity and I will take you up on that but I would ask the Council what are the plans for the future of infrastructure changes that are needed in the city as we grow and develop. Are there future plans to handle the traffic congestion and flow? **Terry Pugh:** I think it is evident to everyone that there is more and more traffic every day and it is not just Barton Road or Orchard Drive it is anywhere along Route 40 today. What is the final outcome going to be you going to put a light at every intersection and become a suburb of Columbus or are you going to stay St. Clairsville? The other thing that is adding to the problem right now is the construction we are going through both on the connector road and right now we are putting in a water line/sewer line that Tom is going to talk about. Then we are going to pave it. It is going to be a mess this summer. But you have to go through that to improve. If I sound like I danced around your question I don't mean to but again I would be more than happy to meet with you one on one and bring every study I have and show it to you. It is an issue that has been voted down and that is where we stand today. **Marybeth Timko:** I thank you for that and I would ask what the safety director's summary is do you have that so we can talk about it? **Terry Pugh:** That is Mr. Bigler and he is not here tonight. You can call his office and talk to him as well. **Marybeth Timko:** I will plan to meet with each of you, thanks for the opportunity.

**Council Minutes:** Everyone received their minutes of the June 1, 2015 Council Meeting. Are there any additions or changes? If not do I hear a motion to accept the minutes? A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Libby Heintzelman and seconded by Perry Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Roll Call Vote:	Six (6) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

## REPORTS:

**Service Director, Dennis Bigler – Not Present**

**Mayor, Robert Vincenzo**

- First of all I want to report on the progress on the water line replacement on Route 9. As we speak I believe we have about two more weeks, is that right Tom? **Tom Murphy:** I think about two more weeks. **Mayor:** That has been a very tough project as far as the

street is concerned and it is in terrible shape just trying to maintain traffic. We are just hoping to get through it without a lot of problems. Immediately after that the paving will start throughout the city. The other is the Route 40 progress. We made a lot of progress in one day last week. In one day they were able to bore and install that water line, it was about 700 feet. Now they will be making connections on it and then the trenching will begin for the storm sewer that will have to be installed through that process. I just want to thank the residents. It is off street parking now but parking has been made available for these residents in front of the former Thomas's Automobile Agency along with sharing it with some of the Convenient Mart Customers also. I think most of the residents found a way to park off street without having a problem. That means there will have to be no flagging of traffic like it was the first day which caused a massive problem with traffic. I think this project will progress a lot easier than the Route 9 project hopefully. And we are hoping that in a two week period that project will be completed and pavers can come in and do the entire City. I want to thank the residents and thank them for what is coming.

**Police Chief, Jeff Henry** – No Report

**Finance Director, Cindi Henry**

- We will be holding our budget hearing prior to the next Council Meeting. It will be advertised in the News Paper

**Planning & Zoning Administrator, Tom Murphy**

- Just to dovetail on what the Mayor said, that new water line is actually in place just not being utilized yet. There is still a total of ten sewer taps that have to be placed to Convenient and some of the other residents on that south side of East Main Street. The plan is to finalize everything this week as far as the water line is concerned. Next week will start the installation of the storm sewer culvert and catch basins. The hope was that we would be able to keep two lanes of traffic open like we have been able to with the water line but due to the difficulty of the storm line and also the amount of aggregate that is going to have to be used they will have to knock it down to mainly one lane of travel. There will be flaggers on either end which is what we thought was going to happen anyway. The past two weeks they have had two lanes of traffic. Starting next week when they do start the culvert portion that will be down to one lane. Everyone be careful. We appreciate everyone's patients. This contractor has been working real well with the residents in the city and we appreciate that too. **Jeff Henry:** That be opened up in the evening correct? **Tom Murphy:** In the evening they will be able to open it up to two lanes similar to what they have done so far for this one. It has always been two, they will kind of pull the cones back and as long as they fill the holes in with cold patch you will be able to drive on it.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**Finance, Libby Heintzleman** – No Report

**Utilities, Frank Sabatino** – The Mayor & Tom enough said about Utilities

**Police, Perry Jones**

- The Police Committee will be meeting this Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00

**Street North Side, David Trouten** - No Report

**Street South Side, Jim Weisgerber – No Report**

**Safety, Libby Heintzelman – No Report**

**Building and Grounds, John Bukmir – Not Present**

**Planning Commission, Jim Weisgerber – No Report**

**Fire District, Frank Sabatino**

- Regular meeting this Wednesday at 3:00 at the Main Station

**Recreation, David Trouten**

- Lindsay has been on the job for a week, she is still finding her way. She is going to come tomorrow to Rotary. Hopefully she will become a member and make some contacts there. She is also going to speak tomorrow.
- There is a Recreation Board meeting tomorrow
- Dance Camp
- Summer Basketball Leagues
- Car Show

**Park District, Perry Jones**

- The last Park Board meeting was canceled because they did not have enough people to come to it

**Law Director, Richard Myser**

- I do not have any legislation either Resolutions or Ordinances this evening, however we will need to go into Executive Session for a short session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (4) for Collective Bargaining Negotiations. And while we are in there it may be necessary for us to go under section 121.22 (G) (1) which will be personnel matters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones to go into Executive Session per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G) (4) Collective Bargaining and 121.22 (G) (1) Personnel.

Roll Call Vote:

Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Roll Call Vote:	Six (6) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones to return to regular session.

Roll Call Vote:

Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Roll Call Vote:	Six (6) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

**CONTRACT:**

A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by David Trouten to approve the tentative contract agreement with AFSME.

Roll Call Vote:

Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Roll Call Vote:	Six (6) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:30 in the Municipal Building.

There being no other Business to come before Council a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones.

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Kathleen M. Kaluger, Clerk

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D. Terry Pugh, Council President