

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2014

St. Clairsville City Council met at in Council Chambers on Monday, April 7, 2014 with the following present

Terry Pugh, Council President	Robert Vincenzo, Mayor
John Bukmir, Council, 3 rd Ward	Dennis Bigler, Service Director
Libby Heintzelman, Council-At-Large	Al Davies, Law Director
Perry Jones, Council-At-Large	Cindi Henry, Finance Director
David Trouten, Council, 4 th Ward	Tom Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Frank Sabatino, Council, 2 nd Ward	Jeff Henry, Police Chief
Jim Weisgerber, Council-At-Large	Shelley Fortney, Utility Office Manager
	Don Smithberger, Electric Superintendent
	Doug Frye, Water/Wastewater Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Council President Terry Pugh

Minutes: Minutes of the March 10, 2014 Special Council Meeting were distributed to Council. A motion to accept the minutes was made by John Bukmir and seconded by Jim Weisgerber.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Minutes of the March 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were distributed to Council. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Libby Heintzelman and seconded by John Bukmir.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Libby Heintzelman: Asked that the minutes of the March 17th meeting reflect Mr. Bigler's comment to the President Pro-Tem that he was under deposition and felt like he was being attacked.

Minutes of the Council Meeting are a matter of public record and are available for inspection in the Mayor's Office from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday thru Friday.

CITIZENS HEARING: There were no Citizens present who asked to address Council.

REPORTS:

Service Director, Dennis Bigler

- Street Superintendent Rich Smith has received quotes from two companies for paving the approximately ½ mile of road on Route 40 & Route 9. It is a 10 foot strip that has seen damage from erosion and some of the worst pot holes in the city. The lowest bid was around \$40,000. Route 40 and Route 9 are scheduled to be paved by ODOT next year. Hot patch is not available yet but as soon as it is the city crews will be patching. **Perry Jones:** Could we rent a milling machine for the area along Route 40 that is really bad? **Dennis Bigler:** We talked about that early on but it would be too expensive. **Mayor Vincenzo:** The State will be doing some extra work in that area when they pave next year. **Dennis Bigler:** We looked at a machine that will put down hot mix even in the winter with a cost of \$50,000 and that does not include the mix that has to be used.

Mayor, Robert Vincenzo

- Asked Council’s consideration to appoint Brian Kralovic as a member of the Storm Water Management Committee. A motion was made by John Bukmir and seconded by Jim Weisgerber to appoint Brian Kralovic to the Storm Water Management Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Monthly Police Report

Calls & Complaints	79
Accidents	13
On Roadway	12
Private Property	1
Arrest	17
Traffic	9
Criminal	3
Domestic	1
Juvenile	0
Warrant	4
Parking Tickets Issued	269
Traffic Citations Issued	9
Warnings given	36
Domestic Calls	3
Alarm Drops Answered	13
Miles put on cruisers	6983 miles
Gasoline used	595.20 gallons

Police Chief, Jeff Henry

- Received a request from Ken Williams of the National Day of Prayer Committee to block MainStreet in front of the Court House May 1st from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and divert traffic down North Market Street and at Marietta Street. A motion was made by John Bukmir and seconded by Jim Weisgerber to close Main Street from North Market to Marietta Street for National Day of Prayer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- Received two estimates for a traffic study for speed reduction on Route 9 from I-70 to the Cemetery and East Main Street from Scott Alley to Spring Park. The two estimates were \$25,000 and \$1,200. A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by David Trouten for the Chief to look into Master Minds for \$1,200.

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Roll Call Vote	Six (6) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

- Reviewing different snow ordinances with Walter Drane. The snow plows have to dodge cars all day long. It is ridiculous when people have driveways where they can pull their cars in off the street.
- Reported progress on a three-way stop on High Street and Windermere. The cost of

placing two flashing Stop signs would be \$1,700 each. Estimated a total cost of \$2,400 if the city installs them.

- On April 1st four officers attended Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operations Training held by the Highway Patrol in Lexington. The rest of the officers will attend in August
- Recommended increasing fines on parking to \$20 per violation. The Law Director will be consulted to see if a motion is necessary.
- **Libby Heintzelman:** Getting good comments from Citizens about seeing Police out everywhere.

Finance Director, Cindi Henry

- I am presenting Resolution No. 2014-08 to establish the indigent drivers interlock & alcohol monitoring fund.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Tom Murphy

- A Planning Committee meeting is set for May 6th at 6:00 p.m. including a public hearing for the preliminary plat and a revised preliminary plan for St. Clair Commons Health and Quality of Life Campus.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance, Libby Heintzelman

- Apologized to Mayor Vincenzo and former Finance Director Jill Lucidi for not realizing what reconsider meant when she was asked to reconsider Mrs. Lucidi's appointment. She felt she was misled. **Mayor Vincenzo:** I asked all of you to reconsider.
- Raised questions about the proposed I-70 improvement project. Concerned that while work on the bridge would be paid for entirely by ODOT, she is opposes the work on Newland Road because she is unsure how much money the city will be responsible for. She feels the road will call for a 20 percent match. **Dennis Bigler:** There is no plan to pay into the project and any commitment to do so could not be made without a vote in council. Pointed out the highway safety improvements and the estimated 1,000 jobs during seven years of economic improvement that the area stands to reap in a successful project. There is planned \$38 million in development expected in the first phase of the project, with letters of intent in place
- Noted that Mr. Bigler was correct in his answer to a question from the prior meeting. The city currently has no TRAC funding committed to the project and the city is not currently under any obligation
- Inquired about the formation and function of the city's Community Improvement Corp. **Mayor Vincenzo:** the CIC was created primarily for the sale of the Clarendon Hotel.

Utilities, Frank Sabatino

- Utility Committee met tonight
- **Don Smithberger, Electric Superintendent:** The recent power outages were caused by AEP we tried to reroute the power. Tree trimming is starting
- **Doug Frye, Water/Wastewater Superintendent:** Residents need to apply for their new water meters to be installed either online or by phone
- **Shelley Fortney:** Huge learning process with the new soft ware for the new metering. If you encounter problems calling for your meter just wait a few days and try again
- **Libby Heintzelman:** Do they send you a confirmation? **Don Smithberger:** The foreman will call.

Police, Perry Jones

- The Police committee will meet Thursday at 1:00

Street North Side, David Trouten: No Report

Street South Side, John Bukmir

- The parking at Holly's Dress Shop seems to be working

Safety, Jake Olsavsky - Not Present

Building and Grounds, John Bukmir - No Report

Planning Commission, Jim Weisgerber - No Report

Fire District, Frank Sabatino

- The Fire District received 15 applications for the position of Fire Chief. An interview committee was formed
- Board approved the purchase of a new engine truck

Recreation Report, Libby Heintzelman

- Easter egg hunt for all kids ages 1-12 will be held Saturday, April 12th at the Recreation Department
- Outdoor soccer is set to begin next Monday. Over 190 kids are signed up for the program

Park District, Perry Jones

- Clean up day will be held at the Park on April 12th. Swim Camp is being considered

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Law Director, Al Davies

- I have no new legislation for Councils consideration tonight. Resolution No. 2014-07 is presented by the Service Director to authorize the city of St. Clairsville’s participation in the ODOT cooperative purchasing program. Resolution No. 2014-08 is presented by the Finance Director to establish the indigent drivers interlock & alcohol monitoring fund.

There was presented and read to Council on its first reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE’S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Libby Heintzelman moved that the rules requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three separate readings be suspended and declaring an emergency; Jim Weisgerber seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Heintzelman	No	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Roll Call Vote	Five (5) Yes	One (1) No	Motion Approved

There was presented and read to Council on its third and final reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07. A motion was made by Perry Jones and seconded by Jim Weisgerber that Ordinance No. 2014-07 be passed by Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Heintzelman	No	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Roll Call Vote	Five (5) Yes	One (1) No	Motion Approved

Ordinance No. 2014-07 was declared adopted

There was presented and read to Council on its first reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. .2014-08; RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE INDIGENT DRIVERS INTERLOCK & ALCOHOL MONITORING FUND #210 FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Libby Heintzelman moved that the rules requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three separate readings be suspended and declaring an emergency: Perry Jones seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

There was presented and read to Council on its third and final reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08. A motion was made by Perry Jones and seconded by Jim Weisgerber that Ordinance No. 2014-08 be passed by Council.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2014-08 was declared adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from the Ratka family for the workers who fixed the spring water problem on Iona Drive during the cold weather and also the workers who shoveled up the ice and laid down a lot of salt.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor's Report to Council

The Mayor's Collection form March was \$2,487.00. A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones to accept the Mayor's Report.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NEXT MEETING: The next regular scheduled meeting of the City Council will be Monday, April 21, 2014 in Council Chambers

There being no further business to come before Council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones.

Kathleen M. Kaluger, Clerk

Terry Pugh, Council President