

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 3, 2014

St. Clairsville City Council met at in Council Chambers on Monday, February 3, 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
Jake Olsavsky, Council, 1 st Ward	Tom Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator
David Trouten, Council, 4 th Ward	Jeff Henry, Police Chief
Frank Sabatino, Council, 2 nd Ward	Don Smithberger, Electric Superintendent
Jim Weisgerber, Council-At-Large	Shelley Fortney, Utility Office Manager

The meeting was called to order by Council President Terry Pugh

Oath of Office: Law Director administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Council Member Jake Olsavsky.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 6, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were distributed to Council. A motion to accept the minutes was made by John Bukmir and seconded by Libby Heintzelman.

Roll Call Vote:

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote	Seven (7) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

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:

“Pledge of Allegiance” Two Boy Scouts from Troop 59 led Council in the pledge of allegiance. They were present to observe the meeting and ask some questions for their Citizenship Badge.

Mike Fador, 242 East Main Street

Mr. Fador lives next to the Convenient Store on East Main Street and was present to address Council on the condition of Route 40 from the Dairy Queen to The Thomas Building. The road in that area is in terrible condition. He asked if there is something the City can do like put a steel plate over the holes of something. He said the Street Department is doing a good job on patching the holes but in the cold weather we have been having the patching just comes back out. He said that a lot of the patching ends up in his front yard when cars hit the holes. **Dennis Bigler:** We are doing the best we can. As soon as hot mix is available we will be doing a better more lasting job. Route 40 & Route 9 are State Routes and they are scheduled for repaving early in 2015. With the paving the State is planning to add more storm sewer piping and catch basins to take the water off the pavement. The City may consider doing some paving in that area when the weather improves.

REPORTS:

Service Director, Dennis Bigler

- Reported that there have been many water line breaks this winter. Several have been on Ruggles Avenue and Spring Street. The Water/Wastewater Department has had to repair these breaks in very inclement weather.

- Reported that we have another retirement in the Water Department. Tony Kelich is retiring after 34 years with the City. We have posted this position and a vacancy we still have in the Waste/Water Department.
- We have a problem on Iona Drive with a spring that was tied into an old gas line. The line was accidentally cut and now the water is spilling out onto Iona causing a problem with thick ice on the road and sidewalks. There are no catch basins within 800 feet. The best solution is to put in an underground pipe like we did in Rand Addition. The bore two holes and feed the line through. The cost is around \$13.60 per foot. \$13,000 will fix the problem; it is a clean & efficient way to go. **Frank Sabatino:** Besides the ice in the winter time they have moss in the summertime. **Motion:** A motion was made by Jake Olsavsky and seconded by Frank Sabatino to install an underground pipe to carry the spring water to the storm sewer system.

Roll Call Vote:

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Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
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Mayor, Robert Vincenzo

- There are concerns with the sub-zero weather and a lot of ice on the reservoirs. The ice is not solid and it is not safe for anyone to walk on.

Monthly Police Report for January

Calls and Complaints	57
Accidents	18
On Roadway	13
Private Property	5
Arrests	10
Traffic	6
Criminal	1
Domestic	1
Juvenile	0
Warrant	2
Parking Tickets Issued	81
Traffic Citations Issued	6
Warnings Given	31
Domestic Calls	4
Alarm Drops Answered	5
Miles put on cruisers	6425.70
Gasoline used	677.60 gallons

- The Police report is evidence that the Police Officers are in the neighborhoods night and day and we encourage this to continue. **Jim Weisgerber:** On Monday at 11:45 p.m. we heard a bang and when I looked out the window I saw footprints in the snow. I called the Police Department and within 2 minutes a police car was in the neighborhood looking around. As a Councilman I do not expect any better service then is provided for the other residents but I was very impressed at how quickly they were there. I do not know who the officer was. **Jeff Henry:** It was Officer Greg Clark.

Police Chief, Jeff Henry

- .We will have a Police Committee meeting on Thursday at 1:00

Finance Director, Cindi Henry

- I left in your boxes the 2013 Financials and the GAAP Report. Feel free to come in and see me if you have any questions.
- Denise Weithe of the Auditor's Office will be meeting with the Finance Committee soon. It will take a few weeks to close the 2012 Audit.

Tom Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Reminded Terry Pugh that as President of Council he needed to appoint a member of Council to the Storm Water Management Committee. Pugh appointed Frank Sabatino and asked for Council approval. A motion was made by Perry Jones and seconded by Libby Heintzelman to appoint Frank Sabatino to the Storm Water Management Committee.

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- Reviewed the status of the ODOT paving project for Route 40 & Route 9 which is to take place in 2015 along with the culvert project along East Main Street. At this time, ODOT has the total project estimate at \$1.1 million with the City share at \$306,080. They will fine tune their estimate later this year and in the beginning of 2015. At that time we will have a better idea what the City cost will be. Murphy said he has reviewed the City share with Cindi Henry to ensure the City has the funds for the project in 2015 and he will keep her up to date. With the road being in bad shape we do not want to miss out on the paving in 2015.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance, Libby Heintzelman - No Report

Utilities, Frank Sabatino

- The Utility Committee met this evening
- **Don Smithberger, Electric Superintendent:** All City Superintendents sincerely appreciate the public's patience during the winter weather. Meter replacement should begin within the next month.
- **Shelley Fortney, Utility Office Manager:** Closed down 2013 and started 2014. Weather bad and meter reading is difficult.
- **Frank Sabatino:** We have had many water breaks. Want to thank the Water/Wastewater, Street & Police Departments for working at night in -15 degree temperatures to repair breaks and clear the roads.

Police, Perry Jones

- Want to compliment the Police Department for being out in the neighborhoods more often

Street North Side, David Trouten: Weather

Street South Side, John Bukmir

- The crews are doing a good job getting the salt down and getting the roads cleared

Safety, Jake Olsavsky - Take it easy on the snow & ice covered roads

Building and Grounds, John Bukmir - No Report

Planning Commission, Jim Weisgerber - No Report

Fire District, Frank Sabatino

- Received bids for the 6 x 6 truck, was sold at a bid of \$2,600
- Released annual report for 2013. Department answered 2,354 calls, reported a loss of \$210,000 due to structure fires and \$108,600 in vehicle fires.
- The Board met on Wednesday, January 29 on personnel with no action
- Next meeting will be February 19th at 4:00 at the Main Station

Recreation Report, Libby Heintzelman

- The Recreation Board is considering new programs for everyone not just children.
- The Recreation Board will meet every third Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Park District, Perry Jones - No Report

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Law Director, Al Davies

We will need an Executive Session per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(4) the section dealing with collective bargaining negotiations.

I have one piece of Legislation for Council's consideration tonight. Ordinance No. 2014-03 addresses replacing the water line on Ruggles Avenue. We delayed paving Ruggles last year because of the numerous water breaks. This ordinance covers replacing the water line. It also addresses replacing the Provident waterline that presently goes under some of the buildings in Plaza West. This Ordinance is presented on an Emergency Basis.

There was presented and read to Council on its second reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2113-37: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, CONGRATULATING AND THANKING PATRICIA BRUHN FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE.

There was presented and read to Council on its second reading by title only, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 331.36 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE.

There was presented and read to Council on its first reading by title only, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION/ALTERATION OF THE RUGGLES AVENUE WATERLINE AND THE PROVIDENT WATERLINE AND AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF \$50,000.00 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
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote	Seven (7) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

There was presented and read to Council on its third and final reading by title only, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03. A motion was made by Perry Jones and seconded by Jim Weisgerber that Ordinance No. 2014-03 be passed by Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote	Seven (7) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

Ordinance No. 2014-03 was declared adopted.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor's Report

The Mayor's Collection for January 2014 was \$2,205.00. A motion was made by Jake Olsavsky and seconded by John Bukmir to accept the Mayor's report for January 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

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Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
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CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk read a letter requesting the use of the tent in the Courtyard for Bible reading from Friday, April 25th to Wednesday, April 30th from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The National Day of Prayer event will be held on Thursday, May 1st from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones to allow the Bible Reading and the National Day of Prayer in the Courtyard with the tent from April 25th to May 1st.

Roll Call Vote:

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Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones to meet in Executive Session per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(4) to review matters regarding the collective bargaining negotiations with the FOP.

Roll Call Vote:

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Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote	Seven (7) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

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

Roll Call Vote:

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Heintzelman	Yes	Trouten	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote	Seven (7) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

NEXT MEETING: The next regular scheduled meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, February, 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. 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