

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 2014

St. Clairsville City Council met at in Council Chambers on Monday, July 21, 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	Cindi Henry, Finance Director
Perry Jones, Council-At-Large	Tom Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator
David Trouten, Council, 4 th Ward	Al Davies, Law Director
Frank Sabatino, Council, 2 nd Ward	Jeff Henry, Police Chief
Jim Weisgerber, Council-At-Large	

The meeting was called to order by Council President Terry Pugh

Minutes: Minutes of the July 7, 2014 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	Trouten	Yes
Heintzelman	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
Roll Call Vote	Six (6) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

CITIZENS HEARING:

Randy Corbin, Assistant Vice President of Energy Policy and Sustainability for American Municipal Power

- My presence here tonight is twofold the first of which is always a pleasure for me. AMP for the last 26 years has provided over \$250,000 in academic scholarships to young men and women in primarily the State of Ohio but now in our seven state footprint. Tonight I am here to present one of your residents with one of those scholarships. The Wright Scholarship is an annual award of \$2,000. We provide four of those scholarships a year. I am very pleased that a resident of a very strong public power community like St. Clairsville is the award winner. Without further ado I would like to present Evan Elliott who is our scholarship winner from St. Clairsville this year. He was on the National Honor Society, he played on the football team and he was one of the four finalists this year of 35 nominated individuals from our member communities. I am very pleased on behalf of the AMP Board of Trustees to present you with a check for \$2,000, wish you well in your studies and congratulations.
- My second purpose tonight is to talk to Council a little bit about a member service program in AMP that we are very proud of. It is our energy efficiency program and it is titled Efficiency \$mart. We started studying the idea for the program in 2007. We spent three years developing it with our partner. They now administer a third party program for us called Efficiency \$mart. We started offering services to subscribing members in 2011. Our first three year contract was wildly successful. Well beyond our dreams. We hit 150% of our three year target. We had 49 member communities that participated. We are now going forward for three year contracts as well. I think the key to Efficiency \$mart and I do appreciate the Mayor and Council listening to us tonight. We have a presentation to show you and then will answer any questions.

Kristyn Wilder, Executive Director, Efficiency Smart

- Gave further information on Energy Efficiency in homes and businesses

Mayor Vincenzo: Would you please explain how the fees are generated. **Randy Corbin:**

AMP will bill you through your power supply bill for the program fee. \$1.40 per megawatt hour. How you want to recover that from your community is your decision. We do not tell you how to do that. Many of the participants in the program leave it on our supply cost. It is a power supply

resource. That fee pays for everything in the program. **Mayor Vincenzo:** There may also be a question on this \$761,663. That is a lifetime savings now some may say you are taking that away from revenue from the City. I think I want to elaborate on this a little bit. We are also buying less electricity. **Randy Corbin:** Your costs go down, I will also point out that I heard that in every one of the 49 communities who participated the first time. I will tell you that we did not hurt the electric fund in a single community. We actually have had a kind of unique effect. I mentioned the strong economic development aspect not only supporting the local businesses who with cutting their cost have become more competitive. Also in every one of the communities that we served the first time around they reported that those businesses are starting to grow again out of the recession. They are at or beyond where they were before. They are using energy more efficiently. They have been able to add more production, more crews and the electric funds have not suffered. **Kristyn Wilder:** One thing that we did not talk about is we have heard from some of the largest employers in a lot of the communities that they were able to save jobs. We were able to cut some of their cost and their bottom line. **Mayor Vincenzo:** I have talked to Wadsworth and they have found it very beneficial. **Randy Corbin:** We have a very good relationship with Wadsworth because of this project.

Bill Jeffers, 199 Young Lane: Mr. Jeffers issued a complaint about Chief Jeff Henry concerning police reports he requested. He also stated that he was treated badly by the Chief. He made Council aware of a sewer line break that was causing him problems at his home. He also talked about a neighbor's tree branch hanging over his property that nearly fell on him. He related that he has had difficulty with this neighbor on other occasions. **Al Davies:** Explained to Mr. Jeffers that he had a right to make a public records request. He also explained that he may file a report with the Mayor's office on the matter of the Police Chief and a hearing will be held. The City has ordinances requiring grass cutting but not tree-trimming. He may retain an attorney and pursue the tree problem in court.

Josh O'Farrell: Two offers were made to the City to lease the city acreage. Two offers had been made Rice Energy and Great River. They have agreed to the conditions the city asked for specifically no surface mining, no mining on City property, and a 500 foot setback. Provisions are also in place to protect the city's water and address environmental concerns. Rice is offering the City \$7,500 per acre and 20 percent of the gross royalty with no market enhancements. O'Farrell will represent the City for 5% which will be paid by the Oil & Gas Company. O'Farrell noted that the contract was extended to July 31st. He gave the opinion that since the city's acres were spread about rather than blocked, the city's options were limited. A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber that the City go with Rice Energy since they have a local office and their operations are ongoing in the County. Perry Jones seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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Heintzelman	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Jones	Yes	Weisgerber	Yes
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REPORTS:

Service Director, Dennis Bigler

- Presenting two Resolutions for water line construction projects.
- The price to repair the roads in the Highlands will run from \$70,000 to \$100,000. It is pretty bad suggest the Council Members go and take a look at it. **David Trouten:** I have had calls about the roads; it is bad it looks like a war zone.

Mayor, Robert Vincenzo - No Report

Police Chief, Jeff Henry - We had another patrol car damaged

Finance Director, Cindi Henry

- Handed out copies of benefit comparisons in preparation for Union negotiations

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Tom Murphy

- A Planning Commission Meeting will be held on August 4th at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Vacation Plat of a portion of Newlin Road in the area of the St. Clair Commons.
- We have some good news Cindi Henry made us aware of a 90/10 grant. We applied for the grant and have been approved for emergency funds to assist with the cost of the damage to Ruggles Avenue. The project was estimated to cost \$40,900 and the grant would fund 80 percent. We also had letter signed by the residents in the area to help us obtain the grant.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance, Libby Heintzelman - No Report

Utilities, Frank Sabatino - No Report

Police, Perry Jones - No Report

Street North Side, David Trouten

- Suggested Council go look at the Highlands. Roads in bad shape

Street South Side, John Bukmir - Pot hole complaints

Safety, Jake Olsavsky - Not Present

Building and Grounds, John Bukmir

- Reviewed contract for preventative maintenance on furnace and air conditioning. Will bring them in to Mr. Bigler’s office of further review

Planning Commission, Jim Weisgerber - No Report

Fire District, Frank Sabatino

- The Fire District will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd at 3:30 in the Main Station

Recreation Report, Libby Heintzelman Recreation Report was read

Park District, Perry Jones - The City still has a vacancy on the Park Board to be filled.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Law Director, Al Davies

I prepared two resolutions for Dennis Bigler’s office.

There was presented and read to Council on its first reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-21; RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL LEVY OF A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS 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	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. 2014-21. A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones that Resolution No. 2014-21 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

Resolution No. 2014-21 was declared adopted.

There was presented and read to Council on its second reading by title only, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-25; AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015, 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	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, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-25. A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones that Ordinance No. 2014-25 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. 2014-25 was declared adopted.

There was presented and read to Council on its first reading by title only, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-26; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET FUND FOR EMERGENCY STREET REPAIR FOR THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, 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	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, ORDINANCE NO. 2014-26. A motion was made by Perry Jones and seconded by Jim Weisgerber that Ordinance No. 2014-26 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. 2014-26 was declared adopted.

There was presented and read to Council on its first reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-27; A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION/ALTERATION OF THE RUGGLES AVENUE WATERLINE AND AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO THE JAMES WHITE CONSTRUCTION CO. 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
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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. 2014-27. A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones that Resolution No. 2014-27 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

Resolution No. 2014-27 was declared adopted.

There was presented and read to Council on its first reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2014-28; A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIR NEW 6" WATERLINE AND AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO GUDENKAUF CORPORATION, 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	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. 2014-28. A motion was made by Jim Weisgerber and seconded by Perry Jones that Resolution No. 2014-28 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

Resolution No. 2014-28 was declared adopted.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular scheduled meeting of the City Council will be Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

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

D. Terry Pugh, Council President Pro-Tem