

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 15, 2017

St. Clairsville City Council met in Council Chambers on Monday, May 15, 2017, with the following present:

Jim Weisgerber, Council President	Terry Pugh, Mayor
Mark Bukmir, Council 3 rd Ward	Cindi Henry, Finance Director
Linda Jordan, Council-At-Large	Jeff Henry, Police Chief
Beth Oprisch, Council-At-Large	Tom Murphy, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Jake Olsavsky, Council, 1 st Ward	Richard Myser, Law Director
Frank Sabatino, Council 2 nd Ward	
Mike Smith, Council-At-Large	
John Tomlan, Council 4 th Ward	

The meeting was called to order by Council President Jim Weisgerber.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 1, 2017 regular meeting were distributed to Council. A motion to accept the minutes was made by John Tomlan and seconded by Jake Olsavsky.

Roll Call Vote

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Abstain
Jordan	Yes	Smith	Yes
Oprisch	Yes	Tomlan	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote:	Six (6) Yes	One (1) Abstain	Motion Approved

CITIZENS HEARING:

There were no Citizens present who wished to address Council.

REPORTS:

Service Director: Jim Zucal - Not Present

Mayor: Terry Pugh

Today signs were posted down on Legion Road about closing and traffic flow down there. They will start moving equipment in tomorrow and begin work on that project.

Today was the collection of yard waste. We will be doing it again tomorrow.

Last week you might have noticed that North Sugar Street from Main Street down to the Y was closed three days in a row. That was for the replacement of three water valves. It was work that was scheduled to be done.

You might have received a scam letter at your home. One of our residents received one and gave it to the Police Chief. It is asking for your donation to fight St. Clairsville being a "Sanctuary City." It is definitely a scam.

A few weeks ago a reporter from Germany came in to interview me. He was interested in how the oil and gas industry related to St. Clairsville with President Trump being elected. He also

interviewed Bob Murry of Murry Energy. I was sent a copy and we had it translated. It was very favorable to St. Clairsville.

Police Chief, Jeff Henry: No Report

Finance Director, Cindi Henry:

I emailed all of you Resolution No. 2017-23, it is a Resolution asking the County Auditor to certify what the renewal levy will generate. That will be the 1.95 mill levy that will go to the General Fund. This levy has been on the books since the early 80's. The Auditor will give us documentation showing what it will collect.

The City will have its annual picnic this Thursday. This is the City's thank you and appreciation for the City Employees.

Planning & Zoning, Tom Murphy:

There is a Planning Commission meeting set up for Monday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. Two items on the Agenda: One is the Malik decision. Hull & Associates have decided not to move forward with that so the Planning Commission will have to make a decision on that matter.

The second item on the agenda is Equity for the St. Clair Commons site. That project is still progressing with the Senior Living Facility, not as fast as they would have hoped. They have asked for another extension of the Preliminary Plat for another 6 months. The structure should be finished by December. They are also proposing a minor change to the exterior of the structure. It was primarily stone veneer and hardy plank. Now they are proposing stone veneer and vinyl siding.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Finance, Mike Smith: No Report

Utilities, Frank Sabatino: No Report

Police, Mark Bukmir: No Report.

Street North Side, Jake Olsavsky: No Report

Street South Side, Linda Jordan: No Report

Safety, Beth Oprisch: No Report

Building & Grounds, Mark Bukmir: No Report

Planning Commission, Mike Smith: No Report

Fire District, Frank Sabatino:

At the April 26th regular meeting the Fire District approved the EMS service contract between Cumberland Trail and the Belmont Correctional Institution. We also approved the EMS service contract between Cumberland Trail and the Belmont County Commissioners. We hired two very experienced people who recently retired from another community. There will be a special meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. concerning litigation and personnel. Our next regular meeting will be May 24th at 3:00 at the main station.

Recreation, Linda Jordan:

Zumba class is going well on Monday night: The Red Devil classic track meet will be on June 17th and 24th: Community Clean-up Day which is an event for kids; Community Day is July 2nd

they need volunteers for the event. They are looking for vendors \$10 per table. The next meeting is June 19th.

Park District, Linda Jordan:

Everything is going well. Will open the pool on May 27th. Pool passes are available at Riesbeck's or Kirke's Ice Cream at a discounted rate until May 29th.

Pickle Ball is Wednesday 8:30 a.m. until noon and 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 until noon.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Law Director, Richard Myser:

First we have resolution No. 2017-20 up for its third reading tonight. This is the Resolution authorizing the City to develop a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan.

The next Resolution we have is No. 2017-23. This is the Resolution that Cindi explained to Council for the Auditor to certify our 1.95 mill renewal levy. There is emergency language in this Resolution.

It gives me great pleasure to report to Council that I received a check for \$1,156 from William Jeffers as payment on his fine in the case we had against him. He paid his fine and the case has been dismissed.

We were contacted by Gulfport and Ascent Gas Companies. Gulfport is wanting to lease multiple small tracts of real estate in St. Clairsville that we own. We put out bids twice. The first round of bidding Gulfport submitted a bid along with a lease. I reviewed the lease and there were things in there that I didn't like and I asked them to change. They agreed to change everything. The bid is for a three year term at \$5,000 per acre for 9 acres that will be \$45,000 signing bonus and a 20% royalty. We will be getting gross royalties instead of net royalties. Several other clauses were taken out. They are very anxious to get this passed. At our next meeting I will be bringing legislation to be passed. The second round of bidding Ascent Energy was the highest bidder that is for a .08 acre tract.

There was presented and read to Council on its third and final reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE TO DEVELOP A DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN. A motion was made by John Tomlan and seconded by Jake Olsavsky that Resolution No. 2017-20 be passed by Council.

Roll Call Vote

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Jordan	Yes	Smith	Yes
Oprisch	Yes	Tomlan	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote:	Seven (7) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

Resolution No. 2017-20 was declared adopted.

There was presented and read to Council on its first reading by title only, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23; A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE CITY OF ST. CLAIRSVILLE THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF ST. AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY ONE AND NINETY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (1.95) MILL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. John Tomlan moved that the rules requiring ordinances and resolutions to be read on three separate readings be suspended. Beth Oprisch seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Jordan	Yes	Smith	Yes
Oprisch	Yes	Tomlan	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, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23. a motion was made by Linda Jordan and seconded by Jake Olsavsky that Resolution No. 2017-23 be passed by Council.

Roll Call Vote

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Jordan	Yes	Smith	Yes
Oprisch	Yes	Tomlan	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote:	Seven (7) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

Resolution No. 2017-23 was declared adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor's Report to Council:

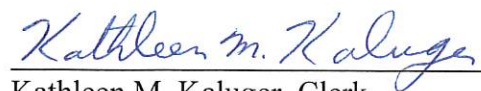
The Mayor's Collection for April 2017 was 5,641.75. A motion to accept the Mayor's report was made by Jake Olsavsky and seconded by Linda Jordan.

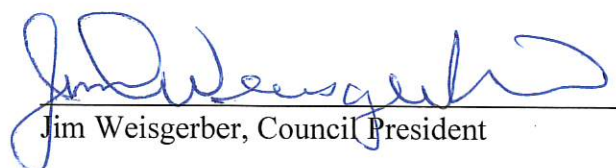
Roll Call Vote

Bukmir	Yes	Sabatino	Yes
Jordan	Yes	Smith	Yes
Oprisch	Yes	Tomlan	Yes
Olsavsky	Yes		
Roll Call Vote:	Seven (7) Yes	Zero (0) No	Motion Approved

The next regular Council Meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2017, at 7:30 in the Council Chamber.

There being no other business to come before Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Smith and seconded by Jake Olsavsky.


Kathleen M. Kaluger, Clerk


Jim Weisgerber, Council President