

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011

The Council of the City of Zanesville met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2011 in the City Council Chambers, 401 Market Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Vincent led those present in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following members of Council answered Roll Call: Mr. Tilton, Mr. Zakany, Mr. Baker, Mr. Tarbert, Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Norman, Mr. Kilpatrick, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Vincent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zakany moved to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Mr. Tilton.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 11-48 – Introduced by Council – An ordinance authorizing the proper City official to pay an invoice to Zemba Bros., Inc. for emergency work on the Brandywine Culvert Collapse, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tilton moved to waive the three readings, seconded by Mr. Hutcheson.
R. C. to waive
9 Ayes – 0 Nays
Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Norman.

Mr. Sims: Obviously it is an emergency as the work was completed several months ago. Zemba Bros. Inc. has been patient and waiting to see where we were going to go. They will be interested in bidding on the project, but I think we need to pay this invoice. I think they have given us a fair invoice for calling them in on short notice.

Mr. Vincent: We appreciate their quick service. The pole truck rental was a concern. I had citizens ask about the truck holding up the light pole, all at no charge to the City, that is nice.

R. C. for passage
9 Ayes – 0 Nays
Motion carried

Ordinance No. 11-49 – Introduced by Council – An ordinance authorizing the proper City official to accept an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

Mr. Tilton moved to waive the three readings, seconded by Mr. Baker.
R. C. to waive
9 ayes – 0 Nays
Motion carried.

Mr. Hutcheson moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Brandford: This is a grant that we shared with the County. We get it one year and they get it the next year. This is our year. There are no matching funds for this grant.

R. C. for passage
9 Ayes – 0 Nays
Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

Ordinance No. 11-44 - Introduced by Council – An ordinance authorizing the proper City official to advertise for bids and enter into a professional contract for hydrogen peroxide or bioxide for odor control at the wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Roberts moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Zakany.
R. C. for passage
9 Ayes – 0 Nays
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 11-45 - Introduced by Council – An ordinance authorizing the mayor to apply for and execute contracts in connection with the Round 26 State Issue I Program.

Mr. Hutcheson moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Zakany.
R. C. for passage
9 Ayes – 0 Nays
Motion carried.

PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Petition from Martha Sullivan, 643 Locust Avenue:

Mrs. Sullivan: What I would like to ask about is the Census. Soon you will be redrawing the ward lines for the City and I would like know who is in charge of that?

Mr. Vincent: I am.

Mrs. Sullivan: How do you go about that? When is it going to start?

Mr. Vincent: It has already started with emails and discussion with Dr. Walter Huber at Muskingum University. They have helped us in the past. It will be a project for his Political Science Class and they will do a survey of Council to find out what interests each member. They will present three to five different layouts, similar to what was done ten years ago, except this time we will be doing it in advance. Mr. Sims was kind enough to let Council have input on it ten years ago.

Mrs. Sullivan: I know about last time because I was involved in it then.

Mr. Vincent: Those are the plans now. Do you have any concerns?

Mrs. Sullivan: I do not have any concerns; I just have not heard anything about it. I was not sure who was in charge of it. When do you think they will be making their presentations to Council?

Mr. Vincent: This fall, if I go back to look at some of my notes and conversations I had with him, I could give you a better idea. It should be in plenty of time. They did a great job for us last time. They have a GIS system to work with and programs which he thinks will make it easier than the last time. They are excited about this and it is a learning project for them. It will also save us money. If you have any ideas I would be glad to hear them. We want to do this right.

Mrs. Sullivan: Thank you very much.

Petition from Don Jones, 30 Southard Avenue, Zanesville Crime Stoppers Watch:

Mr. Jones: I have the second quarter crime stats for you. Please look at your Excel page listed as 2011 Crime Stats. We tracked 468 crimes for the second quarter; 2009 second quarter was 465; 2010 second quarter was 490; total crimes for the second quarter 2011 was 1,124.

Rape stats have been changed to vandalism stats because we no longer receive rape stats.

Thefts are the major category with 322 or 69 % of the tracked crimes. Drug and felony drug stats have returned. There were 35 from Zanesville Police Department.

Not Tracked: Aggravated Arson = 13, with 2 closed, and 11 investigations pending. Aggravated Arson is becoming a major problem, not only in Zanesville, but across our nation. We will add Aggravated Arson to our tracked crimes for the next quarter and ask all our members and the citizens to keep their eyes open for people around unoccupied houses.

Please look at your maps. Crimes have gotten worse during the second quarter, but that is pretty much normal because of the time of year.

We are trying to keep citizens informed of what crimes are happening in their neighborhoods with these maps, as well as the Crime Corner, which is posted on our Website. These maps are emailed to Muskingum County members and Zanesville Area Captains, which emails them to their area members so they can become more pro-active in reporting suspicious people, vehicles, and activities. They are the eyes and ears for law enforcement.

Calls for service from Zanesville Police Department update: Chief Lambes stated they do not have PDF capabilities, but all things are available from records. Upon calling records to print out calls for service, we asked for them to print out daily calls for service for Zanesville Crime Stoppers Watch. When we went to pick them up we received four days of calls. That was over 400 pages of reports. Zanesville Police Department records cannot get them printed daily, because records have to remove social security numbers from each record, so they are no help to our members or citizens because of the delay factor. So, Zanesville Crime Stoppers Watch is going to have Crime Stats printed weekly until Zanesville Police Department Records has PDF capabilities and can email the records daily.

Zanesville Crime Stoppers Watch elected new officers this year. We want to thank Council Baker for his 2 years of excellent service, and thank Kevin McPeck for stepping up to be our new President.

Below you will see some of the cities which applied and received a grant from the Cops Division of the United State Department of Justice in 2010 to hire or rehire policemen.

USDOJ COPS Hiring Program Grants 2010

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| Name : | Marion Police Department | Name : | Lancaster City of |
| Address : | 233 West Center Street | Address : | 130 South Broad Street |
| City, State, Zip : | Marion ,OH,43302 | City, State, Zip : | Lancaster ,OH,43130 |
| Officers Awarded : | 3 | Officers Awarded : | 3 |
| Total Awards : | \$709,455.00 | Total Awards : | \$523,485.00 |
| Name : | Boardman Township of | Name : | Chillicothe Police Depart. |
| Address : | 8299 Market Street | Address : | 28 North Paint Street |
| City, State, Zip : | Boardman ,OH,44512 | City, State, Zip : | Chillicothe ,OH,45601 |
| Officers Awarded : | 2 | Officers awarded : | 2 |
| Total Awards : | \$413,148.00 | Total Awards : | \$485,402.00 |
| Name : | Norwalk Police Department | Name : | Wellston Police Department |
| Address : | 37 North Linwood Avenue | Address : | 203 East Broadway |
| City, State, Zip : | Norwalk ,OH,44857 | City, State, Zip : | Wellston ,OH,45692 |
| Officers Awarded : | 1 | Officers Awarded : | 1 |
| Total Awards : | \$210,277.00 | Total Awards : | \$188,202.00 |
| Name : | Marion Police Department | Name : | Waynesville Village of |
| Address : | 233 West Center Street | Address : | 1400 Lytle Road |
| City, State, Zip : | Marion ,OH,43302 | City, State, Zip : | Waynesville ,OH,45068 |
| Officers Awarded : | 3 | Officers Awarded : | 1 |
| Total Awards : | \$709,455.00 | Total Awards : | \$150,708. |
| Name : | Newark City of | Name : | South Zanesville Police Dept. |
| Address : | 40 West Main Street | Address : | 24 East Main Street |
| City, State, Zip : | Newark ,OH,43055 | City, State, Zip : | South Zanesville ,OH,43701 |
| Officers Awarded : | 2 | Officers Awarded : | 1 |
| | | Total Awards : | \$153,263.00 |

Total Awards : \$420,020.00

Each covers three (3) years I do not understand why we are not applying for this money. It seems to be very simple process.

I emailed website to Chief Lambes and Mr. Brandford in 2010 and 2011. Zanesville Police Department Did Not Apply 2010. Why? The 2011 results not available yet.

Marion Police Department received \$709,000 for three policemen. That sure would have helped our budget. I am wondering why we do not apply.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you Mr. Jones. I think that is very important information. Mr. Brandford, could you answer his question?

Mr. Brandford: The thing is you can apply for these grants and get them, but there is always conditions attached to the grant. A lot of times what happens is you hire these people then you have to keep them on and pay for them in the years to come. I think you have to look at these grants and look at the conditions that are attached. I have talked to the Chief about that and he knows that is the way it has been in the past. You have to look at these grants to see what the conditions are.

Mr. Vincent: This is a very basic overview. These grant have been looked at and every grant considered?

Mr. Brandford: You get some of these cities that have layoffs and other different issues. Is there a reason why Marion is listed twice?

Mr. Jones: Probably not.

Mr. Brandford: I cannot speak for South Zanesville, but he is a person we could certainly talk with to see just what his particular situation is and I know that a lot of times there are conditions attached.

Mr. Jones: They are all good conditions.

Mr. Brandford: I don't know what conditions are good conditions...

Several talking at the same time.

Mayor Zwelling: When Marion receives \$709,000 to replace people that are laid off, it is a three year award and after three years the City has to come up with money to maintain those three or they are committed to give that money back. You have to think long and hard before you apply. Thank goodness we do not have any firemen or policemen laid off. We do not have to borrow this money to have policemen back that are laid off. Yes, we have taken a good look at all of this and we considered it. Sometimes grants are wonderful and we apply for them, but other times the conditions are too stringent. The way the budget has been, the last couple of years, we cannot commit ourselves to several hundred thousand dollars in three years. We do not have to because we have not laid off any officers. Yes, there is a shortage and it is because there have been registrations. We are dragging our feet on replacing those individuals to recoup the payoff of the benefits. That explains why we are a little sluggish in replacing the vacancies due to retirements. We have a plan and we think it is going to work. We have been very fortunate in balancing the budget, but it is a struggle each year and it becomes more difficult. This would make it almost impossible in three years.

Mr. Vincent: I am just wondering how some of the cities that are bringing people back with anticipation of being able to pay them in three years. I do not understand it.

Mayor Zwelling: It would probably help us to understand what you do if you would tell us what is involved in tracking these hundreds of .

Mr. Jones: What do you mean tracking?

Mayor Zwelling: That is what I am asking you.

Mr. Jones: We go down to Zanesville Police Department records every quarter and ask them for a printout of all the crime stats for that quarter. We only track 10 or 12 different crimes. We do not post all of them. What we are doing now is called "Crime Corner". We started with the Muskingum County Sheriff, because he has pdf capabilities and he sends it to us in an email. We go through and select all the things that we track for the County which is similar to the City. We email that to all our members in the County. That helps them keep track of what is going on in their neighborhoods. If they see something that is happening in their neighborhood we do that daily. It usually goes out in the morning and when they come home that evening they have the stats. That is what we wanted to do with Zanesville, so the people could be the eyes and ears for law enforcement in Zanesville, but we cannot do pdfs. I requested and received printouts for called for service from July 1st through July 4th which was over 400 pages and cost over \$20.00. We did not get them until July 7th or 8th as they cannot do it every day. I do not know why social security numbers in all those reports, but they are. The individual in records had to go through and black out each social security number. We are just going to go with picking up crime stats weekly from the Zanesville Police Department and do the same thing with them as we do for the County.

Mayor Zwelling: Are those stats that you have available to any citizen?

Mr. Jones: Yes, any citizen.

Mr. Vincent: The thought behind that is to raise awareness to engage people, to be concerned enough to take action. Not long ago we were talking about missing out on grants with the Fire Department and we do not want to do that again. It is good to hear that Mr. Brandford and the Mayor are on top of this and paying attention to all grants to see if things will work out of us. We do not want to miss a good opportunity with things being so tight.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Zwelling: Last night I attended a concert and heard the Zanesville Memorial Band at Ohio University Zanesville. It was magnificent. It was originally scheduled for Zane Landing Park, but it was so hot and storms were in the forecast, they moved it to Ohio University Zanesville in their air conditioned auditorium. The Zanesville Memorial Band has their final concert of the season in two weeks at Zane Landing Park weather permitting. I would recommend everyone take a lawn chair and go to Zane Landing Park to enjoy a free concert that will make you day.

I attended Dancing With The Divas at Eagle Sticks on Saturday night. It was sold out three or four weeks ago. If they have a bigger venue they could have sold one to two hundred more tickets. It was an outstanding evening. You could tell they gave the dancing all they had and you could tell they had practiced. It was an outstanding evening.

Mr. Vincent: If I could add, it was for a variety of non profits in the area. Each dancing couple had an organization they were working for and the event will air on WHIZ next Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Zwelling: This Friday, July 29th at Secrest Auditorium the Concert Association is presenting Phil Dirt and the Dozers beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are selling well and the Concert Association is going to announce their whole season at this event. Blood, Sweat, and Tears will be in Zanesville as the season's opener.

Mr. Tilton moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Zakany
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.