

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

The Council of the City of Zanesville met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2011 in the City Council Chambers, 401 Market Street, Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Vincent led those present in the Moment of Silence in remembrance of the 9/11 victims and for those that gave their lives to help save others and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Mr. Tilton moved to excuse Mr. Kilpatrick and Mr. Tarbert, seconded by Mr. Roberts.  
Motion carried

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Tilton.  
Motion carried

### **COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 11-55 - Introduced by Council – A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

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

Mr. Hutcheson moved for passage, seconded by Mrs. Norman.  
R. C. for passage  
7 Ayes – 0 Nays  
Motion carried.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

Mr. Tilton moved to add Ordinance No 11-57 as item 2a, seconded by Mr. Zakany.  
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 11-56 – Introduced by Council – An ordinance authorizing the proper city official to enter into a contract with Creative Microsystems, Inc. (CMI) to upgrade the computerized records management system (software) at the Police Department.

Mr. Tilton moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Hutcheson.

Chief Lambes: This ordinance is for a mandated upgrade. Our computer software company advised us a couple years ago that effective January 1, 2013 they will no longer be able to support what we have now. On one side it is a mandated upgrade that we are going to have to do anyway, but on a secondary note, it will improve what we have so actually it will improve our efficiency and functions. We have to do it, but we will get a great benefit from the upgrade.

Mr. Vincent: One of the questions that came up is about hardware. Do we have the hardware needed for this upgrade? Mr. Kilpatrick sent an email regarding this issue.

Chief Lambes: This year we have been in the process of upgrading every computer in our building other than five that are at unmanned stations and will upgrade next year. We just recently upgraded our servers. Our main server for the department will be new. Another reason for the hardware upgrade is that the server is getting old and slowing down based on the new technology. The computer system will be 100% new with this upgrade.

Mr. Vincent: I did see this is an Ohio Company. If you are interested they have a couple online videos you can watch on [www.AuthoritySafety.com](http://www.AuthoritySafety.com) to see what features it has and what it is able to do for the officers. I assume this is all encrypted going over the wireless Internet and secure?

Chief Lambes: Yes, they have a very good system. Actually, CMI is the system that we originally went to, that was almost 20 years ago and City Hall has a CMI computer system also. It is very familiar to everyone in the city. They have been our company since we started in the computer business.

Mr. Baker: Chief, what does this do on a practical level; I have not seen the videos that Mr. Vincent referred to. What does it do to improve police efficiency on a practical level day by day?

Chief Lambes: There are so many different things they do. Our entire records keeping system is maintained on computer so it manages that system. It allows us to keep all our records and report what we do is computerize. It allows us to send those computerized records reporting to the Federal Government. We have to report all our major crimes. This does it automatically. It cuts down on a lot of office work that we normally had to do and now it is an automatic upgrade. It does more than that. That is a general thing we have been doing for years. This also ties into our cruisers. We already have computers in the cruisers which are great, but this takes it a step farther. We can utilize them for so much more. We can actually do reports with the computer in the car. They do not have to come to the station to do their reports. They can sit in the car with the computer and complete the report. It instantly goes to the sergeant's computer where he can certify them, and then they instantly go to records and the detective bureau. This is a great function. It also allows us to do accident reports in the car on the computer, do tickets. It also has another great function called "voice over I P". I can put telephones in the cars and we can talk on the phone through the computer system. It would have to be set up and it would be an internal system that all officers can talk car to car, dispatch, any of the computer stations in the building. It helps us not to put valuable information over radio ways. That is a big thing we have been struggling with for years. If you have an accident we have the name, date of birth, social security number out in the airways, were just begging someone to steal that identity and use it. If that happens, it is our fault because we put it out there in "scanner world" to be picked up. This can help eliminate that because it is all done through the computer. With this upgrade it will really allows to take it where it needs to be.

Mr. Vincent: So guess an advantage with this is an officer out there in the field being able to file a report with no down time and still be in their district, plus be close by if a call comes in they can be there faster instead of coming back into the station and having to run outside and jump in a vehicle to go where they need to be. I do like the idea of not having to stuff out in "scanner land", which could cause some privacy issues.

Mr. Baker: One more thing, you do not anticipate any more needed up grades in some foreseeable future?

Chief Lambes: This should handle us for many, many, years. We were advised about five years ago that this was coming and they do not anticipate any future major upgrades that would cost us money. There are always minor upgrades that are included with the annual fee. No, this should be the last upgrade we need to do for at least 10 years.

Mr. Zakany: When prisoners are incarcerated do we take a picture, is that in black and white or color?

Chief Lambes: Just about all pictures are in color anymore.

Mr. Zakany: I know that one time they did not have the capability.

Mr. Vincent: The demonstration on the website had to do with photos as far as going out to serve a warrant on someone and you have basic description of someone and you go to the door and ask if John Doe is here and the guy answering the door may be John Does and he says "no" he is not here. But if you had a photo, that was sent out with this system, you could positively identify and arrest the person.

Chief Lambes: That is a very good thing of us. When you knock on a door and talk to somebody without having a picture of them, you might even be talking to that person and you do not know it is the person you are looking for.

Mr. Tilton: Chief, would this hurt you if this goes all three readings? I mean, time wise?

Chief Lambes: It will not damage us if it goes all the way, but since the radios and everything else has shelf life. We are looking at January 1, 2013 that they are going to stop supporting the old system. We have 18 or 15 months in that area, but everyone is making the conversion so everyone across the state that is using this software has to make this upgrade. The quicker we get scheduled for this process, which is a complicated process, the greater the chance we are not going to run into road blocks of them being tied up on other systems.

Mr. Vincent: How will this work with the sheriff's department if we move to one communication center? How does this fit?

Chief Lambes: The advantage of the upgrades will go through a Windows based computer system, so it allows us to use the Internet. So, if we would move the radio room we can tie in with the records station at the police department via the Internet. We could go anywhere.

Mr. Vincent: So anywhere with Internet access you can tie into this system?

Chief Lambes: Exactly, the computer system, yes.

Mr. Vincent: I assume the sheriff's does not use this computer system?

Chief Lambes: Their computer is not compatible.

Mr. Tilton moved to waive the three readings, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: I think it works out that once you have a system you are not going the change, I am a little concerned that if we go to a single communication center should there be something else we should be considering? Do we need to switch the entire system to make sure our future works out smoother?

Chief Lambes: I do not think that is possible because this is a system that operates our records keeping in the police department. It is not really a communications system, even though aspects will allow us to utilize it for communication. It is not changing the radio system it is just expanding our present communications ability. They are not really tied in together even though they are related which should not affect anything in the future.

R. C. to waive  
7 Ayes – 0 Nays  
Motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Vincent: I need to apologize to Mr. McPeek.

Mr. McPeek: I can get my questions answered later.

Ordinance No. 11-57 - Introduced by Council – An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11-39 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tilton moved to waive the three readings, seconded by Mr. Hutcheson.

R. C. to waive  
7 Ayes – 0 Nays  
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Roberts: Mrs. Clapper, what is the current status of our Revolving Loan Fund? I know there were some things that were we took a hit on, how healthy is it right now?

Mrs. Clapper: The Revolving Loan Fund would have a balance of a little over \$100,000 at this time. We had a large expenditure with the R-18 Sewer Separation Project which was \$75,000 that went into that project from the Revolving Loan Fund through the Department of Development. We have been advised by the department that we are to spend down \$89,000 of that funding to be eligible to apply for our Formula Grant. There was a series of activities that were programmed into the Formula Grant and this being one of those to enable us to spend those funds down. Once they have all been spent at the request of the state we will probably have less than \$10,000.

Mr. Roberts: So the State is requesting us to spend down our Revolving Loan Fund?

Mrs. Clapper: Yes, they are, to be eligible for new formula funding.

Mr. Roberts: This is a sound investment, do not get me wrong because I do not perceive the Carr Center not paying it back, but what is the purpose of the state asking us to spend down our Revolving Loan Fund?

Mrs. Clapper: Well, the Revolving Loan Fund that will be used for the Carr Center will not be a loan. It will be a grant. The use of the funds being the Revolving Loan are waived by the State and enables us to fund a CDBG eligible activity which is the Carr Center. So it becomes monies that are granted and become a part of the Formula Grant in which the Carr Center is funded which is 2010. The other activities that are funding projects from the Muskingum Recreation Center would also include the Salvation Army and those activities that are part of the formula we just applied for. They are all being funded for those eligible activities and it is all being spent as grant money. This is state wide and everyone was forced to spend down their funds to be eligible.

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

#### **ORDINANCES FOR ACTION**

None.

#### **PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Vincent: Mr. McPeck would you like to share some things with us?

Mr. McPeck: I will talk with the Chief afterwards.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Zwelling: I would like to bring you up-to-date on Secrest activities for the final quarter of this year. Century National Bank held a private concert for Freedom Years members on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>; 1,100 people attended and it was excellent. The Army National Guard 220<sup>th</sup> Homecoming will take place at the auditorium on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We are excited to welcome our troops home. Ticket Crush Concerts will present the first of many concerts this fall. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> Letters From War Tour, Mark Schultz with 33 Miles and Finding Favor will kick off their national tour from Secrest Auditorium. A lot of tickets have been sold for this already. Ticket Crush Concerts will have Frontier: A Journey Tribute on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with an outstanding lead singer and speaking of outstanding, a local band Slap Jack will open up that night featuring our Law Director on drums. September 25<sup>th</sup> is the Y-City Barbershop Show at Secrest. Zanesville Concert Association opens up 2011-2012 series with Blood, Sweat, and Tears on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> Jersey a Bruce Springsteen tribute comes to Secrest Auditorium, Ticket Crush Concerts. Ticket Crush also brings Francesca

Bastelli, Grammy Award nominated artist on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. They sold tickets this week to people from Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Devilette Bazaar comes back to Secrest on October 29<sup>th</sup>. November 3<sup>rd</sup> hot country acts Justin Moore and Thompson Square coming to Secrest. These are individually overnight successful sensations and they are both coming on the same night. The Veteran's Day Parade will take place November 5<sup>th</sup> and the Veteran's Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. On November 6<sup>th</sup> the Zanesville Concert Association brings Five By Design at 40's radio show. November 12<sup>th</sup>, Ticket Crush Concerts brings the Ultimate Doo-Wop Show and tickets are going well for that. Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Sertoma Pancake Day comes back at Secrest. Secrest is a busy place these days.

Mr. Vincent: Ticket Crush Concerts is doing a wonderful job of booking in acts. It is amazing.

Mr. Roberts: I have a question about October 10<sup>th</sup> being Columbus Day observed are we going to conduct Council on that day?

Mr. Vincent: There is no Council Meeting on Columbus Day. We meet on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.