

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

The Council of the City of Zanesville met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016 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: Mrs. Osborn, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Norman, Miss Bradshaw, Ms. Gildow, and Mr. Vincent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Foreman moved to accept the minutes of February 08, 2016 as printed, seconded by Mrs. Osborn.

All were in favor. None were opposed.

Motion carries. Minutes stand approved.

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, AND RESOLUTIONS

None

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 16-23 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Development to apply for a planning grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service for the purpose of using broadband service to help promote economic development and downtown revitalization and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Gildow moved to waive the readings and it was seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion on waiving of the readings? With that the deadline is February 24, 2016 to be able to apply. If no discussion, we will have roll call vote for waiving of the readings.

Roll call vote on waiving of the readings.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

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

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, Mr. Bennett, did you want to add anything here?

Mr. Bennett: Just another technical assistance application much like the Natural Parks Service that we applied for last year and have received. We are in the early parts of that where they lend us staff, they lend us their expertise on looking at this case and how to use existing or expanded broadband to attract, promote, and retain businesses in downtown Zanesville. When we have the application all done and ready if approved tonight we will push it through tomorrow.

Mrs. Osborn: Isn't this part of piggy backing on when we have to dig up streets any way so we might as well do something to benefit downtown.

Mr. Bennett: That certainly will be part of the consideration. We will look at those opportunities. As indicated in the Ordinance that we've installed broadband conduit within sidewalks over the last several years, so we have open conduit waiting for line. In those cases we would not need to be in the streets. Those already exist.

Mrs. Osborn: That is great.

Ms. Gildow: Mr. Bennett, is there anticipation there might be grant funding out there for actual installation?

Mr. Bennett: Absolutely. I think the first step is what is it? Where is it going to be? How much is it? Then you would follow thereafter to show what the results of this effort were and then make application.

Mr. Vincent: Is there anything else from Council? We will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 16-24 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance providing appropriations for use during the Fiscal Year 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Vincent: A motion for first reading or to waive.

Mr. Roberts moved for first reading, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Ms. Gildow you are going to have a Ways & Means Committee meeting to discuss and answer questions.

Ms. Gildow: Yes, because there are always questions about the budget and then also in consideration that this would be the first time that some of our Councilmembers have gone through this process. We are going to have a Ways & Means Committee meeting to more thoroughly review the numbers with Ms. Heskett.

Mr. Vincent: Thank you. Is there anything else from Council? Okay, you will get that arranged then with a date that works with everyone and get it advertised? Alright, if no other questions, we are at first reading so all in favor of first reading signify by saying aye.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

Ordinance No. 16-20 Amended - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing a Partnership Agreement between Muskingum County and City of Zanesville for the application and administration of the PY 2016 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) Grant.

Mr. Vincent: We are at second reading.

Mr. Foreman moved for second reading, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of second reading signify by saying aye.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor. None were opposed.
Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 16-08 – Introduced by Council – An Ordinance establishing the wages for unaffiliated employees in the Municipal Service.

Mr. Vincent: We are at third reading.

Mr. Roberts moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Foreman.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? If no discussion, we will move on to roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 16-10 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to purchase items for employee recognition.

Mr. Vincent: We are at third reading.

Mrs. Osborn moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? If no discussion, we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

Ordinance No. 16-13 - Introduced by Council – An Ordinance authorizing the proper city official to advertise for bids and enter into a professional contract for the replacement of a boiler at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Vincent: We are at third reading.

Mr. Roberts moved for third reading and passage, seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will have roll call vote for passage.

Roll call vote for passage.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries. Ordinance is passed.

TRAFFIC ORDERS

None

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Tilton: Next Monday at 7:00 o'clock p.m. here in Council Chambers I will be giving the State of the City Address. Everyone is invited.

PRIVATE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Eric Jones, 221 Luck Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio speaking on Democracy.

Mr. Eric Jones said using the audience as a control mechanism he would describe the political health of our community, I think we have five people here. That represents one out of five or six thousand people showing up. Now that would not be bad if we have five or six citizens, but as I said before we are down to one citizen, me. The others are invitees. Mr. Jones spoke on lack of public participation. He then described the indications of a tyrant being someone who doesn't like to answer questions. Another trait of a tyrant is someone who does not want to state the rules. The third trait is someone who is opposed to citizens/community participation. Mr. Jones stated

Ordinance 15-44 is an example of tyranny. He used an analogy of a little circle is what you are allowed to talk about and a big circle is what you are not allowed to talk about. He asked individuals to read Ordinance 15-44 with this analogy in mind to see what you think. He again mentioned his request for Council to read two books: Roberts Rules of Order and The Federalist Papers.

Law Director Tarbert then asked for a motion to go into an executive session to talk about pending litigation the City is involved in.

A motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation with City of Zanesville Law Director David Tarbert was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Baker.

Mr. Vincent then state since we are at the end of the meeting and he asked Mr. Tarbert if there was a need for any decisions to be made at the end of this session.

Mr. Tarbert said no.

Mr. Vincent then stated with that as a courtesy to everyone here if you would like to leave we will not make any decisions, other than to vote to adjourn the meeting. No decisions will be made other than that. So you are welcome to go home and you do not have to stick around, but otherwise we are going into executive session if Council passes this by vote. We will need to shut the cameras off and everyone will need to step out so we can talk about legal matters. So with that a motion and second and we will have roll call vote to go into executive session.

Roll call vote was taken with all in favor of the motion.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion carries.

We are now in executive session so with that will everyone step out. You are welcome to stick around out there if you like and when we finish up the executive session we will invite you back in, but again we will just be adjourning the meeting. Please shut the cameras off. The public was excused from Council Chambers.

Whereupon Council adjourned into executive session at 7:15 p.m.

The public was asked to re-enter by the Clerk of Council.

A motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Osborn. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor of the motion. Whereupon the executive session was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. and no decisions were made in executive session.

Mr. Vincent then informed the audience that no decisions were made in executive session. We were there to listen to what the Law Director had to say and we listened to information and ask questions on pending litigation. Again no decisions were made in executive session. So with that we are at the end of our agenda, so I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Roberts. It was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Vincent declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending and wished them a good evening.