

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
April 20, 2010**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Council Pro Tem Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

- Present: Rosso, Smith, Kovach, Diebold, Bring, Elliott, Mayor Piskura, Law Director Graves, Service Director Smith
- Absent: President Podmanik, Treasurer E Hoenig, Finance Director Smith, Safety Director Arendt (excused)
- Attending: Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media

PRESENTATIONS:

*******COMMITTEES*******

ROADS & DRAINS: Chairman Smith advised my understanding we don't have a law that prohibits people from opening those. Mr. Elliott advised we discussed it before but we kind of shot it down. Mr. Bring advised we just had another situation I think the other day when that guy turned his water back on. Council Pro Tem Rosso stated I thought there was an issue that you couldn't do anything but you could open it. Law Director Graves advised you can't tamper with the meter but I think several years ago the committee discussed whether or not you wanted to take that to the extent of actually making that illegal to even open the pit. What the committee at that time decided was it really has to do with the intent in opening the pit. So now it has been brought up again to revisit the issue and see if we want to extend that to even open the pit. Chairman Smith stated I was under the assumption that you can't. Law Director Graves answered Bill always said that you can't. Council Pro Tem Rosso stated I thought you could legally open it but you weren't allowed to tamper with the meter. Chairman Smith stated send it to Ordinance for review. Mr. Bring stated if we get these new meters it is going to be even a bigger problem because the meters are attached right to that with a wire, so if they pull that off it is going to screw up everything and then they also have a setting on there that you can read with the computer and that is pretty expensive. After a brief discussion, REFER TO ORDINANCE.

Council Pro Tem Rosso stated on Allied Waste – it is my understanding this Friday is a normal pick-up under the old program and starting Monday and Tuesday they will pick-up the new way./**SAFETY:** Chairman Bring asked did they check into the camera's John? Mayor Piskura advised I am not real sure but we have been looking into – there is a court computerization fund and we have had a hard time figuring out what to buy with it. It has generally had a pretty decent balance, you \$20,000 to \$30,000 and Fran only needs so many computers and so many desks. I actually started talking with some other Mayors about what they are doing with theirs and one of the things was computers for the police cars and cameras and there was another contraption that goes on top of the cruisers by the light bar and as the Police are driv-

ing down the road it captures all the license plates on the cars coming in the other direction and on parked cars – it will capture something like 100 a second or something like that. What they use it for is to find people with warrants. Mr. Bring stated like they have on the turnpike? Mayor Piskura answered exactly so we are looking at buying all that stuff regardless if we can purchase that out of the court computerization fund./**BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT:**

None./ORDINANCE: Chairman Elliott advised the first thing up is the limit on donations and that was actually brought up by Dave. Law Director Graves advised we had discussed possibly revisiting that ordinance because presently the way it reads is any and all tangible or intangible donation to the city of any kind, even a donation of services would need legislative approval and it has caused some rather absurd situations where for example on Pride Day if someone stops by and wants to make a \$10.00 donation – those type of things would have to a resolution of Council to accept. There is good and legitimate reasons for Council approving donations to the city so that Council can scrutinize both the donor and the state of purpose of the donation but I think that it would be prudent to possibly set a minimum dollar limit for legislative review. For example any donations over \$500.00 or over \$1000.00 would require legislative approval. It was just a suggestion that perhaps we could revisit that. There was a brief discussion, Law Director Graves to draw up legislation. Chairman Elliott continued littering fines; conflict code versus posted. I might be mistaken here but I thought before that our code does not match our signs and I thought we were going to change the signs to match our codes. Mr. Bring stated I think one side of the city we have \$500.00 and the other side says \$1000.00. Mayor Piskura advised we can fix that. Law Director Graves advised reviewing today; littering from a vehicle is a minor misdemeanor which is a lesser offense then just walking around littering. There was a brief discussion which Mayor Piskura will handle by changing the signs. Law Director Graves recommended following state code which he will bring to the next Ordinance meeting./**FINANCE: None./PARK BOARD: None.**

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: Mayor Piskura reported the website is basically done, right now we are populating it. The way that we are populating it is that every Director/Department Head and Kay have their own password and their own account to actually log into the website and using very easy software to update it. It has a calendar on it, it is going to have searchable codes on it from Walter Drane, it is going to have a live webcam on it and all the things that it had before. Right now over the next week or two, the website developers are training our people on the software and in the next week or two in addition to training is when we are going to finish populating it and we are going to actually click the button to turn it on. Probably in a week or two, you are going to love it and it should have a lot more information on it because I am not the only one doing it. He continued I have followed up with Cliff Cooker and am just waiting on follow up meeting to talk about if possible new facility and redevelopment. Basically right now we are at a standstill until we iron that one tenant. Before

we go any further I wanted to bring it to your attention and make sure that you have no objections with our NOPEC grant. I don't know if you are aware of this but we have about \$75,000.00 and of that \$75,000.00 that we eligible to get and we will get it we will have about \$55,000 to \$60,000 of workable money and we can use it for basically energy related stuff. What I had planned and asked our Grants Administrator and Service Director to start looking into is the feasibility of putting solar panels on top of the Civic Center and on top of City Hall. They have started that process and I will let him report on that a little bit further to answer your questions but before we go any further with that idea on spending this money – does anybody have any objections with that? No objections were heard, Mr. Elliott stated I think that is a great idea./**FINANCE DIRECTOR: None./SAFETY DIRECTOR: None./SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Service Director Smith reported the Water Department girls have been real busy taking calls from Allied Waste questions basically. We have been working with Dave Kidder to resolve a good line of communication between the residents and what they are supposed to do and with the help of some others we think that we got the message under control. We will be able to get it out and be able to answer the questions or at least get them to the proper place. The questions have dwindled and until today when we had the delivery of the bins then of course everything started up. We are currently moving sand out of the boat launch in the sand traps where they are full and we are getting that under control. The shopping center fix is another issue that we got going on with the asphalt in the parking of the front area. We had a 96-foot length strip of overlay that we are going to have done and we are going to have an economy type patch fix on a lot of the holes around that area. Griffith Paving is going to be doing that and that is to start tomorrow weather dependent. The last thing I got is we are working on a tentative road list and we hope to have that to the next Roads and Drains meeting for input. The surface at shopping center is bill-back money, we are not spending any money. On the solar panels I did meet with one of the companies over there and they are measuring up the roof and getting ideas, different input that we are getting in to see what we have to do with that. So it is in the first phases of going through what we got to do and it was caught in the transition from Joe to me. No major issue with it yet. Council Pro Tem Rosso advised I had a conversation a few weeks ago with Mark Cichel who had a conversation with the gentleman at the bowling alley – Brett whose side of the story was the city is trying to squeeze me and force me out, I got all these repairs and they won't repair anything, they are causing me this/they are causing me that, going to put a windmill right next to my building so it can fall on it and knock everything down. Mayor Piskura advised he has been saying that since we bought the place and it is not because we don't do any repairs. As a matter of fact within a couple of weeks after we actually owned it, we went in and fixed almost everything on his list and we continue to fix things there and have told him time and time again if there is something broke then call and we will come fix it. The reason that he is less then happy is because he doesn't pay his rent and for a long time he could get away with that and now he can't. Law Director Graves updated the eviction that we filed several months, we have been continuing

that hearing as he tries to make payments and he has done a pretty good job making weekly payments, trying to get caught up. The hearing was scheduled again for this Monday, yesterday actually and I went over to court and continued for 30 days. He is still presently about 1 month behind but has been trying to keep up. Mr. Diebold advised I went by the dredging today, did they move the sand yet? Service Director Smith answered we are manipulating the sand in two ways which he explained process. Mr. Diebold asked for an update on Walker. Service Director Smith explained over at the intersection of Abbe/Walker on the east side we are going to actually keep the road open, we are not going to completely close it but it is going to be down to 1 lane. It is a tight 1 lane, it is so they can dig out and pour the curbs and gutter and they are going to do it on one side at a time./**LAW DIRECTOR: None./COMMUNICATIONS: None./OLD BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Bring advised we have had some people in the city soliciting to see your gas bill. Tammy has revoked their permit, they came and paid for 1-day license but they were back out again today without a license so we got to make sure that they stay out. We have had several complaints. There was a brief discussion on the solicitors being very aggressive.

ORDINANCES FOR COUNCILS AGENDA:

Council#013 – THIRD READING – an ordinance by the Council of the City of Sheffield Lake amending section 931.14 of the codified ordinances regarding drainage of surface water into sanitary sewers.

Council#019 – SECOND READING – a ordinance authorizing he Mayor to enter into a contract with Dentz Painting for the Chicago Tank Water Tower Painting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Bring to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION: This Meeting Of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES
Kay Fantauzzi

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Edward R Podmanik

and/or

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of WORKSESSION of April 20, 2010.

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso

MAYOR

John J Piskura