

Minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
June 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held Thursday, June 4, 2009. Chairman Eric S Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Elliott, Bring, Huska

Attending: Safety/Service Director Arendt, Concerned Citizens

READING OF THE MINUTES: *Motion by Bring to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2008 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance Review –

169.01 full-time non-bargaining/bond dollar amount; revision – Safety/Service Director Arendt advised the Law Director is inconvenienced this evening so he and I went over this so I can speak to the ordinances. The first one 169.01, currently the ordinance was written in 1992 for bonding dollar amounts and they are very low in today's standards and what he is going to bring to the committee is an ordinance/a change that will put it in a form of a process and a procedure versus a dollar amount. So when you are doing a 3 million dollar job – it is a process and procedure, you are bonded at 3 million or whatever it might be or whatever the Finance Director is going through, what monies are handled by the city whether it be 1 year 7 million or 10 million the next year versus like currently the Finance Director the bond is only at 100,000.00 and obviously that is much too low when you are going through 7 million dollars. The clerks in the Water Department are only bonded at 2500.00 and again too low. So if he puts it in the form of process and procedure by following the Ohio codified ordinances it will be much better and that is what he plans to bring to the Ordinance Committee.

Recommendations from Planning Commission – Safety/Service Director Arendt stated all he is working on is the final language, I think that there will be about 4 ordinances that come in and like I say he is just working on the language right now and it will probably be the Council meeting after the next Council meeting that he will present those. Representative Huska advised we had a real quick meeting this month and I was hoping the Law Director was there so that we could go over the other half of these things that we have and he was not so we did not go over

anything.

Sewer credits; authorize Roads & Drains – Safety/Service Director Arendt stated Council has previously done this for many, many years from my understanding and yet there is nothing on the books. So there will have to be an ordinance created for the sewer credits, just so when people ask for it we can give it to them and obviously protect ourselves. So that he and I are working on that one together. No, that is done – that is in second reading. Although the one that we talked about he and I are working on together.

Prohibiting dogs being restrained in front yards and possible violation increase

– Safety/Service Director Arendt advised we are going to bring that to the Ordinance Committee and recommend that ordinance to go through. Chairman Elliott advised I am actually the one that brought it up and actually talked to Alan about it too. He was very opposed to it, let me know what your recommendations are and we will go forward with that at a Worksession. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised if you have the opportunity as the weather gets warmer and we have warmer days, take a ride around the city. The biggest fear that I personally have is when you see a child riding a tricycle or a bicycle and a dog chained up in a front yard and scaring a child and if it ever gets away. Personally it is a concern because I have seen it happen and if you take an opportunity to ride around the city on a real warm day when school is out, you will see in certain areas that there are dogs tied up in the front and there are children playing and I don't know how friendly the dog is. I could put a bullet-point together for you explaining the position. Chairman Elliott advised actually that would be appreciated because pretty much I have said every thing that I was going to say on it and I think so has everybody else. Safety/Service Director Arendt stated it seemed to be divided you know the times that I was here with that, it seemed to be a divided issue. I know one Councilman stated we can't tell people everything to do and I agree but as I say, riding through the streets and you can see that I am dressed like this all summer because I go out to every job 5 or 10 times a day and riding on the streets I have seen it and it is a concern. Mrs. Huska asked how wide spread is it? Safety/Service Director Arendt answered it really isn't wide spread, it really isn't like every street or anything like that but just the 3 that I have seen bothers me and they are not dachshunds. I can understand Councilman Bring's position and I think it was Rick Rosso's or it might have been Alan – I understand their positions. Chairman Elliott advised I also understand, me and Dennis have sat down and talked about this and me and Alan had a lengthy discussion on it. I can completely understand where they are coming from but to me this is a safety. Safety/Service Director Arendt advised that is the only reason I say this, it is not for the appearance, it is not for to try to demand something from the public – it is just a safety issue and like I say the 3 that I have seen, if they were dachshund's and they bite too but they don't bite as hard. ***Ralph Huffman, 735 Roberts*** stated just a question on the ordinance that you were talking about with the dogs – that is just

unattended dogs you are talking about? Chairman Elliott answered only unattended. Mr. Huffman requested clarification not if the owner is out there with the dog? Chairman Elliott answered that is unattended dogs, unattended.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, Motion by Bring to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Yeas all.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION: This Meeting Of The City Committee 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's office.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Kay Fantauzzi

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committees of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of Committee of June 4, 2008.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Eric S Elliott

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso