

Minutes of the City Council
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
March 25, 2008

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 25, 2008. Council Pro Tem Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: Clerk of Council, Kay Fantauzzi, who, then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*******ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS*******

- Present: Rosso, Bring, Smith, Kovach, Elliott, Diebold, Huska, Mayor Piskura, Treasurer E Hoenig, Finance Director Smith, Service Director Gardner
- Absent: Podmanik, (excused)
- Attending: Concerned Citizens, Fire Chief Conrad, Videographer Nick Podmanik, Members of the Media: Avon Lake Press

*Motion by Bring to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 11, 2008 with any corrections. Yeas All.

*Motion by Bring to approve the minutes of the City Council Worksession meeting of March 18, 2008 with any corrections. Pro Tem Rosso advised of correction for adjournment time to 9:48 pm. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*******CITY COUNCIL REPORTS*******

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer, Refuse: None./Stormwater Utility: Representative Smith advised there was several residents there that had some concerns with the big storm we had before their meeting with rain and drainage problems and most of that the Service Director will be looking into and probably be getting back to them.

*Motion by Huska to accept the report. Yeas All/**Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Claims:** Chairman Rosso reviewed the minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting. *Motion by Huska to accept the report. Yeas All./**Investment:** Mayor Piskura advised the next meeting will be April 8 at 9:30 am./**Council Representative to the Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None./Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Park Board: None.**

*******ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS*******

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Piskura reported you should have a resolution in front of you dealing with Leadership Lorain County and a grant application. What this is is one of the projects for Leadership Lorain County which I am involved for the year and it is to make a joint application, we are hoping to have every political subdivision in the county on board making the joint application for money that has recently become set aside from the Department of Development. There is \$900,000.00 set aside at the state level specifically to do collaboration studies and there is one of two things that they can study. We could identify some specific topic and give us a feasibility study of whether or not we could collaborate on it such as a joint dispatch or something with the Building Departments or Fire Departments or whatever. Or the way that we are actually going to go with the grant is harmless, we are asking for a study to help identify what the best things that we can collaborate on throughout the county are. It is going to be officially authored by the Lorain County Community Alliance and it will be written and administered by the public policy institute at LC. The statute that created the grant program also encourages the use of state funded educations so Lorain County Community College has offered to actually do the study. Anyway the resolution is allowing me to actually participate in making the application for this study. I know it is up for 3 readings but their going to ask to try to get back to Community Alliance by the beginning of April, I would ask that you would pass it tonight. The second thing is that we have our fact finding report from negotiations with the FOP, we have the city's representative here in the room and I would ask for an executive session to go over the details of that report. Unless there are any questions, that concludes my report. *Motion by Huska to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: None./TREASURER REPORT: None./SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Service Director Gardner reported I have no report except to say there is going to be 2 public meetings and Kay has the dates and I would appreciate if she would tell you the dates for the ordinance that we have to consider that has to do with Flood Plain Maps of the city the insurance that is associated with them. Clerk Kay Fantauzzi announced we are going to schedule those for April 1st and April 15th at 6 pm in Council Chambers. *Motion by Huska to accept the report. Yeas All./**SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: None./LAW DIRECTOR REPORT: None.**

/CITIZENS COMMENTARY:
Betty Miller, 395 Parkview Drive advised there is a couple things that I would like to bring up. One is and I have brought this up before is that they need to start putting like Old Parkview on our sign and New Parkview over there by Elm Street because people are constantly getting the 2 streets mixed up. I have had a lot of delivery people who can never find my house because they go to that new street because that is shown on the map as being much larger then our street. It is in bigger print and ours is in very small print on a very small line showing the street. I had a delivery person about a week ago and they told me that they thought that is

something that should be done over here. I told them yes I know that because I brought that up more than a year ago at a Council meeting but nothing was ever done about it. I do have quite a few delivery people that will get down there and they have cell phones and they have to call me up to find out where my house is at. I would really like to see them do something about it. Then the other thing that I am wondering about is, is it possible to get like a bond issue put on the ballot sometime or other like to get some of these short streets like I live on either paved or black topped because our street is a complete wreck, it is just one big pothole after another and we have water sitting down there every time it rains and things like that. It just seems like it would be an answer to a prayer because even though you have got this ordinance on the ballot or whatever you want to call it that you passed for the roads but hardly anything ever gets done to our road and we are about the last one to get our road scrapped when it snows. I was snowed in for 3 days, it is just something I thought I would bring up. Mayor Piskura advised on the sign, I believe that would have to be a recommendation from Roads and Drains Committee or at least I wouldn't act on that until there was a recommendation from Roads and Drains Committee. I think the Safety Director, Service Director, Police Chief and Fire Chief, I can't remember right off the top of my head exactly what code says but there has to be a consensus for that kind of thing, I think at the very least. Pro Tem Rosso asked would that be an official name change then? Mayor Piskura answered yes. Service Director Gardner advised I believe you would put a little yellow sign that says new road on it and that would be the end of it. Otherwise you would have to go to the Post Office and every thing else to get it corrected/changed. **REFER TO ROADS AND DRAINS**. Pro Tem Rosso advised regarding your other issue, there is already a quarter percent income tax for road repair which you know, every year roads are getting repaired. Unfortunately in your case not your road as quickly as you would like. I don't know if the Mayor would want to address your question about putting a bond issue out for more road repair. Mrs. Miller advised I had another delivery person that came down there and he remarked on how terrible my road was and I said yes I know it is and I said there is some kind of a road tax but nothing ever seems to get done over here on our street or they haven't got here yet or something. The last time that we had the cinders and stone or stone and black top I think was about 20 years ago actually. I can only remember it being done once and I have lived there more than 25 years already. Pro Tem Rosso advised Mr. Smith in Roads and Drains as every year there is always a discussion about the roads maintenance program and being this time of the year that will be addressed there so we will talk about it in Roads and Drains there on the 7th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Pro Tem Rosso remaindered Council the Mayor brought up about the legislation that will have to be added if we want to if we wanted to act on it tonight. *Motion by Smith to add the resolution Council#015 to the agenda for

tonight. ROLL CALL TO ADD COUNCIL#015 WHICH IS THE RESOLUTION THE MAYOR SPOKE ABOUT AUTHORIZING HIM TO ENTER INTO THE JOINT APPLICATION FOR SERVICE COLLABORATION: Yeas All – Smith, Rosso, Huska, Kovach, Bring, Elliott, Diebold.

*Motion by Smith to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations immediately following ordinances and resolutions: ROLL CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yeas All – Smith, Bring, Elliott, Kovach, Diebold, Rosso, Huska.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1) Council#014 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishment and increase and decrease of certain funds within the annual appropriations ordinance of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Huska for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Huska, Bring, Elliott, Diebold, Kovach, Smith, Rosso.

*Motion by Huska for ADOPTION:

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Bring, Diebold, Kovach, Rosso, Smith, Huska, Elliott.

Ordinance Passes#12-08

- 2) Council#015 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement as proposed by the Leadership Lorain County Class of 2008 to be included in a joint application for a local government service collaboration grant through the Ohio Department of Development to be submitted by the Lorain County Community Alliance for the purpose of funding a feasibility study conducted by Lorain County Community College that addresses whether and in what manner municipal corporations, including cities, villages, townships and/or other political subdivisions within Lorain County may combine their respective provision of Local Government Services and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Huska for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Huska, Rosso, Smith, Elliott, Diebold, Bring, Kovach.

*Motion by Huska for ADOPTION:

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Diebold, Elliott, Kovach, Bring, Huska, Smith, Rosso.

Resolution Passes#13-08

*Motion by Bring to return to regular session:

ROLL CALL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Yeas All – Bring, Rosso, Huska, Smith, Elliott, Kovach, Diebold.

Pro Tem Rosso stated Council adjourned into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

*Motion by Bring to reject the fact finders report between the city and the OPBA: Mr. Elliott explained I will be abstaining from this vote, I am a OPBA member in good standing. Yeas – Bring, Diebold, Kovach, Huska, Rosso, Smith/Abstain – Elliott.

COUNCIL PRO TEM: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach to adjourn at 8:16 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

Kay Fantauzzi

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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 Council of March 25, 2008.

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Richard Rosso

MAYOR

John J Piskura