

## Minutes of the City Council

Sheffield Lake, Ohio

October 25, 2011

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Council Pro Tem Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

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

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

Present: Rosso, Stark, Bring, Kovach, Elliott, Smith, Huska (7:04 pm)  
Mayor Piskura, Finance Director Smith, Service Director Smith,  
Treasurer E Hoenig

Absent: Podmanik, Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Planning: Belaska, Members of the Media

\*Motion by Bring/Second by Elliott to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2011 Council meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Bring/Second by Elliott to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2011 Council Worksession meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer, and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Claims:** Chairman Elliott reviewed the minutes of the Finance & Claims meeting of October 18, 2011.

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Bring to accept the report. Yeas All./**Investment:**

**None./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 submitted the appointment of Jim Lewis for consideration for the Park Board. \*Motion by Huska/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./

**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Councilwoman Huska asked Finance Director Smith to explain Council#055. Finance Director Smith explained a few years back, most states adopted GASB regulations. It is a governmental accounting standards board and we have already complied with several of their suggestions. Every suggestion has a number attached to it and they have never asked us to pass a resolution but they recommend that we pass this one. I am not sure if this is the beginning or the only one they will require a resolution for but our state auditors have recommended it. It is just saying that we will stay

within our boundaries of our fund balances which we have to any way by law. So it is an ordinance saying that we won't break the law which we wouldn't do anyway because the county checks us and the state checks on us. \*Motion by Huska/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./**TREASURER REPORT: None./SAFETY DIRECTOR: None./SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Service Director Smith reported Cross Roads has completed the actual paving portion down at Shoreway Shopping Center and that leaves seal coating/a little bit of city patching that we are doing in section D which is the middle section and the holes in the back that we are patching. There will be cleaning and vacuuming up some of the grindings that are left along the side road accesses and then it will striped with the new parking plan. The road sections list is done with the exception of Maple and Richelieu, we are in the last process as we had to extend the ditch south and add some stone and some base so that we can actually move the corner of the road over to where it is supposed to be or where it used to be. We saw-cut the road and have taken care of that and that should be done in a few days once they bring in the equipment to do that and then we would have completed those road sections. I hope everyone has had a chance to drive through the city and see how the access has changed to and from certain areas and I hope everyone is happy with how that has worked out. Tentative date set for the ceremony at the Civic Center which has been discussed with the Mayor is November 15<sup>th</sup>. We are going to try to meet that date as an unveiling of the sign and get the sign up and some of the other stuff taken care of and the solar unveiling at the same time. I am happy to report as of today October 25, 2011 we have been ready for any major snow fall or snow storm that may occur for several months but I want to officially say we are ready and it is before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Bring advised I have had several people call about Shoreway Shopping Center and said it was a fantastic job and also on the side streets. Just wanted to say good job. Councilman Kovach asked do you have a time on the date on the November 15<sup>th</sup>. Service Director Smith answered no I don't – that is tentative. It would be during the day but I just don't know the time yet. As we get closer I will announce it. \*Motion by Huska/Second by Stark to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**Debra Belaska, 4014 E Lake** stated you are doing an awesome job, it looks really good at the Shopping Center - it does a complete make-over. Service Director Smith advised actually it is not me, it is just the plan that the Mayor set out to have done. Mrs. Belaska stated everybody is doing a wonderful job. Remember again it is that holiday time so if anybody wants to send in some decorations so that we can get going with that so that we can light up the city. Somebody mentioned to me – what happened to the memorial sign down at the park? Service Director Smith answered the one at Memorial Park – it got stolen.

**Mark J Erdei, 4015 Tennyson** asked a lot of people come to me about the Building Inspector on hours and that it is hard to get a hold of him. Does he have a certain day where he stays in his office? Service Director Smith answered he is here every morning until about 8:30 am in his office and then he goes out. He has scheduled appointments for inspections. We have one person in the Building Department but for years we used to have actually 2 people but it is down to 1. He is carrying a work load of about 5 people and he has to schedule his appointments for inspections and he has to be there. He actually communicates with people and lets them know, you have got to give me advance notice when he first talks to them or when they call for information. Sometimes though we get into issues because roofers want to get in and make their money and get out and unlike several other surrounding city's we do not have a complete Building Department that has 3 people out in the field at a minutes call. So unfortunately it is from the economic climate and that is what we have to deal with. Although we try to accommodate it as best we can. Mr. Erdei asked so if anybody wants to get a hold of him it is 7 to 8:30 in the morning? Service Director Smith answered yes he is there to physically see but at the same time if you come down there – he has his cell phone number listed on the door and his cell phone number is on the website. All someone has to do is call his cell phone and leave a message and he will call them back but it is actually on the website too under Building Department. Mr. Erdei continued I saw all those piles of the old asphalt, what is the city going to do with that? Service Director Smith answered we are going to use some and then we are going to get rid of it but we will deal with it after Shoreway is done. We are going to use some of it of course but it was the best way to do this. This way we go to remove it, we got a solid foundation underneath it so we will be able to clean it up real easy. Mr. Erdei asked isn't there a market for recycling that? Service Director Smith answered it would be more expensive, we have got it handled.

**Norma Crnko, 4284 Holl** stated I have lived in Sheffield Lake most of my life, I graduated from Brookside High School as did my children, I was active in the community, city government and schools for many years. Does it sound like I am running for a political seat – on the contrary, that couldn't be further from the truth. I am here because I cannot and will not believe the lies that are being told to people because I know better. Unfortunately many don't. We have a dedicated Administration and Council that has worked hard to do what is best for our city. We may not always agree with them but unless you hold the positions and have to make the tough decisions they face especially in our troubled economy – give them the credit for caring and as a community support them. If you don't agree or someone tells you something you find hard to believe go to that person and call them and hear it from them first-hand. I learned that many years ago in my situations of life. Always trying to do the best for all of us – that is what they try to do. This brings me to the subject of candidates running for office, I am appalled at

the malicious things that are being said to the people in the community viciously attacking candidates with lies, untruths and trying to degrade them. Again I am asking you to go up to these candidates and ask them for yourselves when you are told this garbage and hear it right from them and then decide – it is your duty as a citizen to get true facts before you vote in November. Who are these people – well, all I can say is if the shoe fits then wear it – you know who you are. My last comment is a question to the citizens and students of Sheffield Lake, if you have lived here most of your life, graduated, put your children through our schools, was very active to make our city a better place to live – would you intentionally do anything except keep doing what is best for this city and the community. Please keep this in mind in November and please remember to vote./**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS:** \*Motion by Huska/Second by Kovach to amend the agenda to include Council numbers 055 to tonight's agenda. ROLL CALL TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE SO NOTED: Yeas All – Kovach, Stark, Bring, Elliott, Rosso, Huska, Smith. \*Motion by Bring/Second by Huska to approve the appointment of Jim Lewis to the Park Board as submitted by Mayor Piskura. ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Rosso, Elliott, Kovach, Bring, Stark, Smith, Huska.

Councilwoman Stark advised just to put it out there in case you don't know, the Board of Elections has decided to change where everybody votes. So if you were in Ward 1, 2 or 3 you will be voting at the Community Center and Ward 4 will be at Forestlawn. If you are not sure where to go I would suggest calling ahead.

Councilman Bring advised one thing to add to that, I went down to the Board of Elections today and voted early – you go in and out of there in 2 seconds.

Councilwoman Stark advised they are expecting very long lines.

#### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#048 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending section 1371.27 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding political signs.

Council#049 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending the clothing allowance for part-time dispatchers in the Sheffield Lake Police Department.

Council#050 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending codified ordinance 133.04 and increasing the uniform allowance for part-time Police Officers.

Council#052 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the issuance of taxable notes, in a maximum original principal amount of \$3,200,000, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of retiring certain outstanding bond anticipation notes of the city issued to pay costs of furthering the city's revitalization purposes by acquiring the Shoreway Shopping Center in the city; and declaring an emergency.

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Stark for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Stark for ADOPTION:

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

**Resolution Passes#47-11**

Council#053 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance by thee Sheffield Lake City Council amending Chapter 533.23 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding sexual offenders and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Stark for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Stark for ADOPTION:

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

**Ordinance Passes#48-11**

Council#054 – 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/Second by Bring for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Bring for ADOPTION:

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

**Ordinance Passes#49-11**

Council#055 – EMERGENCY – a resolution adopting governmental accounting standards board (GASB) statement number 54, fund balance reporting and governmental fund type definitions in compliance with GASB standards and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Bring for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Huska/Second by Bring for ADOPTION:

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

**Ordinance Passes#50-11**

**COUNCIL PRO TEM:** Council Pro Tem Rick Rosso advised Halloween is Monday, October 31, 2011 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Bring to adjourn at 7:31 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.

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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**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 October 25, 2011.

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**COUNCIL PRO TEM**

*Richard Rosso*

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**MAYOR**

*John J Piskura*