

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
February 25, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

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

Present: Rosso, Smith, Kovach, Stark, McCullough, Erdei, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves, Fire Chief Card

Absent: Service Director Smith, Treasurer Woods (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Firefighters; Lt. Brian Davis, Demolition Board Chairperson Gee, Members of the Media

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council – February 11, 2014 - *Motion by McCullough/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2014 Council meeting. Yeas All.

Council Worksession – February 18, 2014 - *Motion by McCullough/Second by Stark to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2014 Worksession meeting. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit: None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center: Representative Cizl advised Pat Hastings has submitted a quarterly report; one of the things is a proposed rental increase which is broken down. The Community Center is being used quite a bit./*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 Bring reported in the absence of Mr. Smith I will just do a quick summary of what the guys are doing out there. Right now basically we

are just trying to patch some of the holes that we have and that has been very challenging for that. This cold weather has been tough on our roads and the rain the other day didn't help because that is upheaving more. So the guys are out there trying to do the best job they can as far as patching. We have had a couple more water breaks here lately and they were out reading meters which they are almost done reading those but it is twice as hard with the snow and ice. That is basically what has been going on here lately. I don't have anything else, it has been kind of quiet with the weather right now. We are just trying to get through this and quit spending money./**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Finance Director reported I just have one change to the budget, I got a letter from the Lorain County Auditor's Office and somebody amended their estate tax filing and we owe them \$920.00 back. Normally when we were receiving estate tax, they would have just taken that money from what we were getting but since we aren't getting anything we have to give it back. I found it silly to just appropriate \$920.00 because along the way there is little 20's or whatever for other minute things so I am asking to re-appropriate for \$1500.00 to cover that. *Motion by Stark/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**TREASURER REPORT: None.**/**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**/**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring advised since we have received the two new ambulances, we have not spent any extra money except for oil change and regular maintenance. I think if you recall we spent over \$20,000.00 the previous years on repairs. So this has helped out and the guys are feeling much better when they go to the hospital and they actually come back. It has been a relief and I just wanted to let everyone know that that has been going well. We got that new cot and Brian and those guys have got to use that and that has come in handy too. Councilman Erdei advised on Chief Card and Chief Campo's reports – they were done extremely well and gives us better understanding of what is going on. I read them both and just wanted to say good job. *Motion by Stark/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed legislation on the agenda. President Rosso advised as David mentioned the AFSCME contract is going to be on for three readings even though it is not on this top cover page. *Motion by Stark/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:

Joseph Gee Sr., 272 Gayle Drive stated this past Sunday I spent time at the Fire Station with the Firemen and I was amazed at how busy they were on a Sunday afternoon and how they tested their equipment and inspected it. Everything is so clean and I would just like to thank Chief Card and the Firemen that were on duty on Sunday. I would like to thank Mayor Bring and City Council for having and maintaining our own Fire Department.

Barb Miller stated thank you so much for the opportunity to work with all of you being the Treasurer of our city levy committee. I do come with a price I have raffle tickets to sell and steak fry tickets to sell for a very worthy cause – the Sheffield/Sheffield Lake City School Endowment Fund. We give scholarships to graduating seniors and we also give grants twice a year to Teachers who have to apply them and report back about what they have done with the money. It is for projects that they have going on with children that are not included in the normal school budget. It is very important work that the community does and our funds keep growing, we at first were struggling to get first contributions and that kind of stuff. We only are allowed to give away 5% of the gross earnings of the funds so that it never taps into the capital. We are now at almost a half a million dollars and that will just keep growing and each time when the fund grows then we have the opportunity to give away more money for those sort of things. So March 8th is the day of the dinner and you need to choose steak or chicken and those tickets are \$25.00 a piece/\$50.00 for a couple. There is no excuses if you are busy that day I have raffle tickets for Kalahari - \$500.00 gift card. A very nice place and you can spend the money any way you want. If you want to get a room and stay over, if you want to spend it at the restaurants there, if you want to spend it for the admission or what have you. It is a very nice prize and those tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. So if you are busy on the 8th, I still need \$10.00 from you before you can walk out that door tonight. If you are worried because you don't need any more Kalahari vacations or what have you or you are not interested in using it – that is okay, if you win you can give it to someone else. Re-gift – it is totally acceptable. The other side is that it is a very worthy cause and don't worry about it, your money goes to good use and you are not going to win anyway. It is St. Teresa's/steak or chicken/beer, wine and pop is included. Smith's Catering is doing all of it. President Rosso stated as Mr. McCullough brought up a few weeks ago and I also second that – it is good to get out and support things as we can and get out and be a face in the community. I can't tell you how many years I have been going to the Endowment Steak Fry, back when it was at Tom's Country Place. The Griffith's and my family will be attending this year but it is a tough stretch with the dinner the 8th, the basketball one is the 15th and the baseball one is the 22nd. So March is going to be a busy month. Councilman McCullough advised I brought tickets for the basketball because they are going to sell out.

Lisa Prokay, 765 Lafayette stated I have a couple of questions and please forgive me if these are questions that have been asked before. I wondered about public transportation, when I first moved out here there bus's available and it has been quite some time so I was just wondering if that is something that we have any hope to look forward to again. President Rosso stated if you are talking about the Lorain County Transit, I think the Commissioners budget got cut – they city does not do

that. Mrs. Prokay stated so we don't have any input in that? President Rosso answered that is a county function. Mayor Bring advised I was just talking to Mr. Kalo the other day and we were talking about the budget and he said they have been cut even more again. Mrs. Miller stated that is what happens we levies go down and then services get cut and they don't have any control. Mrs. Prokay stated in light of recent reports about the growing problem of heroin and drugs in Lorain County Mr. Graves I was wondering where we stand on addressing this situation, how we are being effected in Sheffield Lake and is there anything that we as citizens can do to get involved? Law Director Graves answered the heroin problem is really out of control not just here in Lorain County but throughout Ohio and yes it is effecting Sheffield Lake. We are doing the best that we can with Law Enforcement, we prosecute them to the fullest extent. There are some organizations I happen to be involved with LCATA – people can volunteer there. The biggest problem that the organizations like that have is the demand far exceeds capacity and there is a long waiting list but we do the best that we can. We keep pushing the legislators in Columbus to not cut funding for such programs. Mrs. Prokay stated but there is no initiative here within the city itself correct? Law Director Graves answered we are having some talks with LCATA and the schools are talking about possibly trying to get some local facility. I know Avon Lake just opened the Wellness Center which not only deals with substance abuse but also mental health. There is a growing recognition that the two are combined. Fire Chief Card advised our Police through our Medical Director Dr. Evans, the County Coroner are carrying Narcan with them. Usually the Police arrive on the scene of these calls before we do for an overdose so if they arrive before we do they are able to administer Narcan nasally prior to us getting there which as long as they are still breathing and have a heart beat then that will help them. Mrs. Prokay stated I just wonder because I am a Mental Health Professional and if there is something that I can do locally then I would want to be a part of that as both a resident and a mother and a Professional. If there is something that I could be doing I would like to be a part of that even if it means initiating something myself but going through the proper channels to do that.

Rosa Gee, 272 Gayle Drive advised recently in the last month I have caught Administration discussing things that could be done without expense. I have heard rumors of a really nice program coming to our town where they are going to put up a box that people can exchange books for minor children. The program is on-line and I was looking into it, there is a lot of city's doing this. I understand that the Mayor has been talking to someone about doing it, this is really something that is a good idea that the community can be involved in that is not costing anyone any money. It is showing community support and community working together. Another thing I have heard recently is discussions about donating bushes; local

bushes, local trees for along our bike path and at different parks of ours. I have talked to some residents about this and everybody is really interested in it. Some people have even wondered if a bench or something could be donated under someone's name. All of these are things that we could be doing to help improve things without any money costs and a lot of residents are glad to hear that the city is starting to look at things like that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman Kovach advised Tuesday night will be the next meeting of the Bicentennial Committee at the Sheffield Village Historical Center and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Councilman McCullough advised I have tickets for the Comedy Show if anybody needs them see me afterwards.

Councilperson Stark advised since we were talking about the schools, they did have the Science Fair today for the 7th & 8th graders and I believe it is Thursday night at 7 they are doing a public walk through that people can see the things that they have done. So these could be our future Fire; I heard one was doing stuff about fire. So come out support the kids who participated and could be going on.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman McCullough stated I don't believe this has ever happened before in the State of Ohio but certain teams in the first round of the basketball playoffs are getting to host their own sectional tournament game and Brookside is hosting a sectional tournament game tomorrow night. The boys are 12 and 10 for the regular season and if all goes well with the construction it is actually probably going to be the last game played in the gymnasium unless they don't have the school done by next year. I believe it is a 7 o'clock start but don't hold me to that it could be 6:30, I just can't remember right now. President Rosso stated do we know who they are playing? A voice replied Bay Village. Mayor Bring advised just to follow up on what Rosa said. I met with a Doris Ferror and it is called a little free Library, they are talking about putting 2510 of these little Libraries up and I have got a brochure here and we discussed where to put that but it is obviously for the younger kids. It is a book exchange, they can come grab the books even if they don't bring them back which would be nice if they would. This lady is actually there to maintain that and she will continue to fill that. This is through the Stocker Foundation and we discussed where we are going to put this and one of the proposals was Gary Green Park but I told if we do that the access to it for people to pull up and get the books sometimes especially with the weather being bad would not be a good idea. I suggested the Civic Center over there and she actually goes to the Civic Center because she volunteers for some stuff so I think that is where we are going to end up putting that. She went back to talk to her Supervisor but that is probably what the plan is going to be so we are probably going to have it over to the Civic Center. They want children to come and see these books and gather these books for reading just to get them involved instead of playing video games and such. This is a great thing for the kids and I think having

it at the Civic Center; we are going to have to advertise it through the newspapers. We are going to hopefully get it on our website so that these people will know where to go to get these books. I do have a brochure on this and like Rosa said it is on-line too. I think this is going to be a nice little thing for our community. We are 25-1/2 days behind on our school right now and if that weather continues they are worried about not getting that class; the Junior class in there and them graduating from that school is getting kind of iffy now with what is going on. I think they have only worked 2 or 3 days here in the last month or so and we have got this next week has to be above I think 25 degrees for these guys to work over there. The schools are doing the best they can but hopefully we can get that thing built. Councilman McCullough asked the proposed rates that Pat came up with for the Community Center, I don't know how they compare to the rates that we had. President Rosso stated we will send proposed rate increase to the next Ordinance and then to Worksession. Councilman McCullough stated I won't be here for the next Worksession and for the second next Council meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#011 – 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 Stark/Second by Kovach for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Yeas All – Cizl, Erdei, Kovach, Stark, Wtulich, McCullough, Smith.

*Motion by Stark/Second by Smith for ADOPTION:

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Yeas All – Stark, Kovach, Wtulich, Erdei, Cizl, McCullough, Smith.

Ordinance Passes#12-14

Council#012 – FIRST READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Local 277 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#013 – FIRST READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Lorain for the provision of sanitary sewer services, and the declaring of an emergency.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Stark to adjourn at 7:37 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

Rick Rosso

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Alan Smith

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 February 25, 2014.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring