

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
July 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Rosso, Kovach, Stark, Cizl, Erdei, McCullough, Smith, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Service Director Smith, Law Director Graves
Absent: Councilman Wtulich, Treasurer Woods (excused)
Attending: Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media; Avon Lake Press and Chronicle

PRESENTATIONS: None.

President Rosso advised I will mention that we did cancel Finance and Audit meeting prior to Worksession this evening due to no appropriations on the agenda.

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

ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None./ORDINANCE: None./FINANCE: None./PARK BOARD: Member Kovach advised we have a meeting next Monday.

*******ADMINISTRATIVE*******

MAYOR: Mayor Bring advised quick comment about Community Days and the parade, I would like to thank Mr. Kovach and his wife and everybody else that was involved in this. Whoever attended that, I think that was one of the largest crowds we have ever had and everything went pretty well without a hitch and the weather was beautiful and the fireworks were great. We had a lot of great comments about everything, again I would like to thank Steve and his wife and whoever else was involved in this. It was just nice to see that it was such a nice weekend for everything to go.
FINANCE DIRECTOR: Finance Director Smith advised the only thing that I have this evening is that our 2013 year-end audit has been released by the State of Ohio Auditors Office. It was a clean audit and if you want to take a look at it is on their website, just go to search audits and put in Sheffield Lake and it will be there. President Rosso advised being President of Council they emailed one to me so if anyone wants it just let me know, it is fairly long but it will email it to you guys. Finance Director Smith advised I can email it to you guys.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Service Director Smith reported none. Councilman McCullough stated the problem with the park is fixed and they actually took the

north-south and took it out 20 feet so it is a real nice entry way now into that corner of the park. The only time somebody went down is when a kid went underneath the caution tape and the 2 sisters jumped it and the third one didn't make it but they weren't hurt. That was Friday night but it looks really nice, the guys did a great job. (per Service Director Smith advised this is Memorial Park and it is the south-east roadway). Councilperson Stark advised I see Lakewood Beach made the top 5 beaches in Lorain County so that was sort of nice. It made the list and it said it was one of the nicest beaches and they have it listed. Mayor Bring advised there is a couple that come from Vermilion almost every weekend that spend time down there and she has made comments of how nice it was. President Rosso advised every since it was redone it is packed. Service Director Smith advised I actually had comments during Community Days about us posting the health department's advisory or non-advisory and they thought that was great that the city is doing that at both beaches. Councilman Erdei asked is everything completed with the Civic Center with Ohio Edison over there? Service Director Smith answered everything but the flag pole. We got it handled already though, we got it scheduled. I don't know if it was because of the time that it took. We ran into a few issues but the pole is gone and the electric is underground. They volunteered to remove the flag pole for us while they were there but they were running a little behind. Councilman Erdei asked are you going to relocate the flag pole then? Service Director Smith answered I don't know yet. We are going to worry about the parking lot first./**SAFETY DIRECTOR:** Mayor Bring advised none. Councilman McCullough asked I understand they caught the escaped felon? Mayor Bring answered he turned himself in, he is at the county jail./**LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves advised we do have a piece of legislation attached to the agenda, this is in regard to demolitions that were done on East Drive at 910 and 938. Lorain County Community Development assisted us with that through the Neighborhood Stabilization NSPIII funds and we did the local condemnation and they paid for that. It is a little bit of a convoluted process where I actually file the liens on those properties and then we will assign those liens to the county since they are the ones that expended the money. I can file the liens but we need legislation to assign them to the county so that is what this legislation is to assign the current liens that the city has, \$13,419.00 for 910 East and \$12,279.00 for 938 East. I also had a conversation today with Pat Metzger from Lorain Port Authority in regard to potential funding sources for a demolition of a nuisance property on Robinwood that is pretty deplorable and we are looking at different possibilities to get that house to come down. But I think that will happen./**COMMUNICATIONS:** **None.**/**OLD BUSINESS:** **None.** **NEW BUSINESS:** Councilman McCullough stated a couple of things; first of all – my understanding and I am going to speak for me and me alone, my understanding

was Worksession's are for determining what is going in front of Council and not how we are voting. That was my understanding and if I am wrong with that, I thought that was where we got all the questions out and I just want to be clear in my mind. President Rosso stated there is no voting in a Worksession on any legislation, it is not necessarily the only way legislation can get on the agenda. Councilman McCullough stated however just because it is kind of like and I look at it like this and this actually stems back to a conversation we had I look at it like this and I want this out there so I know it is like somebody coming up like if I walk up to you and ask you to sign my petition so I can run for an office it doesn't mean you vote for me it gives me the opportunity to either get that office or not. I thought when we would send things to Council whether we agree with it or not it did not necessarily say that this is the way I was going to vote. President Rosso stated I would agree with that. Councilman McCullough stated okay I wanted that on record. The second thing was do we have any money in the budget to replace our antiquated tape recorder with a digital recording device that our Clerk of Council can actually plug into her computer and they are not that expensive and for the most part with voice recognition do most of her minutes. President Rosso stated I think it is a great idea we should look into. Could you look into that and get some information and costs and things. I don't know if it falls under Buildings or not but if you could do the research and bring it back. You probably know more about it. Councilman McCullough stated I know they are not that expensive and the software is pretty inexpensive. President Rosso stated okay if you could do the research and bring it back we will look for the money. I am going to go back to Kerry's first comment which was a good segue into something I wanted to bring up this evening. Kerry and I had a conversation the other day and he is replying to putting on the record a comment I made to him about Council#041 – the Fire Chief's car. We were just discussing it and actually my whole intent tonight when we got this and we will just do it now was I made a comment to Kerry and said we discussed this in Worksession and no we did not vote on anything in Worksession but at that Worksession we asked if anybody had any reservations, questions or concerns about any of this legislation and no one had a concern. I don't know if you have concerns or not now, I believe Mr. McCullough has some thoughts or questions. So my question to you and I am just going to go right down the road and I am going to skip Alan though because his points already but I will come back to you again if you want to share it. If something has changed from Worksession til now to where you are questioning the expenditure. Now I am going to put a little caveat on this and it will probably cause more trouble – an acceptable answer isn't "I am mad at the Mayor so I am going to vote no" because if that is your answer then I think you need to reevaluate it. He polled council members with "do you have any questions regarding that legislation and I am not trying to convince you

one way or the other I am just saying let's get it all out there. As I told Kerry you vote your vote and however it goes it goes. Stark – I have no problem with it at all/Erdei – the state help on the vehicles, is that once a year thing? President Rosso answered it is a state bid, that is every year you get that. Finance Director Smith advised I give you a real quick explanation of this. They will bid out paper, vehicles, every supply a city or municipality could use and then they have it where the cities don't have to take the expense to do all the advertising – they already have a bid price and so you can go from that list. Councilman McCullough stated it saves the cities a lot of money because you don't have to do the ad and then you don't have to do the bid opening and the bid bonds. President Rosso advised every year there are items under the state bid. Finance Director Smith added millions of items. Erdei stated next I have only been on Council for a year and a half but ever since I have been coming to meetings there is always something been broke down over all the years and I think it is wise to go ahead with this vehicle. That is my opinion. President Rosso reiterated again I am not asking anyone to make up their mind on their vote. I don't want anybody to walk into next Tuesday and still have questions. Erdei stated my decision is already made up. I am tired of hearing of things breaking down and we got a chance to get a vehicle and I say go for it and that is all./Cizl – I have no issues with it./Kovach – no./McCullough – I can't get past the \$35,000.00, I just think we spent a lot of money. We just got paid, the income tax levy passed and we are spending a lot of money. Granted it is on bonds but it is still a lot of money and I can't get past it. I don't have any unanswered questions but I can't see us spending the money and I understand about the broken down stuff and I can't see it. Honestly I was looking at how can we pay for it and I was really hoping to get somewhere when I found that thing with the Bureau of Workers Compensation just by accident when I was researching those cots and at that point I found \$30,000.00 and I thought alright I can sell it to myself like this. But I can't sell it, I can't get past it./Smith – I only got one comment – I understand the process but if I today forget something I am not allowed to ask it? President Rosso stated oh no absolutely and nothing you say today is cast in stone. Councilman Smith stated I don't want anybody coming next Tuesday and asking questions, if I remember a question I am going to ask it. President Rosso stated oh no I am sorry Alan I didn't mean to come across the way. Yes, absolutely – all of you. I just don't want anybody walking out of here with any unasked questions. Councilman Smith stated well there could be. President Rosso stated I know – I am not trying to convince anybody one way or the other, I am just saying as of today there are no questions. Again to Alan's point – if I came across that you couldn't ask any thing after this meeting I apologize that wasn't my intent. As I heard somewhere and I don't remember if it was John Hunter or John Piskura – 2 people equally informed rarely disagree.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

Council#041 – THIRD READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Statewide Ford Lincoln for the purchase of a Fire Department Chief’s vehicle and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#043 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Director of Law to assign liens held by City of Sheffield Lake to Lorain County Community Development for demolitions at 910 East Drive and 938 East Drive and the declaring of an emergency.

Councilman McCullough requested clarification of Council#043 regarding liens which Law Director Graves explained. Councilman Erdei asked when you do that – assign liens, unpaid bills; water bills or maintenance for cutting the lawns – does that deduct it from that or are we totally lost on that? Law Director Grave answered water bills are totally separate and if there are unpaid water bills those get certified as a lien to the city. We are not signing that and if they are cutting the grass then we passed an amendment to that – that memorandum of understanding a few weeks ago if you recall authorizing them to act as our agent for grass cutting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:25 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

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Richard Rosso

and/or

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 WORKSESSION of July 15, 2014.