

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
October 21, 2014**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, October 21, 2014. Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Rosso, Smith, Kovach, Wtulich, Stark, Cizl, Erdei, McCullough,
Mayor Bring, Treasurer Woods, Finance Director Smith, Law
Director Graves

Absent: Service Director Smith (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Demo Board Chairperson Gee, Members of the
Media; Avon Lake Press

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

**ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS,
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None./ORDINANCE: None./FINANCE:**

Chairperson Stark advised just had a meeting and we have appropriations which were forwarded to next week's Council meeting./**PARK BOARD:** Member Kovach advised we met last night and we had Ed Halloran came representing the North Coast Woodshop which is in the Post Office and he gave a small presentation of what he would like to do and some of the projects that are available to us. The Mayor had offered putting the kiosks and that type of thing together and we will continue to work on that. I did step out so where was there anything else covered? Mayor Bring advised no, they were talking about possibly something for the veterans and making the boxes for the flags and stuff like that. I did approach VFW on that this morning but I didn't get a chance to talk to Amvets. But they would like to get involved in that. Councilman McCullough stated when you get the water bill for Guenther Park, they used the dunk tanks Sunday for their soccer thing and they went through about 1000 gallons so don't get freaked out when you see a big water bill because it is usually \$6.00. I guess they had about 150 or 200 people there and their whole Board members got up in that stupid tank and let them get dunked. I guess it was well attended.

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

MAYOR: Mayor Bring advised we are continuing looking at the different meters of the city. We are getting as much information as we can which we will bring to you as Council. I am trying to get that together probably for next month and do a

presentation for you guys. I will bring all the information on how this is all going to work as far as our manpower being able to do what they should be doing in that department instead of going out and doing service calls, checking meters and everything else. This would free up the one girl in the office to do much more clerical and get the water bills out. The one company right now said they would co-inside with CMI as far as setting us up. They also said they have a company that comes out and does this all at one time so the time factor would be very quick if this will work out. We are going to try to you the figures on the savings and everything else as far as this working for the city because right now we are very antiquated on how we do this. This will pretty much prevent people coming in and complaining about not having a proper water bill because right now it is every 3 months for an actual instead of an estimate. Again we have got a pamphlet right now that is probably this thick that we are going over. So we will be coming to you for this, I just wanted to kind of prep you on it./**FINANCE DIRECTOR**: Finance Director Smith advised I am tweaking the 2015 Budget and it is still a lot of guess work on that since we won't have a real good idea of the kind of tax revenue we are going to get next year. We should be moving forward on that, I will be working with the department heads to get their input. Next Tuesday I will have for you the ordinance for the renewal of the Shoreway note. We renew it every year and it is due by November 7th. We will just renew the ordinance and we will price it out on Wednesday and get all the paperwork done the following week./**SERVICE DIRECTOR**: **None**./**SAFETY DIRECTOR**: Mayor Bring advised in light of the Ebola scare which we have all heavily seen on the news and everything the Fire Department Chief and I sat down when this originally started and we had talked about certain things of how we were going to handle it in case something happens. Fire Chief Card has since gone to the Cleveland Clinic and they had a seminar where one of the Doctors talked about how they are going to handle all of this. Fire Chief Card and I also were a little bit more pro-active, we had ordered some tieback suits and protective equipment in the very beginning of this and after that crisis where the girl came to Akron he decided we were going to order some more equipment. So everything is now backordered and it became a huge problem but the CDC called us the other day in the Police Department. The Detective was informed if there was any symptoms of this that he was supposed to put on a dust mask and that was his protection. I just flat out said that is absolutely not true, we are not going to do that. We are going to turn that over to the Fire Department and the Fire Chief said that he is prepared to handle that and the Doctor at the Clinic said that if there are symptoms like that these guys are going to put their suits on and we are also probably going to put a suit on the patient and then we are also going to wrap the ambulance in Visqueen wrap so we are kind of prepared for this. Should it happen and I hope that nothing does happen but I thought we would be a

little bit more proactive and the amount of money that we spent on this was very minimal. At least the guys being Paramedics and I think if I was in that situation and that happened I think that I would be fearful of going home if I had family – you can't blow this off and say nothing is ever going to happen. So we are trying to be a little bit more proactive and Tim has since gone back and gone over everything with his guys for some training in this. Like I said Heaven forbid anything does happen but we are going to be prepared and just wanted to let you know. They told us that the CDC said you will put the person in a Police car – we are **not** going to put the person in a Police car for this. We are going to take care of this through the Fire Department and they are going to handle it and then we are going to call the CDC and make sure that everything is correct. So that is how we are going to handle this and this is I think the proper way of doing it. If anybody has any questions about this because it has become a huge scare. I was in Akron the day that happened with that girl and everybody around there was talking about. Everyone kind of joked about it but towards the afternoon it became a very serious topic. I think that a lot of the cities are going to be more proactive with this too and we have had a lot throughout the country now. There was a lady that called and said that she had Ebola and they found out that she actually wanted to get to the hospital faster and that was her way of getting to the hospital faster. So they are probably going to end up prosecuting her. There was another gentleman that got off a plane the other day and threw up and he said he had Ebola. This is not funny and I don't think these people realize how serious it is. The one lady who said she had it and wanted to get to the hospital, they showed up in hazmat suits in full gear and they had the hospital ready for an emergency case. The odds of this happening is very slim but we are going to be proactive. Councilman McCullough asked you have a written SOP on this. Mayor Bring answered yes./**LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves advised I want to bring to Council's attention that we do have an issue regarding a few of the tenants at the Shoreway shopping center who have gotten behind on their contribution for the real property taxes and we are working with those tenants. I will probably be bringing you legislation next week to approve a settlement on one of those – a lump sum payment. It has to my attention that 3 of the tenants have become delinquent of their contribution to taxes as required by their leases. One of the newer tenants up there and that would be A1 Fire Protection, we are probably going to moving toward an eviction. I have left them several messages and we haven't received any rent. That person can contact me and again I have left them several messages. Just letting you know that is the direction that we are probably going to be going. The city has been approached by a commercial tenant for the shopping center. This would be a potential Goodwill store that would be looking to go in there and we will continue those negotiations to see if that is a viable tenant for the Shoreway shopping center. One of our

employees is currently in a workers comp appeal and that is at a staff hearing level and I will be attending that hearing on Monday in Cleveland on behalf of the city. I will keep you guys apprised of how that progresses and whether at some point my recommendation would be to hire outside counsel. At this point I will handle it on my own on behalf of the city. Councilman McCullough stated can I have 30 seconds of your time after we are done tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Kovach submitted diagrams of proposed monument that is going to be put together for the Bicentennial. The projected costs is going to around \$20,000.00 that is the number that they have come up with at this time. They are expecting input from each of the communities, the Village and the Township have already committed to \$5000.00 a piece and that is why I am bringing this to you this evening. The rest I guess we are going to be raising funds for the remaining \$5000.00. At this point and time the Village is donating the land next the old city hall in the Village for a park to put this monument in and anything else that we do. Now it was offered at the meeting last Thursday that I had with John and Ed and Chad that if anybody else wanted to propose a park in one of the other communities that they had no problem with that. The land that he is proposing is somewhat ideal but I don't know what your opinions are on that but the land is there and it is right next to the historical building and is quite appropriate. Councilman McCullough asked isn't it a cemetery? Councilman Kovach answered yes there is cemetery land over there but I don't believe that is the plot of land that he is proposing. President Rosso asked so the city had committed to putting in \$5000.00 on this? Councilman Kovach stated we haven't yet. Mayor Bring asked why? President Rosso answered I just don't remember us discussing that we were going to give \$5000.00 to this. Councilman Kovach advised what I said was the other 2 communities have already committed. I am coming here approaching Council and the Administration for that \$5000.00 this evening. Councilman McCullough stated it is under \$20,000.00 so it is not up to us. Councilman Kovach stated we are working on these pole banners, I actually came in a few minutes late for this meeting. They are going to be 2 X 5 and I didn't see a problem hanging them on the poles like we do with the flags but instead of having the extensions on an angle these are going to coming straight out from the poles. I know we have got our bucket truck and we should be able to do that. I can bring more information on that and the costs of these also. Councilman McCullough stated can I only suggest one thing about those banners? You guys need to put the website so everybody can follow along on everything going on in all 3 communities. You guys got something scheduled for every single month right? Councilman Kovach answered yes pretty much. Councilman McCullough continued there is quite a few things going on with the Bicentennial Commission.

Councilman Kovach stated as far as I know Ed's wife is working on that website and what exactly – they post pretty much everything on there. I haven't looked recently of what is going on. Councilman McCullough stated I am just saying maybe the signs could include the website and that way people just riding by go "oh let me go to the website and see what is going on". The reason I am saying that is not only would that help like things going on in Sheffield or Sheffield Township that somebody might be looking for something to do. Also somebody who is driving on 254 might go to the website just out of a whim and see Sheffield Lake Community Days is such and such and their Fall Festival is such and such.

Councilman Kovach asked Finance Director Smith if he would just send it to her and she stated yes, just send it to me. She advised she would need it electronically.

Councilman Kovach advised that she call Ed. He also announced that on Friday November 21st, 10 churches in the Village are gathering together to promote a free turkey dinner which is going to be at St Teresa's parish center and will run from 4:30 to 7 and they are expecting hundreds of people. Councilman Erdei asked on the banners, is each city going to be responsible for their own banners?

Councilman Kovach answered I believe they are going to order so many for all 3 communities because they are all going to be identical so we would be responsible for what we purchase to put up. He read the proposed inscription on monument is "We the citizens of the 25st century hereby dedicate this monument to the finding founders of our communities and to those generations who followed, struggled and strived to make Sheffield inspiring and most satisfying place to live, learn, work and raise our families. We are in your debt."

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Director Smith advised I just wanted to mention that on the website I have put a pamphlet on the dos and don'ts on the warnings of Ebola that the Fire Chief quoted to me. So there is a link to that right off the front page or through the Fire Department.

Councilperson Stark stated I believe they are going to do their first walk-thru of the new school is Friday from 4 to 7. Avon Lake Press John Edwards stated quite impressive and it will also be done on the 31st and again 4 to 7.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

Council#052 – 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.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by McCullough to adjourn at 7:29 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

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 October 21, 2014.

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Alan Smith