

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
February 10, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 10, 2015. Council President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

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

Present: Rosso, Smith, Stark, Cizl, McCullough, Kovach, Erdei, Wtulich,  
Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves  
Absent: Treasurer Woods (excused)  
Attending: Concerned Citizens, Demo Board Chairperson Gee, Advisory Board;  
Nicola, Members of the Media

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

*Council – January 27, 2015* - \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2015 Council meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Monthly report of court receipts for month of January 2015 - \$5429.30.*

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse:** Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by McCullough to approve the sewer credit of \$90.44 for 4890 Ferndale Ave. Yeas All. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by McCullough to approve the sewer credit of \$345.61 for 665 Lafayette Blvd. Yeas All. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by McCullough to approve the sewer credit of \$35.53 for 375 Maple Ave. Yeas All. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by McCullough to approve the sewer credit of \$1,479.34 for 448 Abbe Rd. Yeas All. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by McCullough to approve the sewer credit of \$355.30 for 4795 Lake Rd. Yeas All. \*Motion by Cizl/Second by McCullough to approve the sewer credit of \$93.67 for 856 West Shore Blvd. Yeas All. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**Safety:** Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Acting Chairman Erdei reviewed the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting. \*Motion by McCullough/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**Ordinance:** Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the February 5,

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2015 meeting. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**Finance & Audit: None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks 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.**

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported as many of you know Mr. Smith has returned from his illness, he is our Service Director and he will not be attending any meetings anymore. I have got Mr. Smith working on a project, he will be going through each property in the city. We are going to do a graph and a PDF file of every one of the homes in Sheffield Lake. He is going to find out whether it is a rental property and if it is then get the owner address, current phone number, owner occupied, if water bills are current and being paid and also if taxes are current. This is all part of the ordinance that we are looking at tonight. After he assemblies all that which is going to take a very long time. He has started on the east side of town and only up to Walker Road right now and we have found a tremendous amount of discrepancies' already. After he gets all this into the file, he is going to go back when the weather is a little bit warmer by then and he will be the property maintenance manager and will go to each one of the residents and make sure all the property maintenance is up to code whether it is homeowner or rental property and then will report back to our Building Inspector if the property is not up to code we will go the process; send out a letter, if no response or action send out another letter then no response or action we would be looking at fining the property owner. That is what he is working on right now. Obviously he has been off for quite some time and this gives him an opportunity to do something he really enjoys and it takes a little bit of pressure off of him. Also we were moving forward on a number of projects and it makes it kind of difficult going back and forth. He seems to be pretty excited about this and it is going to help the city out and once this is on file we will be able to have a complete file of the city on all properties. Then as they sell or transfer or somebody else rents the property we will be able to change that file. We are already finding out that there are several properties that aren't registered under the rental property already and we have only gone a short distance. We have got people from California, we got people from Florida, Solon, Ashtabula, Grafton and a number of Avon Lake people. There is people all over the place that owns these properties in the City of Sheffield Lake. This is going to be a pretty interesting episode when we get it done./**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: None./TREASURER REPORT:** attached./**SERVICE DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mayor Bring reported we did have 2 trucks that were down and the other night when we had that snow event. The one truck, the springs broke as Mr. Wtulich said and we also had one with the hydraulic went down and the heater went out on the other one. They got stuck in the one and spun a tire and the rim

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tore the bolts right off the rim. We got that fixed first and the ones with the springs, we had to order the springs and they were back on today but it also tore the vendor off the truck so we are welding that all back on tomorrow so that truck will be back up and operational. That was a major snow event, a couple of guys were out 18 hours so we had a couple of people that called. I came in that night and told the Police that we were going to get through that night with what we possibly could but if there were some side streets that weren't done we would get them the next day because there was actually nobody here because the guys have just been exhausted plus we were down to 1 truck. For the most part the next day we got almost all the side streets and pretty much everything taken care of. We had an employee give his resignation today, he is just giving his notice and will be resigning on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month and we will put a bid out for that job internally and that takes 5 days but if nobody bids on that job then we will advertise for that position for the city. That will be upcoming. He is a young man – 26 years old and when you are 26 years old you don't know what you want to be when you grow up. I wish him well and he is very, very smart and gets called out all the time and when you are 26 years old you want to have some type of a life so he is changing his venue. So I wish him all the luck in the world. The other thing is we still have to talk about the new dump that we are looking to purchase and I want to bring that to you guys. If you saw what happened in Cleveland just recently they had 63 vehicles and 28 of their vehicles have broken down over this last snow event. You probably heard Mayor Jackson talk about the age of their trucks and ours are getting the same way so that is something we do need to look into and I will continue to bring that to you and I think at the next Council meeting we might see what your pleasures are on that and whether you guys want to move forward on that. He continued Mr. Wtulich also talked about the 2 new cars that we had on order – they did arrive Monday. We had to put 2 new radios in them, when they took the radios out of the other cars they cut the wires without disconnecting the battery and ruined the radios so we had to replace them which were put in yesterday and we had them up and running and you will see them throughout the city. We got the use of the new ones right off the bat, we had a pot bust. We did fill the whole back of the SUV's up with pot plants and we took pictures of that. The annual reports for Police and Fire which Mr. Wtulich also said that they were finishing up, we will have those at the next Safety meeting but I will tell you in kind of looking at some of the police reports, a number of police reports have been down/break-in's and everything else has been down in the city and that is all a good thing. Our Police Department is doing a very good job and we will bring that report to you. Mr. Card has broken down his reports as far as costs on fuel, the whole nine yards and I will be bringing that to you. One other thing is that the one fire truck, there was a paint defect on that and I said something about that the other day and to fix that is \$24,194.00 and the company that painted the truck will pay 50% of that but it is still a little over \$12,000.00. I think we have until 2016 to get

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that fixed. We are probably not going to do that this year, we are probably going to wait just to make sure we get all that after it is done. Councilman McCullough stated people don't realize and they didn't realize it in Cleveland and everybody all over was complaining, there was over 12 inches of snow on every single suburb.

12 inches of heavy snow on those trucks – if they are brand new they are going to get busted up and for us to only have 2 down was pretty lucky so I think they did a good job and I think it was smart how they went about plowing the streets and keeping the main arteries open – the side streets are what they are and unfortunately it is how we got to do it because the more we do it the more we beat them up. Mayor Bring advised the next day after it was all done it gave them the opportunity to go out there and by about 10 o'clock when I was driving around most of the side streets were done. It just makes it very difficult when the snow storms are going to keep up with all that. We get people that call and state we haven't seen a plow truck, we do have a record of all the streets that were plowed and when they were plowed. I had several people that called and said well you didn't get my street which I then debate because I have a record of street and time.

When the wind is blowing and everything else it blows back over. Councilman Erdei stated the reason our trucks last longer is because our streets pretty good shape. If you drive through Cleveland which I know you have and that is like driving on the moon. Those plow trucks take a beating if you go through roads like that. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./

**SAFETY DIRECTORS REPORT: None./LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:** Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation on the agenda as listed below. He advised as Councilman Kovach pointed out, I did draft an amendment to the annual rental license ordinance to include provisions as a condition of the annual rental license you will have to have a current tax bill and that will be coming to Council through Worksession. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY:**

**John Huegele, 784 Sheffield** stated a question about your water meter statement, are you thinking about putting in new water meters? Mayor Bring answered yes. Mr. Huegele stated we have been there for 3 years and I can't tell you how many times we have had to have the Water Department come back out and re-read the meter. Mayor Bring advised we are going to have a Worksession on the 17<sup>th</sup> where Pat and I are going to do a little presentation for the City Council and after that and anybody is welcome to come. I mean just because I am doing it for City Council but after that we are going to advertise that we are going to bring the company that we think we are going to use and bring them here and invite the public and discuss the amount of money and how this would all transpire and anything else that anybody want answered. Mr. Huegele asked is that going to be the same company that does your billing? Mayor Bring answered no. Mr. Huegele replied I don't what the deal is with them but we have been having trouble getting our bill right too for several months. Mayor Bring advised it was a misread, remember I told you that I

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called and they called back and told you what happened – it was a misread and that was due to the fact with the weather and everything else and the guys are still doing that manually and that is what the problem was. That had nothing to do with the billing that was our mistake – not the billing people. Mr. Huegele stated well no, they came out 3 months ago for a re-read because it was high and they re-read it and they quoted us a price. Mayor Bring advised but it was still our fault, it had nothing to do with the billing department. Mr. Huegele stated I understand but then you told me the right price and we paid that. The next month, that balance we still owed like \$66.00 and we called and they said well don't worry about that and still yet it is on there. Then when I called and talked to you the girl said well that first reading was right. Well that is just not possible. So somewhere along the line, the \$66.00 didn't get dropped off. So is that your fault or the billing? Mayor Bring answered it was our fault, we read it once but I believe we didn't read it for a few months then we read it again and that was what the problem was. But with the new meters – this will all be computerized. I will give you a little quick thing of what is going to happen here. These meters don't even have any working parts to them, so right now what happens is if you turn your faucet on and you get a drink of water it is probably not registering through our water. These meters will actually register that water. So in turn that is going to make our revenue go up but it is also going to make the water bills go up because everything is going to be dead spot on – totally accurate. I will explain everything to you when I do this presentation, so everything that we are losing right now when people do this or if somebody just turns it on for sprinkling something just for a second or two – it is not getting registered through our water department because these meters are antiquated right now and the working parts are not moving as fast as what this water is. With these new ones, they will all be through the computer and they will register if you have a water leak or if you have any kind of a system problem that will in turn come back and will show a graph of which some will be in blue and some in red so the girls will know automatically what is going on. The girls will have to do a lot less as far as the billing part of it so they can work on the other things. We will bring this all to you but it is going to be a much better system. Mr. Huegele stated can I ask you about your ATV situation? Mayor Bring answered yes sir. Mr. Huegele stated I think it is great that you got it, is there a reason that when he is just driving up and down the streets and I am assuming because it belong to the city that makes it street legal? Mayor Bring advised he has directional on it, a horn, etc. Mr. Huegele asked so if I put that on mine I am street legal? Mayor Bring advised no sir. Mr. Huegele stated is there a reason that when he is just running up and down these roads that he can't hit these curbs where the trucks have plowed the snow up? You know people walk their dogs and they are having to do it in the street. Mayor Bring answered no sir, he is directed not to do anything but the bike path, the Civic Center, a little bit of Shoreway and our parking lot out here – it is not designed for anything else. Mr. Huegele asked what is up in the shopping plaza? Mayor Bring

answered he did some work behind the plaza the other day in the small section back there where there was a lot of snow and they couldn't through to the dock and right around the old drive-thru beverage – he did a little bit of that and some other things to get closer to the building. Mr. Huegele stated okay because I saw up front of Apples and I didn't know what was up there. I see him all over the place. Mayor Bring advised he may have stopped and got lunch. Apples is actually taken care of by a separate plowing company. Mr. Huegele stated that is actually what I thought but what are people supposed to do when you got snow this deep at the curb and people are forced to walk in the street. Mayor Bring answered we do the best that we possibly can with the snow. There is no place to put that snow. Mr. Huegele asked who is responsible for your undeveloped lots, along Ferndale from Sheffield to Lake Breeze on the north side of the road is all sidewalks – who is responsible for keeping those clean where there is undeveloped lots along Ferndale? Councilman McCullough stated those land owners even though they are absentee – they are responsible for their sidewalks. Mr. Huegele stated okay well the last time I was in here before and asked about that – the city didn't care about the undeveloped lots. People still use those, so I was just wondering if there is any way you can them to clean them. Isn't it a law that they have to be clean? Mayor Bring answered yes. Mr. Huegele continued I used to notice on the news in Port Clinton, they went door to door and they told them you got 24 hours to clean the sidewalks before we cite you. Mayor Bring advised that is a new ordinance that they put out and they did do that and there was a couple of other cities that did the same thing. Mr. Huegele stated that would be a good way to raise money instead of hitting the tax payers up. Mayor Bring advised I think right now we have enough on the table with everybody. Mr. Huegele advised I don't know if it is against the law or not, but when I have mine out I shove from Ferndale down to the next road on the sidewalk. I don't know, am I breaking the law? Mayor Bring advised you are allowed to do on the ATV a certain distance if they know you are out plowing but you just cannot be running up and down the street. Mr. Huegele asked but I can run it on my sidewalk without breaking the law? Mayor Bring answered as long as you are not impeding traffic. Mr. Huegele stated I just wanted to make sure because the first year I was here I took my snow-blower down and when I turned around at the end of the driveway I had one of your Officers tell me I was breaking the law. Mayor Bring stated technically if you go out there it is breaking the law because you are not supposed to have it out there. There was a brief discussion on statements made, as Mr. Huegele stated - happened years ago.

***Romolo Debottis, 868 Lake Breese*** stated I would like to make a suggestion with us hopefully cracking down with properties that aren't being kept up to code. I think a while back you passed an ordinance if a property sells and you didn't have a sidewalk then a sidewalk was put in. Is there anything we can do, I noticed a lot of properties don't have driveways or severely deteriorated driveways. So deteriorated it looks like it is just gravel and actually is concrete that has never

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been replaced. Just if there is anything we can do about those also, it just looks terrible when you just have either something that looks like gravel or still in a developed city where there is still gravel driveways. Councilman McCullough stated I think that there is an ordinance on it, I know that when I checked into it that I have to do our driveway when our house sells.

***Eric Pawlyshyn, 800 Community Rd*** stated first I wanted to thank the city for keeping an eye on Ferndale; the speeders and stuff. I have noticed a decrease in the number of people speeding. Mayor Bring quipped we might be able to catch them now that we have new cars. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated that is great, I think 30 is okay but I haven't seen anybody going much faster than that so that is great. I was also wanted to thank you for the road repair, I called and left a message on the voice mail and I don't know who got it but there was a real big pothole where Ferndale and Harris meet and that was taken care of in just a couple of days so I appreciate that. I know we had a Building Inspector out for a while – Mr. Smith, I was just curious. I know we have talked a couple of times about maybe hiring another person or hoping to bring someone else on to do some part-time stuff. Mayor Bring corrected Mr. Smith is the Service Director. The Building Inspector – actually his car was down for a while but we did get him another car and he is doing much better. Actually Mr. Wiblin and Mr. Smith are working together right now on the property maintenance. That pretty much solved the problem. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated it sounds like we have some sort of proactive approach to keeping the city vehicles; maintenance and upkeep, do we have something in place specific that we are you know every so many miles we rotate the tires – all those kinds of typical maintenance things. Again it sounds like our stuff is in good repair. Mayor Bring stated we have a mechanic that we hired 2 years ago and I will tell you some of our equipment had not had the oil changed in 9 years. He is doing this on a very regular basis now. The guys that use equipment, if they walk out of there without greasing the equipment he lets them know. He is very, very particular about that, it has helped out tremendously. He has fixed a number of big pieces of equipment and he does an excellent job and you can ask Mrs. Smith here about the number of PO's that we have had for oil and oil filters. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I had some experience with logistics on things in the past – large logistics companies and they always have a very specific regiment and it is based on feedback from the drivers. If they see that things aren't really, you know if they don't need the oil change that often or they don't need tires that often. You know they aren't just changing tires to change tires but they are doing it as they are needed. Mayor Bring advised he actually marks all the filters with dates and he also keeps a log that he keeps it in. The Police have their own maintenance and so does the Fire Department. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I also wanted to update the Council on the Pride Committee, I think we took a break for Christmas but I did reach out to the rest of the members of the Pride Committee this week too just to make sure that we can get some kind

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of regular meetings going. So look to start having regular meetings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#005 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Local 2355 of the International Association of Firefighters, O.A.P.F., AFL-CIO, and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by McCullough for ADOPTION:

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

**Ordinance Passes#6-15**

Council#006 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Exclusive Balloons, LLC for the rental of unit#4114 of the Shoreway Shopping Center and the declaring of an emergency.

\*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by McCullough for ADOPTION:

Councilman McCullough stated I would like to congratulate Mrs. Kepic on 1 year in the shopping center and doing a fine job over there and keeping things nice and bright.

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

**Resolution Passes#7-15**

Mayor Bring advised I would like to thank the Firefighters for the contract that we just passed. We did this without outside counsel, so David did a very good job of negotiating this. The Firefighters stepped up to the plate and we have had some hard times with negotiations with them in the last few contracts but this went very smoothly. I think that Mr. Graves had a lot to do with that and I would just like to thank them and Mr. Graves for that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Yeas All.



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**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/COMMITTEES**

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

*Rick Rosso*

*and/or*

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**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 10, 2015.

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**MAYOR**

*Dennis Bring*