

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO**

December 8, 2015

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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Council President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

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

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

Present: Rosso, Mayor Bring, McCullough, Kovach, Erdei, Wtulich, Cizl, Stark, Smith, Finance Director Smith, Treasurer Zaborski, Superintendent Hastings

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Videographer; Logan Noell, Council Elect Rosa Gee, Park Board Joe Gee, Fire Lt. Brian Davis, Zoning; Matt Harper, Members of the Media; Journal, Chronicle, Avon Lake Press

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

Council – November 24, 2015 - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the November 24, 2015 Council meeting. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Monthly report of court receipts for month of November 2015 - \$7972.00.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring requested a brief executive session for the discussion of employee compensation. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to go into a brief executive session for the discussion of employee compensation. ROLL CALL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yeas All – Cizl, Erdei,

McCullough, Kovach, Smith, Wtulich, Stark. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to return to regular session. ROLL CALL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Yeas All – McCullough, Kovach, Smith, Wtulich, Stark, Cizl, Erdei.

President Rosso advised let the record reflect that the City Council of Sheffield Lake did adjourn into executive session for the discussion of employee compensation pursuant to the Sunshine Laws.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: Chairman Cizl reviewed the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to approve the sewer credit of \$194.30 for 4527 Tennyson Avenue. Yeas All. *Motion by

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Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report with any noted corrections. Yeas All./**Safety**: Chairman Wtulich reviewed the minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment**: Chairman McCullough reviewed the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**Ordinance**: Chairman Kovach reviewed the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Wtulich to accept the report. Yeas All./**Finance & Audit**: **None**./**Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center**: **None**./**Council Representative to the Park Board**: **None**./**Council Representative to the Planning Commission**: **None**./**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals**: **None**.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY/SERVICE REPORTS: Mayor Bring reported you guys had talked about in Safety about the gang members around here. We had been advised that gang members from the east side of Cleveland were dropping these young kids off 3 or 4 at a time in a group and telling them that they needed to get a ride back. So they were breaking into garages and houses and stuff and stealing cars to get back to the east side. So that was going on for a while there. The Jaguar that we did talk about was absolutely a beautiful car and those youngsters destroyed it. There was nothing left of that car, there was only 1 tire on it and was completely gutted and there wasn't anything on that car that was damaged. So it was very unfortunate for that. The other one that they were talking about, there was break-ins in Avon Lake and we also had a couple of break-ins in businesses in Sheffield Lake and our Police Chief did the investigation on that and handed over the information he had to Avon Lake and that gentleman admitted to the crimes in Avon Lake and then yesterday he came here and he admitted to the crimes here in Sheffield Lake. So that has pretty much been solved. Tony Campo does an excellent job when he does those interviews so he took care of that. So that is one more person we don't have to worry about. Also Shell Cove Park, the Alumni Memorial that is going on over there that Mark Kudrin is doing and a couple of other people over there. That is going very well. Mr. Kolleda who lives next door to that donated \$8000.00 to that memorial and we have had several other donors and then yesterday Amvets Post 55 called me and they are going to donate another \$500.00 to that. So that wall is going to be there and Mr. Kudrin is putting lights in there and doing several other things and there will be landscaping and they are talking about doing some tiers on the side of the cliff. Also they are going to make a paved walkway to that memorial from the parking lot over there or that little access road that we have back there. When this is all said and done this thing should be extremely nice. I just wanted to give Mark and Annette a lot of credit for moving forward with this and we do appreciate all their hard work. He was out there the other day and it is pretty cold out and working away. We have been very fortunate with this weather. The water

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meters, the only thing that we are lacking right now is that the inventory is running a little bit low and I don't think they anticipated the weather being as nice as it is so we are waiting for another order to come in and I don't know when that is going to happen. It may come in before the holidays and it may not but we will have to play it by ear. The one gentleman said I think he said he is taking them out and we will start doing a radio read? Superintendent Hastings advised December 15th. So they are going to go out the 15th and do the new reads on the new meters that have been installed and that will be a continuous process after that. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**/TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Zaborski reported I do have a report this evening and it will be the last one. Tonight you may have noticed that you have a different Treasurers report. It still contains the various fund balances have the past months receipts and expenses and the city bank balances. Tammy is now doing the report and the city is very fortunate to have a highly qualified and efficient Finance Director. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Matt Harper, 4146 Holl advised I saw you guys are doing a lot of work on the ditches right by the roads. What is your guys plan after you hit the roads, you going to start moving machines through there and digging the rest of it out – do you some sort of plan? Mayor Bring answered we do have a plan. The reason we did what we did right now is because 3 or 4 years ago we got a bid on that and it was \$36,000.00 to do that. So this company came in and they bid it for \$12,000.00 so it was extremely well so we started this process. The whole plan is to get the rest of those stumps out and we are not going to do anything else this year obviously. Next year we will start working on some more. We looked at the things that go over top of the roads there and we realized that those are very small, there is not a lot of room for the water to move through there so we are looking at that. The whole process if it all comes through is we would like to cover that whole ditch up and then make a pathway there just for access, for people to walk on. So that is the plan, now how long that takes I don't know. We have a good start on this now, the company has a machine that goes in and does grinding of those stumps and everything. Pat and I talked about how we are going to line those ditches and do some other stuff. We are going to actively keep working on it and I told everybody I was going to do this and I am trying to keep my word it just may take a little longer then I wanted to but we have got a good start now. It looks 100% better and I will tell you that the gentleman that we are working with that all had to go to the doctor's office today because they all have poison oak and were covered in that. They are coming back to finish a couple of more trees but that was an absolute mess in there. They broke their chipper machine on one of the trees because Osage Orange was a very hard tree and it broke that. A couple of guys have commented and said I don't know who bid this job but they were out of their

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minds. We had to take advantage of it and we knew it. It is a process that has started but it has bothered me the whole time and when you guys talked about that we cleaned the ditch and the one side over there next to Idlewood. We have done some other things. Pat and I did find an obstruction in one of the pipes so we are going to continue that and hopefully solve you guys problems. Mr. Harper stated thank you and it is really looking good.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilperson Stark stated I just wanted to say thank you for the balloon donation that looks nice out in the lobby and to support our local businesses this holiday season which only lasts 15 more days.

Mayor Bring advised in speaking of the local business we just had another shop open up in Sheffield Lake. We went over and did ribbon cutting at the Floral Shop over there by Cove Beach, she opened a little shop over there and it is very nice. I believe her name is Jessica. Finance Director Smith advised they are fresh flowers too. He advised Sheila is our Balloon Lady who did that but obviously just likes to do things for us. President Rosso advised it is Exclusive Balloons and Sheila and I are on a first name basis due to my grandchildren.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#068 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending Chapter 191 of the codified ordinances of the City of Sheffield Lake regarding earned income tax and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#70-15

Council#069 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending section 149.01 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding the Tax Administrator and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by McCullough/Second by Kovach for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#71-15

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: President Rosso advised I am not going to be at Worksession at the 15th so there are probably some of you that I won't see before Christmas so I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and safe holiday season.

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You are probably lucky you won't see me until the 29th, Mr. Smith has graciously offered to take Worksession for me next week while I sit up at Brookside Intermediate School and watch my 5 year old grand-daughter first Christmas concert. I will have a room full of 5 year olds to remind me of being up here. Have a safe and Merry Christmas and we will see you all on the 29th.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8 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

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 December 8, 2015.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring