

Minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
July 2, 2015

This regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held Thursday, July 2, 2015. Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Kovach, Erdei

Absent: McCullough, Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Mayor Bring, Demo Board Chairman Gee, Charter Review Gee

MINUTES: June 4, 2015, *Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes with any corrections. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Industrial District – **None.**

Subdivision regulations – **None.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Permit numbers for signs – Chairman Kovach advised we haven't continued any further discussion on the permit numbers for the signs. We will have to have further discussion on that. Councilman Erdei stated the sooner we get those permit numbers for signs eliminated I think the better off we are. I don't see no need for them. We are not losing no money on it and it is just less headaches for our people in Administration here, like I said the sooner we get rid of it the better. I don't know if that was in the Charter at one time for these permits? Mayor Bring answered I don't believe so. Chairman Kovach stated it is just by ordinance. Councilman Erdei stated we can have David make up a draft and just eliminate them and get it over with or bring it to Worksession. We had it at Worksession and it pretty well died there, no one really cared one way or another so I say we just abolish it and be done with it.

*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to refer to the Law Director to draw up legislation for the elimination of permit numbers for signs. Yeas All.

Building Permit fees – Councilman Kovach stated I think we will sit on that until Kerry comes back. Mayor Bring advised well he can't do anything with that anyways but still it is up to you guys. Councilman Kovach concurred and advised the other members of Council are digesting it at this time anyways.

Mayor Bring advised the city gets approached by outside organizations numerous times through emails or phones soliciting for several things. The problem is and I did answer the phone on one and it became a total nightmare of a misunderstanding, them asking for something and then wanting the city to get involved with buying a product and it was going to cost the city over \$4000.00. Like Mr. Graves had stated to me if we do that for one organization we are going to have to do it for all. I think

that we never want to shun an organization for coming into our city for a good purpose but as far as the city acting in a monetary fashion to support an organization, I think the only way that should be is as a Whole of Council and if they agree to do that but I think that would be a situation where it would have to be a discussion because if we do it for one then we are going to have to do it for all. That may end up being a nightmare. I think that some kind of an ordinance ought to be drafted so if somebody does call we just refer them to the ordinance just like a number of other things that we do and say we have an ordinance stating we support organizations for coming here but monetarily the city cannot contribute money for this unless it is a Whole of Council of some sort. The last time ended up being a complete disaster, when you talk to people on the phone a lot of people seem very sincere and everything else and in the back of my mind I am always second guessing who I am talking to and what I am talking about. It becomes very difficult because again you are always sympathetic to organizations and peoples illnesses and everything else but also I don't think the city – we just get kind of bashed if we don't do things. So I think if there is just an ordinance there of some sort that we can refer that to them which says this is how we handle this stuff. I don't want the city getting bashed for anything or costing the city for something that we can't continuously give out money for organizations like that. That unfortunately is today's nature. I think long ago it was a little bit easier to do that stuff. Chairman Kovach advised I know that financially it would become a burden because even if you go by the costs of what you described that what that one event was going to costs, you average it across the board that \$4000.00 on an average. You could be approached once a week or once a month and the city doesn't have money for all of those. We are not one of the more robust financially wealthy communities in this area. We can carry our own but that would be an extravagance that we can't afford. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to refer that to David to work on some legislation in regards to what the Mayor has brought to us this evening and to go over it very carefully so that we stay within all the legal guidelines and we are not discriminating against anybody but we are supporting those if nothing else verbally. Yeas All.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTARY: None.

All ordinances before Council at this time: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to adjourn at 7:29 PM. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION:

This Meeting of the City Committee 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's Office.

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

Kay Fantauzzi

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee
Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this
Is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the
Ordinance Committee of July 2, 2015.

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Steve Kovach

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Alan Smith