

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
July 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Council President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Rosso, Smith, Kovach, Cizl, Stark, Erdei, Wtulich, Mayor Bring,
Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings
Absent: McCullough, Treasurer Zaborski, Law Director Graves (excused)
Attending: Concerned Citizens, Demo Board Chair Gee, Charter Review Gee,
Members of the Media

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*****COMMITTEES*****

ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None./ORDINANCE: Chairman Kovach advised a couple of things to go over with Committee tonight; fees for Building Dept and Kerry had brought up some questions in regards to the sign ordinance where they had felt that we wanted off all of the signs but I believe that Tammy felt that they still wanted on the garage sale signs and that type of thing and I believe Tammy felt that they still wanted them on the garage sale signs and that. I guess we need just a little bit of input of where we want to go with that. President Rosso asked my concern about removing that ordinance do we lose the ability to force people to take signs down in a timely manner or those people who put signs up and I don't see it much anymore but remember the time we had the whole Lake Road was covered – meet singles at sheffieldlakesingle.com and we could always say they didn't have permits just pull them and they were gone. I am not sure and that is what I was going to ask David do we have a way around all that? Chairman Kovach advised I think what it was is that we originally wanted them off primarily political signs, more so to cover those signs like more so on a Presidential election year or where you have state wide elections and you are kind of placing signs and a lot of them don't even know about our law. I think from what I gathered that Tammy had suggested, I believe it was your input was on the garage sale signs to actually leave it on those type of signs if you want. Kerry had had the question that he thought he had wanted them off all the signs. Myself as long as we get them, I believe our original intent was to remove them off of the political signs and that was so that we could – we actually would have the control if they left signs after a

week or so then we just go on pull them. President Rosso stated right but I don't think you can go on anybody's property and pull a sign. Chairman Kovach stated no but those that are on the corner lots and that and that type of thing. President Rosso stated well then if it is on the right of way then I think the city has the right to pull them at any time. Quite honestly with or without a permit. As far as putting a sign in my front yard, as far as I am concerned anybody should be able to put whatever sign they want in their front yard for as long as they want. I am more worried about the stuff that you were talking about Steve in the city right of way. Chairman Kovach advised I believe that we already have that discretion to pull them according to what David had said. President Rosso stated as long as we have the ability to get rid of those signs, I know that if they put it on a telephone pole we can take it down. You are not allowed to put anything on a utility pole but as long as we don't get the "I buy houses" or "I paint houses" and the stuff all over. It hasn't been too bad lately but as long as we have the ability to do that I think we are okay with it. Chairman Kovach advised I am actually happy with the way it was actually written and presented. Mayor Bring advised the reasons you haven't seen any signs on the telephone poles on anything else I have the Police taking them down. As fast as they go up, I have had the Chief call these people and had them taken down. Just so you know. Councilman Erdei asked so you still want permits for garage sale signs? Finance Director Smith advised I feel that you will have perpetual sales, right now we have a little bit of control. There is people that don't honestly call and usually because they just don't realize and once they do they always call and you are allowed 2 – 3 day sales a year and I think it just, we don't want these sales that keep going on. If we don't manage it it will quickly become bad again. I mean we could try it and re-implement it later but Kay, myself or whoever is in city hall – we give them a permit number and it takes 3 seconds and it is not a big deal. We explain a couple of rules to them, no signs on telephone poles. Everybody is usually pretty gracious about it and then they actually think I better go get my signs at the end because otherwise they just leave them there and we tell them that too – when your sale is over you have to pull the sign. We have their name and address and we know when they are having the sale, so we know how to get a hold of them if they just leave their signs. Those signs would be ragged and will be there in the winter if you don't make them take them down, nobody would take them down. Chairman Kovach advised that is the way he wrote it. But that is what Kerry had questions about because it actually was in there. Also the other thing was the fees and comparisons from local surrounding building fees which are here in front of everybody. President Rosso stated this is the information that we had asked for for review and study and come back and ask any questions. It is still sitting in Ordinance right? **FINANCE: None.** **PARK BOARD:** Member Kovach advised we had our meeting last night and two more conversations that we

had were on the Sheffield Summer Crafters and how their program had gone. Next Monday is their last meeting and everybody has been cordially invited to a Art Show that is being put on Monday the 27th between 6:30 and 8 pm. The invite – this black and white doesn't really do justice to the pretty one. Rosa had presented this and requested that we make a strong showing if we possibly can to show the approval of the Art's program and the art work that has been prepared this summer. The other one is Rosa had brought forth brought forth list of goals that has been set for the renovation of Memorial Park which is going to be done primarily by the DAV.

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: Mayor Bring advised we have some legislation coming for the water meters next Tuesday to you guys so we can get that going so we can get that out to bid so I would like to move on that. The other things is there is a second reading coming up for those vehicles that we want to get rid of and I know we have the emergency clause on that and I would entertain that you guys take a look at that so we can probably get those things out of here because otherwise we are going to have to wait another month or two. Unfortunately we have actually ticketed a couple people about having their vehicles and I have had complaints. They don't understand that we have to go through legislation but have been complaining that we still have vehicles laying here and they have gotten ticketed. The other thing Pat is here tonight and I am just going to have him briefly go over a couple of things such as grants that we have been looking into and a few things.

Superintendent Hastings advised the first one is in conjunction with the meter program, it is a BWC grant, safety grant through Workermens Comp for \$40,000 and I met with them this week and have other meetings but I am half done with that on line. It is all for the equipment and that should be submitted and decided here for the month of August. President Rosso asked for the meters themselves? Superintendent Hastings answered yes because the whole concept is that these guys walking down the side of the road is dangerous, constantly bending/twisting, that kind of thing. President Rosso stated when you said equipment I wasn't if it was the meters or something else. Superintendent Hastings advised yes it is the equipment, the city of our size is eligible every 10 years, I discovered that we hadn't pursued it so we are doing it. President Rosso stated excellent.

Superintendent Hastings stated that I hope to have by August, I am working on the Tony Hawk skate park and that opens up December 7th and I had mentioned that to the Park Board so that I know that if they had a designated area to pursue.

Obviously municipal bodies are not for profit but the idea is that they want everything structured and ready to go. We have the planning, we have the spot, we have some funding – that kind of thing. So I am trying to put all that together and work with a couple of companies; one to pursue concrete like as in Bay Village as

the Mayor mentioned and then what we see traditionally in Avon and Avon Lake. So that is in the works and that is for \$25,000.00 and you can also get a \$1000.00 off of that. Councilperson Stark asked which park are we looking at doing that at? Superintendent Hastings answered Ferndale. He continued I am meeting with Bramhall this week, our consulting engineer this week to pursue some grants with Ohio Public Works Commission and have discussed that with the Mayor. I think everybody is aware that our force main is giving us constant problems on Devonshire so we are going to pursue replacement of that as well as paving of the road which is why it was knocked off the list this year. Maybe some improvements to the storm sewers, the storm sewers under there I think are 36 inch diameter and they are starting to rot on the bottom so we could maybe apply for several different criteria. Sewers themselves are low on the grading system for the Public Works grants. They are really pushing roads and bridges but if you can incorporate them all together, we have a better shot. Mayor Bring advised this is very frustrating because the sewers and everything are failing in all the city's and the problem they want us to put the roads and the drains in but if your sewers are failing you are going to end up digging it up again. That part of it is very frustrating and we can't quite grasp that one. Again we are going to go after this stuff but somewhere down this line these people have to wake up and realize what is going on. Superintendent Hastings stated just in the meantime we are going to try to approach this problem we are having with this severe water hammer with some soft-start electronics to control that but the other OPWC grant that we would pursue is the resurfacing and storm sewer enhancement on Lake Breeze. So a couple of those and finally we are in the data collection of time right now for the Ohio EPA grants for sanitary sewers and that is a system as a whole that you guys have talked about for years; infiltration – both moving sewage towards Avon Lake and redoing the 2 stations we have now. That is the big goal with Marcy Kaptur and it just takes volumes of data to get their attention which the city is collecting now and of course I have it from K&S. The Mayor just forwarded me a grant opportunity for safety equipment, buildings and so forth but admittedly I haven't read it yet. Mayor Bring advised it is worth about \$100,000.00. One of other thing too is that in the past few years and you guys have probably read that we were overcharged for salt and we will be looking at getting some money back and I don't know how much it is going to be. Superintendent Hastings is starting to work out the numbers that we have had for the last few years and what we have paid for it, I think Wendy has to look at all the numbers and if they overcharged us then we will be getting some money back out of that. Superintendent Hastings advised it was 11.5 million. Mayor Bring concurred that was overcharged and that is obviously not just us but all these communities and stuff so it will be broken up. Like I told Pat if we can just get the .5 I would be happy but I don't think that is happening. It is probably some small

amount. Superintendent Hastings advised the county put an umbrella of protection kind of amongst the local city's and started bulk so Sheffield Lake among many city's bought from them so they will realize the lawsuit claim if you will. I think we only had 1 of the 3 years that we paid directly but it will be something. Mayor Bring stated we were very fortunate to be getting into the county like that because it saved us a lot of money. Finance Director Smith stated I am sure the county will share the wealth. Mayor Bring stated also the roads probably aren't going to start until August sometime because with Griffith with all the rain and everything like that. They were backed up and we told them if they wanted to take a couple extra weeks they could do it. If you down some of the streets you will see that they have marked the manhole covers and some of the other stuff. We are getting ready for that and they have been working on some of these streets, they worked on Roberts Street last week and did some piping and drainage and then you guys are going to do Oakwood next? Superintendent Hastings answered Oakwood – yes. Mayor Bring stated one other thing real quick, we talked about a long time ago there is 4 phases to Walker Road and we never did phase 4 over there but Pat and I were talking about that and we are probably going to dig all that for drainage and get that repaired and then probably either next year or the year after that just pave that last section of that Walker Road there and make it look nice. That was pretty expensive, all those phases as everybody remembers we kind of ran out of money. We have been discussing how we are going to finish that end piece there. So if anybody ask you about that we are still looking at fixing the rest of that.

Councilman Cizl asked could I get a list of roads? Finance Director Smith advised it is on Facebook, its in the Chronicle. Superintendent Hastings advised I can email you one. Councilman Wtulich stated I got one I can give him. Councilperson Stark stated are we filling potholes in between? Superintendent Hastings stated yes we were out yesterday and half of today and then we went back to ditching half day.

Councilperson Stark advised areas of damage./**FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Finance Director Smith advised I got notice today that our audit was accepted by the state without any corrections. I sent it off to Kay and had it sent to you guys and that is yearend 2014. Mayor Bring advised on the safest city's in Ohio and I think we came in 34th this year which is a dramatic increase of where we have always been. I just wanted everybody to know that and that is actually a very good thing.

LAW DIRECTOR: None./**COMMUNICATIONS:** None./**OLD BUSINESS:** Fees from Building Inspector – President Rosso advised these are the requests that we asked for./**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilman Cizl stated just wondering if at some point, could we start discussion about what we are going to do with the snowplow someday so we don't have a foot of snow and the Service Department doesn't say that our 25-year old truck broke down again. Just to start discussion because I don't know where that is at, I have been waiting patiently for the

equipment thing so if we can just start a discussion. President Rosso stated I would say you should talk to Mr. McCullough and start that discussion in Buildings & Lands. Councilman Smith stated it was dead here. President Rosso stated I would start it back up there and have it come out of that committee. Councilman Erdei stated we did bring it up because Mayor Bring advised us about the 5 trucks in Cleveland. The majority of us are here and I would like to get some kind of opinion on what way we are going to go with it. Like Mark said we are dragging our feet and the more we drag our feet those trucks could disappear in another month or so. We talked about it but it just died right out. President Rosso stated that means it didn't really come out of your committee. Councilman Smith stated you bring it up every meeting, now we had the ordinance and we had the Mayor and we all voted on it and it didn't do anything and it didn't go nowhere which means it was pretty much a done issue. It is not like we are doing anything with it but if you want to discuss it do in your committee instead of every Worksession or every meeting are we going to do anything, are we going to do anything, are we going to do anything. President Rosso stated it has to come out of committee and it should start in Buildings, Lands & Vehicles. Councilman Smith stated you guys should have had this discussion when it was up for a vote, we should have had all this big discussion. Councilman Cizl stated but we didn't. Councilman Erdei stated this is a different – this is something that just came up. President Rosso stated but nothing came out of Buildings & Lands saying yes we want to move this to Council to say we want to purchase this new truck. This is where it has got to come from. You guys don't meet until September, if you don't get legislation passed it is going to be too late for next winter and I will be perfectly honest with you the first thing you should do in Buildings & Lands is talk to at least the people that are opposed to it and if you are not going to get enough votes to pass it then it doesn't make much sense to spend a lot of time on it which is Kerry, Steve & Mark. Councilman Cizl stated I am confused, I thought the Worksession was the time to discuss and I don't want to nag. President Rosso stated well Buildings & Lands. Councilman Cizl stated I understand that, it is equipment. President Rosso stated it is over unless it comes back up again and any vehicle purchase other than a safety vehicle needs to go through Buildings & Lands. Safety vehicles are the only ones that come from Safety. Councilman Cizl stated so if it comes to us and we vote on it without a discussion. President Rosso stated we had discussion, we had 3 times to discuss it and nobody said a word. Councilman Smith stated when you say why, the reason was because the majority of everybody up here said no. You can't for some reason except that but that is what happened. So if you want to go through it start the process but you can't just, if we already voted we already went through the process once so if you want to start it then start again. There is no reason why except that the vote went. There was a brief debate/discussion on the process.

Councilman Cizl asked did that come from Buildings & Lands originally, that last ordinance that we read 3 times with no discussion and voted down. President Rosso stated it was discussed in Buildings & Lands, I cannot honestly sit here and tell you that it was voted on and passed out of Buildings & Lands but it definitely went through Buildings & Lands. I went back and read the minutes from December and January and there was discussion on it. Councilman Smith advised the Mayor brought it up and then it went to the committee and then it came here.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

Council#032 – SECOND READING – an ordinance authorizing the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Brookpark Auto Auction for the purpose of selling at public sale five vehicles owned by the City of Sheffield Lake which are obsolete, not needed or unfit for public use and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#033 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending sections 1371.03(a), 1371.07, 1371.18 and 1371.27 of the codified ordinances of the City of Sheffield Lake eliminating permits for temporary signs.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:53 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 20, 2015.