

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
November 17, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Council President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Absent: Finance Director Smith, Treasurer Zaborski, Superintendent Hastings (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Council elect Rosa Gee, Park Board Gee, Members of the Media; The Press

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

\*\*\*\*\***COMMITTEES**\*\*\*\*\*

**ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS,**

**VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT:** Chairman McCullough advised of 2 parcels of land, I don't know if I want to call it the head of Parkview Dr, the butt of Parkview Dr., or where Parkview cuts across and goes into Parkway it is basically treed wooded area and it sits between the Irving Park apartments and Parkway Drive which is now being built up. When you drive back there you think you are going to go around the corner or not, you are really driving in somebody's driveway and from the overheads that I saw. When I first looked at this I sent David an email my first inclination was and this is personal opinion, I think it is a worthless piece of property. What is it there for, what are we going to do with it. Councilman Erdei concurred I would like to add it isn't worth nothing really to the city, you can't even make green space in there or a little park. We discussed it and it is not doing us any good as a city. After a brief review and discussion, Law Director Graves to notify owner that there is no interest and we do not want./**ORDINANCE:**

**None.FINANCE: None./PARK BOARD: None.**

\*\*\*\*\***ADMINISTRATIVE**\*\*\*\*\*

**MAYOR:** Mayor Bring advised they did start the water meters, they put in close to 500 of them here in the last couple days. They get paid by production so they start early in the morning and they work until dark. They don't work per hour so they get as much done as they possibly can. Shell Cove Park – we did pour the concrete over there for that Memorial and that was the only thing that was going on through

parks. Tammy is working on the budget for next year, she was here all day today and that was what she was doing. We are accomplishing quite a few things, I had a list of about 50 items beginning of the year and we are down to about 15 of those. So we have been slowly accomplishing quite a few things. Things are getting a little bit better and we are trying to improve very slowly but I am actually pretty pleased on how things are going. Other than that, there is nothing earth shattering going on right now. Councilperson Stark asked the Apples parking lot over there, can we put either paint some lines or put stop signs in for the people traveling from like the Rite-Aid area over onto Lake Breeze because they are not stopping. I have almost watched 5 or 6 accidents where people aren't stopping, the traffic going to Apples coming from Lake which I would assume have the right of way. People are coming the other direction and not looking, I have seen a couple of people almost get hit. Can we put lines up or something so that people know they have to stop? Mayor Bring answered Apples maintains their parking lot over there but I know what you talking about. I will take a look at it but you know you can't fix stupidity and it just happens over and over again where people just don't pay attention. Councilman McCullough suggested the very south end where there is grass where you are talking about that grassy area, the very south end of that at the very southeast corner if we could put stop signs facing both ways north and south on a pole that 8 foot off of the ground and then below it stop signs facing east and west maybe everyone will come to a stop. Mayor Bring advised when we had the movie we tried to block off part of the area the other day and I had Tim Card sitting in the Fire Chief's car, we were sitting with the Police Chief with his car and a woman went around us screaming at us and telling us to get the f--- out of the way. I don't care what you do they are going to do what they want. We had a guy who pulled up at the Boat Launch right in front of the sign, got out and read the sign and went right down to the beach with his dog and took the leach off the dog and let him run around after he read the sign "no dogs". Then we went down there with a Police Officer and the guy told him I didn't think that pertained to me because it is winter, well it's not winter. So I don't care what you do they just do what they want to do. You can put as many signs up, lines up but it just doesn't stop people from doing things. Mayor Bring also advised we had people chewing us out because we had the whole Police Force down at the movie thing. Those were prop cars and the guy had 3 different cars there that said Cleveland Police on it but they didn't take the time to read it and they thought we had our whole force down there protecting that They had the fake Police out there and they thought that was our Police Officers too. Councilman McCullough advised the best one was that brand new SUV you bought is down there. He continued on the plumbing code that you attached here, I think the key word here is "potable water". President Rosso stated this involved mandating water in a residence. Mayor Bring advised we do have another person

on Lakewood Beach doing the same thing and we pulled that meter by the way and they are still there apparently. Law Director Graves stated the question is when we have, this isn't in regard to new construction or even in regards to where property has been abandoned for a period of time and now they are requiring a new occupancy certificate because I think that we can tie functioning water to occupancy if they have abandoned the property and now they want to re-occupy it. The question becomes when someone has not paid their bill and had their water shutoff or perhaps even had the meter removed because there is a chance they would tamper with it, how do we handle that situation when they continue to occupy the house and continue to use the sanitary sewer by using other water sources or rain water or lake water whatever to flush the toilet. So in other words they are using the sanitary system and we are paying to treat that but that is on the water and they are not getting a water bill. So how do you want to handle that situation, do you just want to allow them to occupy the house or do you want to take measures to tell them they can't reside there? President Rosso stated well that was the intent, if I remember correctly we want something that allows us to go in and tell them they can't stay there right. Councilman McCullough stated well I have thought about his and people will say how can evict somebody from their home. If our Police Department sees somebody doing something that is going to harm themselves it is their responsibility to stop that person from harming themselves correct, am I right or wrong and I am using this as a broad scope. We have to protect people and it is not sanitary in this day and age not to have potable water within a home unless it is an emergency. Say we had a major power outage and we couldn't get water. When you don't have water and you can't be clean, that is where lice and bed bugs, infestation of little critters come in. It just becomes a matter of public health. I think we are all in agreement I believe that we should do something to address this one way or the other. Councilman Smith stated the only issue I see is the sewer issue, that is the only difference and just because you don't have water in your house doesn't mean that you can't go down to BJ's and spend \$5.00 for a 5 gallon bucket and have 15 of them there and use that for drinking water, for cooking and you can do that because you don't want drinking water that comes out of the faucet. So you could live without water, the issue is going down the sanitary. What you do in your own house but what is going in the sanitary now that is our business but health and safety, you don't have a right to go in somebody's house and say oh you are not living the way we think you should live. That is ridiculous. Councilman McCullough stated those living along Lake Road have the opportunity because of a natural resource to rig a system that they don't have to run city water through their pipes for certain things. Right here it says the only thing that should go through a plumbing fixture is "potable water". After a brief review and discussion, President Rosso asked do we have the Law

Director work on legislation that says you cannot live in a house that doesn't have running water? Back to Ordinance for referral of legislation. Councilman Kovach asked how many more weeks for leaf pickup? Clerk Fantauzzi advised November 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last date./**SERVICE: None.**/**FINANCE DIRECTOR: None.**/**LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves stated in regards to the discussion we just had, the city could perhaps proceed under the Dangerous Building Ordinance and basically say that it is unfit for habitation and make that case before the Demolition Board of Appeals and order that be vacated. You could potentially go that route as well if that was the direction you wanted to go but we would have a burden of proof on that. We have a request attached from an individual in the city wants to buy a parcel of land on Lakeview Avenue that is currently owned by the city and I have attached a map showing the parcel that this individual owns which is parcel ending in 003 that fronts on Hawthorne and that is the only parcel that this person owns. The parcel to the east and west are owned by other parties, he is requesting to buy the parcel to the southeast that fronts on Lakeview currently owned by the city. So he has just inquired about purchasing that. We would have to advertise that and would have to be bid and that is required to be advertised in the newspaper of general circulation not less than once a week for 5 weeks and then we would have to have a 2/3 vote to sell that property to the highest bidder. President Rosso asked in that process can we set a minimum bid? Law Director Graves answered yes. There was a brief discussion on advantages/disadvantages to selling it. Law Director Graves to contact requester and advise of bid process. **LEAVE ON AGENDA FOR NEXT WORKSESSION.**/**COMMUNICATIONS: None.**/**OLD BUSINESS: None.**/**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –**

Council#062 – THIRD READING – an ordinance by the Council of the City of Sheffield Lake amending the zoning classification of permanent parcel no. 03-00-033-118-023 located east of 509 Cove Beach Avenue from Industrial to R-1 single family residential.

Council#066 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance of the Council of the City of Sheffield Lake declaring it necessary to levy a renewal with an increase tax in excess of the ten mill limitation on behalf of the Lorain Public Library for current operating expenses of the Domonkas Branch of the Lorain Public Library and authorizing the execution of an agreement relating to the Domonkas Branch of the Lorain Public Library, and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#067 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishing 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 Erdei to adjourn at 7:50 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.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES  
*Kay Fantauzzi*

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MAYOR  
*Dennis Bring*

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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 November 17, 2015.

*and/or*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM  
*Alan Smith*