

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
February 23, 2016  
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 23, 2016. 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, Smith, Stark, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings
- Absent: Law Director Graves (excused)
- Attending: Videographer Eric Elheny, Concerned Citizens, Exclusive Balloons: Sheila Kepic, Service Department: Tom Kepic, Park Board: Joe Gee & Lisa Prokay, Members of the Media: Avon Lake Press, Chronicle, Journal

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2016 Council meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**Council Worksession** - \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Worksession meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit:** \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./**Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Representative Cizl reviewed the minutes of the February 15, 2016 meeting./**Council Representative to the Park Board:** Member Kovach reviewed the minutes of the February 15, 2016 meeting./**Council Representative to the Planning Commission:** Representative Erdei reviewed the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting./**Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Representative Kovach reviewed the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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**MAYOR/SAFETY:** Mayor Bring reported we are expecting our new Police car by the end of this month. We got a confirmation that it is built or being built and they said probably at the end of February we should receive that and that will be another Ford Explorer. The big white truck that we have that we use for the sewers and stuff and for the Water Department the vac truck, we are having a little bit of computer problems with that and our mechanic is working on that. The truck is still able to work but he is trying to figure that out. At Gary Green Park this year we are going to put up a 24 X 48 pavilion, instead of a 24 X 36 like we did at Guenther Park. So we are going to make it bigger and we are going to get a quote on that in the next couple weeks. When we get that going we will probably order the material for that and I am sure that Tom will be more than glad to put that up for us. He continued the Baptist Church right over here across the way, the Pastor over there came in the other day and we had talked last year about doing a cleanup day, going throughout the city and doing some stuff, picking up pop bottles and stuff like that and he would like to do that in May and we had a nice discussion about that. So when that gets close I will remind everybody and see if we can't get more volunteers and go throughout some of the bad sections of the city where the ditches are filled with pop bottles, debris and stuff like that and clean it up. I did appreciate him coming down and hopefully that will be an ongoing thing year to year. A very nice gentleman and he is also a carpenter so maybe we can put him to work too. Also we had a little issue and I think I told you about this but one gentleman was taking some of his waste water from his washer and pumping it out into his yard. We had to call the Health Department on that and they did come out, we are trying to resolve that and help that gentleman/family out through grants and hopefully we can get this resolved. The Health Department was very sympathetic towards that and we are trying to be sympathetic and obviously it is not a good situation but he does lack the funds to get anything done. So we are trying to help him out. Councilman Wtulich asked where are you guys thinking about putting that pavilion in Gary Green Park. Mayor Bring advised that is a good question because I keep driving by and I am looking at it and I would take any opinions but mine would be probably if you are facing the park on the right side where that grassy area is over there. That is not necessarily set in stone but we have the basketball court over on the left which I would like to put some new hoops up there for the kids. That is another thing too I don't know if we want to run the pavilion this way or that way (north/south or east/west) so I am open for suggestions on that. But I will tell you that I drive by and I think about that but I do think a bigger one would be better for that area because I think it would be quite a bit activity for people cooking out and family visiting there. That is the plan but that is a good point so if you think about it and talk about it let me know or Pat know. I haven't talked to Pat about which way we are going to put that yet. Councilman Cizl advised since you mentioned hoops I don't know if you are aware, I went by South Park and the hoops on those basketball pools are terrible too so we need to change them. Mayor Bring

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concurred they have been neglected forever so we do need to do something about that. It needs to be addressed this year. \*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: None.**

**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**

**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**Lisa Prokay, 765 Lafayette** advised recently with the storms that we had there is an empty lot right next to my house where a tree came crashing and just missed the side of my house. It is one of those dead ash trees and I was just wondering who would be responsible for cutting those trees down. Mayor Bring answered the person that owns the lot, the property owner. We had some discussions about that today, we had another small tree come down on somebody's power lines. We sent out a number of letters last year telling these people to get the trees down and a lot of them complied but we still have quite a few up in the air which need to come down. It is a process, we tried the letters and I know that our property maintenance gentleman is going to start here in April so he will be sending out more letters and try to take care of that. Usually it is the landowner whoever owns that and if it falls on your property you can call your insurance company but they will go after their insurance company. It is hard because there are a lot of vacant properties and stuff around here. Mrs. Prokay stated I know that we have tried to contact the property owner ourselves a few years ago but we have had no luck in doing that. Mayor Bring stated if you get on the Auditor's site you can look it up but a lot of time you have to search more than just the first property owner because sometimes it is a little bit difficult.

**Gloria Dossa, 767 Grantwood** stated I have got a question about the mailboxes, our mailboxes are on the tree lawn. Our mailman and we have had various mailmen so they just start at one of the street on the corner and come down and just make a new path on everybody's tree lawn. So I went out and got 12 inch blocks and I put them down there, I figured okay if you want to do this ride it over. I got a new driveway and I figure I don't want the edge of that cracking. Is there some kind of ordinance that says mailbox has to be a certain place? Mayor Bring answered I don't think there is any ordinance but I know that the mail carriers they have specs on those and where they are supposed to be and how high they are supposed to be. So you need to call the Post Office. Mrs. Dossa stated because that was put in there before we moved in and the thing is tall enough so it is not like he has got to kill himself. Mayor Bring answered he is probably just being a little lackadaisical. Mrs. Dossa stated I will check into it.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Bring advised I just had the Library call me today and ask me that I would support the Library and I obviously do as it is one of the mainstays of the city. She had asked me to pass it along for Council and just hope

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that everybody understands what the Library means to the city when it comes to voting for it. I told her I would say that during Council and that is what I am doing. There is a number of signs up for the Library just recently going up.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Council#08 – SECOND READING – an ordinance repealing Chapter 159 of the codified ordinances in its entirety.

Council#09 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishment 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.

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

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

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

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

**Ordinance Passes#8-16**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:25 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*

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 23, 2016.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*