

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
January 26, 2016
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 26, 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, Superintendent Hastings, Law Director Graves
Absent: Finance Director Smith (excused)
Attending: Videographer Eric Elheny, Concerned Citizens, Exclusive Balloons:
Sheila Kopic, Service Department: Tom Kopic Zoning Board of
Appeals: Matt Harper, Park Board: Joe Gee, Members of the Media:
Avon Lake Press, Chronicle and Journal

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Council meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

Council Worksession - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Council Worksession meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: *Mayor Bring presented the State of the City Address*

Mayor Bring stated I am going to give a little overview of what has been going on the last four years in our city and some ideas/plans that we have coming up. Just to start off with when we started the term four years ago we had budget cuts from the State of Ohio in excess of \$500,000.00 and also we had many foreclosures in the city and that set us back tremendously. So we had to be very frugal with manpower, equipment and just every day city services. It was pretty stressful for those first couple of years, I won't kid you I didn't sleep a lot on some of that stuff. In the midst of all that, we share of school system with the Village and they built a new school and they also asked for a levy on that so that also added some more taxes to the residents. Fortunately the residents stepped up to the plate for the school system and obviously the school is very important to our community as well as the Village and that has a big impact on people moving into the community. Obviously the impact to the kids going to the schools. We were very fortunate that that passed and also that during all that we discovered that we were owed back

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taxes for the City of Sheffield Lake in excess of 1.2 million dollars and that has still not been recovered. Between the two communities it was 2 million dollars. I think that if those taxes would have been recovered we would have not had to ask for a school levy. Unfortunately that is just the nature of the business right now. The support of the income tax gave us an opportunity to move forward with many projects that we had set aside and also manpower, so the residents in our town passed a ½ percent income tax and that pretty much saved our Fire Department because the Fire Department was in jeopardy of losing that department. We were talking about going to Life Care and everything else and that became very close because it did fail a couple of times. With that being said with that passage we also went ahead and did some Charter changes, we shrank the employee roster and right now we are down to about 60 employees. I just went back and Pat and I were talking about the maps that we have for our city and I looked back at the Fire Department and they had I believe 13 part-time employees along with 12 full-time employees. We do not have any part-time employees in that department right now. Being that with those part-time employees you have to supply bunker gear and everything else. We did reduce our manpower and in reducing the manpower also reduces the revenue you have to put out. That is one of the biggest problems, if you have too many employees it costs the city a lot of money. Also we were looking at some of the things to cut and in changing we looked at our Building Department and we had a full-time Building Inspector who resigned his position. He went someplace else, he is now working in Columbus but we looked at outsourcing the Building Department. From 2007 right before we hired Safe Built the city had lost approximately 500 and some thousand dollars in the Building Department overall. So now that we have hired the Safe Built Company they have their own vehicles, their own computers, they carry their own insurance. We don't have to worry about healthcare, we don't have to worry about all that. So now we are actually making some money on that and I will tell you that since we have done that the amount of phone calls that I have had for complaints and I am not exaggerating is 0. These guys have done a great job, we have got a lady downstairs that is very conscientious and she is the Clerk for Safe Built and she takes her time to ask questions and when people come in to get their permits it is a very smooth transition. Before that we had one person doing that and it was very difficult because he had to go out and do his job and permits. So that has been a dramatic improvement on our resources. The other thing that we did is that we had a Property Maintenance Program that we had started a number of years ago. When the previous Mayor was here we had somebody going around and checking property maintenance and giving citations out to people that didn't take care of the property. My biggest complaint to the Mayor that was here before is that we weren't taking care of our property here. We needed to address that and get our property up to snuff before we start doing that. That program was discontinued for a while and we have since started cleaning up our own properties and now we are

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going to start that program again. We did it last year on a number of properties got cleaned up and a number of trees got taken down and just overall complaints of people calling in about people leaving their garbage cans out because that is in ordinance and many other things. So that part of that program is working very well and I want to continue that and actually make it even tougher because I really want to put an emphasis on cleaning up the city. We are going to move down to the Police Department, in the Police Department the former Chief retired so we have a new Chief over there – Tony Campo. Mr. Campo has done an excellent job of managing that department, his views on things are dramatically different than the previous Chief. I think that the department is run better, I think that the people that we have there right now are doing a very good job and I think they actually enjoy coming to work which before I think we had a lot of grumbling and people were dissatisfied with the way things were run. So that has been a blessing and I think Tony has done just an excellent job with that. We, in turn, with passing the income tax we replaced some of the police cars. We were down to 3 police cars that we were running 24/7 and was costing us a fortune in repairs. We have actually bought 3 new Ford Explorers to go along with the other cars we have and we have 1 more on order. I will tell you that we have had 0 problems with those and I don't want to jinx us but that has been a very good upgrade. In turn too, we took the Police Department Dispatch area where there were some areas that were divided up and we opened all that up and made sitting so that the Officers can come in and do their reports now. They have access to talk to the Dispatch as they are doing their reports. It is just a more open atmosphere and it makes it a little bit nicer for the guys. I know Mr. Rosso and I were talking about it a long time ago when I was on the Safety Committee and we were looking at replacing the monitors inside the Police Station. We had little monitors there that they put cameras in that shows the jail and everything else and to replace those they were getting an estimate of about \$36,000.00 and I know we were looking for that money at one time and we couldn't find it. I happened to go to another Police Department and I looked up and looked at the monitor they had up there and I was a little bit dumbfounded because it was a flat screen TV. As you know the flat screen TV's as you know right now are very inexpensive so we bought 2 – 40" flat screen TV's and we spent a total of \$800.00 and that is what we have up there now. It is an LED color screen and we have actually added several new cameras so it has made an absolutely huge improvement. You just don't think about things like that until you go to other places and see that. We added new computers over there, we put news radios in for the Policemen and we have added new Tasers and bullet proof vests and like I said we have added cameras throughout the city. We have remodeled Dispatch, painted the downstairs and put new lighting in there. The bathroom downstairs for the Police Department was an absolute travesty and we have taken that and remodeled that and the guys are using that. We remodeled the upstairs bathroom too. I am telling you little things about what we have done but it has only made that

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Department and other Departments better because if the place isn't taken care of I don't care who it is you don't want to go to work and it is very frustrating. So we have done little things to make that better. Moving onto the Fire Department, like I said we almost lost our Fire Department. We had 3 gentlemen retire, 1 resigned – he had a landscape business and was very successful with that so he started his own business. We did hire 4 new Firemen to replace those, they are younger people and have a lot of energy and the atmosphere over there has changed dramatically and they are doing a very good job. They are doing a lot of training, if you see them out in the neighborhood a little bit more but when I go over there they are just excited to be Firemen and part of our city and that makes a big difference. That reflects with the atmosphere when they go over to somebody's house, they are the same way when in someone's house taking care of a patient. I will tell they do an excellent job and our response time is between 3 and 5 minutes. If you are having a heart attack or something is wrong 3 to 5 minutes makes a big difference. So I am very very pleased the way the Fire Department is going over there. Our Fire Chief – Tim Card, we had talked numerous years and I know Joyce Hanks sat down there and we had talked about an ambulance and talking about upgrading our ambulance and we had talked about that for years and about saving money for those. We never did save a dime for the ambulance so the Fire Chief actually applied a grant and we were awarded a brand new ambulance and in the process too when we used to have those internet cafes around here. We put that money in a separate line item and we kept it without using it on anything and we found a 2008 ambulance that basically some of the doors had never even been opened on it. It was a community that just because it was a little bit older they replace it with a brand new one and we were very fortunate to get that at a very substantially reduced cost for sixty some thousand dollars so we a substantial upgrade to that. I think the last ones were 1995 and 1997 something like that and they were costing us approximately \$19,000.00 a year to keep on the road and that was just for repairs. When you start adding that up yearly it is a tremendous cost. The roof on the Fire Department had been leaking for years and had never been addressed so we ended up tearing that whole roof off and it probably cost us 3 times as much because it was ignored. My point of this is is that there was some many things that were ignored because we didn't have the finances to fix it and it ended up costing us a lot more money. Not only did we put the roof on but we also had siding on either end if you guys ever remember seeing the siding coming off and everything else, we replaced the siding and then we also put the Fire Logo on the front of the building and we also put the name Sheffield Lake Fire Department back up which had been down for years. Again these are the little things that I talk about that makes a difference. The guys inside took some of the cabinets that we had over at the shopping center and put them up and redid some of their areas over there and now they are in the process of doing more work over there and they are doing a very good job with that. In sticking with the Fire Department, we had an

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equipment donation by Doris Thomas for \$14,000.00 and we did bunker gear, helmets, hoods and gloves with that. Amherst Eagles also gave us almost \$1800.00, we took a loan out and got 8 sets of bunker gear for the guys and those were very much needed. We had a donation from the United Coast Guard and we had a water rescue sled that was donated to us and we also purchased a 5000 watt generator and then the Fire Chief also applied for a AFG grant which is a Fill Station for the bottles that we were actually sharing and had to go to Avon Lake to fill up our air bottles for the guys. So we did receive that and that was a \$37,500.00 grant and we paid \$1800.00 was our portion of that. Basically we got \$30,000.00 for free. When we got the new ambulances we had cots that were manual pick up and the guys were getting back injuries because of the weights. None of us are getting any lighter and when you try picking up weight all the time it is extremely hard on you so we went to these power cots that are called striker cots that are yellow. Everyone is using them now and it has just made their life so much better. So that has been a very good upgrade. Also Chief Card is looking for the bottles for air and heart monitors so he applied for another grant that is \$206,000.00 and if we do get that we would have a \$10,000.00 match. So that is also in the works. On Service, Water, Roads and Parks, we had personal health issues with our Service Director who overall missed about 9 months of time and then we also had 1 other gentleman who was out for 6 months and then we also had another one out so our manpower was way down. That was very challenging to get through that especially this last summer. So some of the projects that we thought we were going to do we had to put off but I will say that the guys did step up to the plate and they have done a nice job. We have also restructured and done some consolidation with the staff to optimize to saving the money. We had a gentleman in Parks, Jerry Gillespie who was part-time and we made him full-time and do the Trever change he is now able to help those guys out so that gives us an extra man in the manpower. The roads the last 4 years, we have spent about \$750,000.00 and we have decided to start grinding the roads down and putting asphalt down and I hope that you guys realize that that is a better way to go versus the way we were doing the chip and tar. They seem to be lasting longer and doing a much better job and we are going to continue that process and hopefully even do more but it all depends on how much money we have to do that. We have also installed several thousand feet of storm sewers, driveway culverts, cleaned ditches. We are in the process of cleaning ditches on Sheffield. It takes us time to do things but the point is we tell you we are going to do it and we do it and that is what I have been trying to do this whole time in the last 4 years. I have told people that we were going to make a commitment to doing things and I am trying to keep my word and that is why some of these things even though they seem trivial, this is why we are doing this. We also have added new equipment; we purchase a smaller roller and it does a real nice job because it actually vibrates and is much safer. We also purchased a grinder for the skidsteer for going in and taking down some brush. We did a brand

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new John Deer tractor with an extended boom so we can do some mowing and we also did a mini track excavator so if you see that around, that was actually a used vehicle and we got a very good price on that. We have used that several times and it works out very good. We also started the phase of Belle, Brockley and Knickerbocker that we have talked about, we are going to continue cleaning that ditch and get that water moving out of there. That is one of the projects that we are going to continue doing. These ladies over here were asking me where the water meters are and we have installed just about all of the new water meters except for Lake Road and a few commercial buildings. Those meters are working very well, we still have a lot of challenges to go through. We have to put the antenna's up so that they can read those and that is an on-going thing that hopefully with this weather being warm and I know these guys are coming back and I don't know if they are going to finish in the next few months or not but I hope they do. We re-instituted the hydrant maintenance program. We had neglected for a long time, the guys are out flushing now again. The Fire Department was part of that and these guys (Service) were part of that and then we also will be looking at any of the broken hydrants which we will be replacing those or fixing those. We have been working in compliance with the EPA as far as monitoring our water quality, there has been a big issue about that in Flint Michigan. We monitor our water and we test it every day and we send it off to a lab and they test it. The fortunate thing about our city is we can get water from 2 different places; Lorain and Avon Lake but it still comes from the same source which is Lake Erie and I think that with Lake Erie I think we are going to be very positive with that. Lead fittings; there are old lead fittings that have been installed in some of the old houses and stuff but anything that comes up these guys dig up that if there is a lead fitting that has been broken – that is changed per the EPA. We are not allowed to do anything without repairing that or changing that. You are probably going to hear more of that with what is going on up there but I will tell you that these guys do a very good job with that and our water quality is very very good. We also initiated a comprehensive sanitary sewer hydrological study; repairs, upgrades and rehabs. So that is in the process and we had talked about that before and I had talked to Council about that. Parks and Recreation; we had gotten a donation from a Elvira Winston for \$147,000.00 and that money has been put in that as a line item and we have not spent any of that. That gives us an opportunity and I know Rosa Gee was talking about that, if a grant does come up because before we were not able to match some of that. So with that money now it gives us an affordability to double our money because if there is a matching grant or something like that we can use some of this and then take advantage of the grant. So that was a very good surprise which we had known about it for a while but it took about a year and a half before we realized it. Also Jim Kolleda donated \$8500.00 and we have had several other smaller donations too. So those 2 things were really good. The nature trail, I don't know if anybody has walked down that but we extended that and then we also put

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a walkway over top of the wetlands over there and the bridge. Everybody seems to be using that, I see people going up and down it all the time. I walk that several times and that is very nice and I know Pat went to a meeting the other day and we are trying to get the Metro Parks who put down the gravel over there where they extended the path over there but originally it was going to through the whole woods as a path with asphalt on it. I don't know if that is going to happen because the EPA is giving them a hard time about that. So we are hoping that if nothing else they just pave what they have done just to make an access over to the sidewalks so that way the kids can walk all the way through and go up to the school over there. I don't know if that is going to happen but that has been talked about. As you know we did the parking lot out here and we did the parking lot at the Civic Center and I will tell you that people coming in to do business in our city, talking to me about the shopping center and talking to me about other projects – they notice that. I had several people comment before we did that, are you guys ever going to fix this. So impressions mean a lot of things, this is part of the reason why we are doing this stuff. It may not seem like a big deal but it is. We had a major renovation for Memorial Park; Rosa Gee and her husband Joe had a big input on that. Ford Motor did a lot of volunteer work for us and that was one of my pet peeves that I talked about years ago and I know that Steve had talked about a number of years ago. I don't know if anybody has been over there but that came out exceptionally nice and we had – I don't know how many people were there. Councilperson Gee advised quite a few, a lot. Mayor Bring concurred so we re-dedicated it and there was a lot of gentlemen that were in the Armed Forces that were very emotional to see this happen. Again I would like to thank Rosa and Joe for that because they put a tremendous amount of effort into that. I talked about the \$8500.00 that Mr. Kolleda donated and the Class of 75 Alumni Memorial Project that is up there in Shell Cove Park that has begun and basically the \$8500.00 was a very good start for that. They are going to continue on and now that they have some other donations, if you get a chance to take a look at that and they are going to finish that when the weather gets a little warmer. Some of the Parks we hosted a Triathlon which is going to come back this year. We had fishing tournaments, parties in the parks, movies and several other things in our parks. The Lighting of the Tree for Christmas time and they talked about Easter Egg Hunts so we are going to continue that as we need to get the little kids more involved in some of these things. They started a Pride Committee, I did not do that but the residents did that. It is the Civic Pride Committee who helped out with several projects along with Pride Day where they put mulch down and I know there were many volunteers for that and they worked very hard. They continue to do that and stay involved in the community which has been a great asset, we need more people to get involved in the city. They also had a summer craft program so there are more things happening. Steve was involved in the Bicentennial activities, we had a 200 year Bicentennial. I don't know how many meetings you went to on that. The

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monument is actually up over in Sheffield Village where the old city hall is over there so if anybody wants to see that, that was all part of the 3 communities; the Village, Township and us. We tried to keep the beaches as clean as much as we possibly could. We had some big storms but we are trying to actively do that. We want to keep that water clean and one of the things that I will talk in a few minutes the salt that we use. We built 1 pavilion and we have several more pavilions that we want to build throughout the parks over here and that is in the works. It just gives people an opportunity to go down and have a picnic or whatever, at least they have some shelter if it rains or whatever. Shoreway Shopping Center – when I started 4 years ago, I don't know if you guys remember but there was a huge mound of asphalt grindings over there and that was all removed. It's going to be a parking lot out of that and that worked out very well. I know that City Council got a little bit of grief for buying the shopping center but as of today we still have used no tax dollars from the tax payers at all for that. It is all from the rent roll so we have paid down \$370,000.00 on that and that is off the principle. It seems to be going well and I will tell you that over the holidays the people using Shoreway Shopping Center and all the little shops was the most people I have seen in years. I know I said that to Pat and Pat made the same observation I did. I was very impressed, I was actually pretty surprised and very stunned that there was just a lot of activity down there and I was very happy. The original concept and the total redevelopment of that has not materialized during the current trends. When they put route 2 down there obviously everybody went to route 2. Avon has reaped the benefits of this, as well as Westlake so we constantly look at what we can do for that and we will constantly look at it. I have met with several people about purchasing the shopping center and we will continue to look at that. We have also refurbished some of the units over there; Woodshop which was the old Post Office. It was empty when we started and we have EZ Transitions which was the old Drive Thru and that empty and full of basically rubbish. There is a builder and EZ Transitions is in the front and the Builder in the back so we are getting rent from both over there. The Balloon Shop which is Sheila's and that was also an empty building and the Driftwood Café was the old bar which was actually empty and now we have a Barber Shop which is the Men's Zone and that gentleman is doing quite well over there and I have been there a couple of times. There is a couple more units and we did gut one of the units the other day and refurbished that. We are going to continue doing that and we got one more to go just to have it available because we have had quite a few people asking about that. Future plans, economical plans; that the city is downsizing departments, service and police and fire, just so everything runs well and we have enough money to do other projects. We added the Grant Administrator and Pat is doing a wonderful job of that, we are really moving forward with that and I am very happy with that. Capitol improvements plans within departments; matching dollars pursuant to grants and multiple fund sources, projects to various departments; roads, water, sewer – you

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name it. We are trying to get grants from anything we possibly can. As far as the Police Department in the future; we want to continue training, continue to get better equipment and giving them the opportunity to go out and do their job. I think they do a fantastic job and I know there has been a lot said around the nation about the Police and I am dead set against that. I think our Police Department does an excellent job and I commend them for everything they do. They have got a tough job and they put up with a lot of things that normal people don't see. I go in there on the weekends and it is not easy dealing with some of these people that basically are intoxicated or drugs and other things, there is a lot of bad people out there. So they need to be taken care of. In the Fire Department, we are going to do training and also Tim is actively looking for more grants. The one big thing that may come up is that the one pump truck may have to be refurbished and that is going to cost a lot of money. If we buy a new one it is \$500,000.00 and to refurbish it is about \$200,000.00. I haven't said anything about that but that has been mentioned. In the Service, Water and Road Departments; the Roads & Drains will continue street paving large rehabilitation projects with ODOT and Abbe Road is a big concern and we are working on that right now and that is going to be a lot of money. We have got several people working on that including the engineers so that will be something that we will have to address. We did purchase 1 leaf vac and we also got 1 on a grant and we will be looking to restart that program and it all has to do with manpower and money and I am not going to do it if it costs the city a ton of money but we will look at the program and see how much it will cost. It will be started at a pace to at least to do something. If nothing else we are going to clean some of the ditches out so this stops all the flooding and stuff. That program will continue to be looked at. Also like I told you Belle/Brockley ditch we will be addressing that and the other one was regrade Forestlawn ditch. So that is something that we will be actively looking at as it is all overgrown and has been neglected for years. To continue the interior ditch program which we have been doing; catch basin inspections/repair program. Maintenance and equipment; some of the things we are looking at adding is patch truck/trailer which we need bad because the one that we have right now is just absolutely falling apart. There is nothing left of it and also possibly adding a crack sealer which we need, as you see some of Lake Road is failing and we need to get those cracks filled so we don't lose that and cost us a lot of money. Water and Sewer; the big thing is what we have been talking which is replacing the Force Main at Devonshire and that is a big project and is going to cost some money. It is overdue and it is going to have be done, there is nothing that we can do about that and we have been working on that. Complete hydraulic study for the entire sewer system and complete a master plan and rehab pump improvements/eliminate the I&I and also possibly moving one pump station to Avon Lake – we have been discussing that. That is kind of on the back-burner right now until we get Devonshire going. City wide meter system which we have started and we are almost ready to complete that and hopefully that will be finished soon.

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We have lost water that we have been looking for a long time as far as monies and I think with this new meter system now, this will give us an opportunity to isolate and find out exactly what the problem is. I know we have been talking about that and it is driving us crazy, we have had some low pressure problems lately and we are monitoring that. We have been watching a lot of things, we are on it but we haven't completely identified what the problem is but we will continue to monitor that. With the capital improvement fund strategically replace aged water lines and sewer lines which is one of our big problems that we have in the city and everybody has that problem with being an older city. We are not new to it but we are at a crossroads where it has been neglected and you can't keep putting clamps on something because sooner or later you are going to have to replace things. Rocky River spent I can't even tell you how many millions of dollars on their infrastructure and Avon Lake just borrowed 30 million dollars. Lorain is having a little bit of problem with the Steel Mill and Elyria has lost Bendix, all cities are having issues or problems so we are not unique. So we just have to address ours and take care of our problems so that is what we are going to try to do. Then in Parks & Rec we are actively going to pursue grants; the bike trail and playground equipment, skate park – we are working on all that and continuing the movie in the parks and the circus wants to come back and re-up for that, the Triathlon and there has been several other things that have been talked about. We may do something at the Boat Launch down there, talking about doing things like that. I am being vague because I don't want to say things and everybody jump down my back that we are not doing this. The overall; shopping center is just to continue to improve and install signs and lighting. We put a communication sign down there today and it is not hooked up yet but the one big I have always heard since I have been here is lack of communication. I don't buy the plain dealer, I don't buy the avon lake press, I don't buy the chronicle, I don't buy the journal. So Facebook, we have the website on there and we have tried other things so now we are going to try the sign down here. If there is a snow ban in effect we will be able to put that on there and put the meetings on there and several other things. So that is what we are trying to do. Do we have challenges – yes, we have challenges and we are going to continue to address those. One thing I did the other day is I actually went to Amherst and I don't know if you guys have ever been to Amherst in a long time but in the 1970 when I was a youngster I used to go down there and Amherst was just a little nothing. Amherst has done a fantastic job of refurbishing their downtown and you have to go down and see it because they have done a great job and that all has to do with Planning and getting things to entice businesses and that is what we want to do and we want to bring those kind of things to our city. I will tell you they have done a fantastic job. The things that we are going to do is we are still going to enforce the parking ban. We were down to 600 citations this last year and it was over almost 2000. So we are addressing that problem. The parking on the grass, that ordinance has been in effect since 1995 and I believe it was on March 14th so

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that is going to start being enforced. It is not fair for people that have nice houses and then you got somebody parking their pickup truck and garbage over all their lawns. We are going to address that, trust me and that is another pet peeve. The property maintenance, we are going to get a little more stricter with that. We have people complaining about us doing this, as far as I am concerned if you don't want to take care of it too bad because again we are not going to make this city any better if we don't start addressing these small problems that we have. Obviously the drug and alcohol problems and stuff like that, we will be actively going after those people. I know that Tony is very aggressive with that and we are going to continue that. Lastly my big thing is we need to change the image of our city and we need to start talking positive, there is a few people that constantly talk negative about our city and I think it is a shame and I don't like it and they live here and dragging down their own city which just flabbergast me. But that is why I ran for this office years ago because I played sports and they would say where you from and I would say Sheffield Lake and they would go "oh" and I don't want to hear that "oh" anymore. I want to here Sheffield Lake is moving. I will tell you that I had somebody over here that just recently talked about investing in some property over here and he said I have heard good things and he said Sheffield Lake is going to be the next best thing. That is from a guy that has a lot of money. Lastly I would like to Thank all the employees that work for the City of Sheffield Lake, I think we have a great crew. One person in particular is Rob DeChant our Mechanic back there has done an exceptional job and that is not saying that anyone else hasn't but I tell you that he has been a God send back there and has repaired things that I didn't think were able to be repaired. Everybody has stepped up to the plate, I think the attitude of the workers are much better than it ever has been and again I thank them enough. We are smaller, downsized more and the guys are working harder than they ever have but it seems like their attitudes are better. I would just like to thank City Council for working with me and hopefully we can continue that. In speaking of property maintenance, I would like to ask that you consider Tom Melbar for the Property Maintenance Officer. He couldn't be here tonight as he has had a little bit of a medical issue but is doing very well. So by April which is when I am going to start this program, he should be quite well. He had his own business for years and lives in the community, some of things that I have mentioned is some of the things that he has brought up to me and he would be very excited if you would accept him. He said he will do a wonderful job and he is a very patient and has a great demeanor. I had to balance all that out with what I thought was going to be good and how this was going to work. I think he would be a good asset to our community. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve the appointment of Thomas Melbar as Property Maintenance Officer for the City of Sheffield Lake. ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Erdei, Cizl, Gee, Stark, Wtulich, Kovach, Smith.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./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: Representative Erdei advised we did meet on

Wednesday and it was a very brief meeting. The person wasn't here for them to

ask any questions about it, he had a perfect layout of everything he wanted to do

but he wasn't here and they had questions so Mr. Jancura decided to table it. They

did welcome Rocky Radeff to the Board./**Council Representative to the Zoning**

Board of Appeals: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring stated one quick thing, we have had several shoplifters lately over at Apples. I will tell that a lady walked out of there the other day with almost \$500.00 worth of goods. Our Police Chief made it a mission that

he was going to find these people and within 7 days he found her and her

accomplice and arrested both of them. I can't tell you how good of a job Tony does

on that stuff and I know Apples was very excited because that is lost revenue for

them too. President Rosso advised the 2015 annual report for the Police

Department is attached to everyone's packet this evening. Mayor Bring advised the

Fire Department's is done too and they will have it at the next Safety meeting.

*Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Councilperson Stark stated I just wanted to

say thanks to the guys, I know they had some water leaks/valve leaks over on

Thelma and they have had to spend the last 2 days, several hours fixing that over

there and have nothing but wonderful things to say. Anytime from the street goes

up and talks to them they are very nice. A well rounded department and you can

see the changes from over there, they have done a great job./**FINANCE**

DIRECTORS REPORT: None./LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: Law Director

Graves reviewed the legislation on the agenda. Councilman Cizl advised on

Council#04, I looked on the map on the west side – are you sure it is on the west

side of Pleasantview that they want to rezone? Law Director Graves advised the

east side of Pleasantview is already zoned Industrial. Mayor Bring advised Mark is

right, it is on the east side of Pleasantview. Councilman Cizl continued the loan

that we are applying for and I know that this is probably premature with

Council#06, I had a resident already ask when the sewer goes through how do we

normally leave the road because I know we haven't paved Devonshire. So is there

any idea of how it will be left when we finish? Mayor Bring answered we don't

know what we are going to do yet. Superintendent Hastings advised we are bidding

the job, a pipe burst which would require no excavation other than the initial start

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and stop. If it is traditional excavation it is actually on the berm of the road. Effective tonight there is a full description of the project on our web page as well as mailings going out to every resident effected over there for a 30-day comment period and the Ohio EPA will review that and assist the residents in becoming completely notified. President Rosso advised that Force Main runs down the east side of Devonshire. Superintendent Hastings advised yes it is down the berm essentially so the driveway aprons would be effected. Mayor Bring advised that is why we have not done anything down there. Superintendent Hastings stated the heavy equipment to your point though up and down that road, that is why the city reserved paving it knowing that this was coming it just expedited itself as far as the abrupt breakage. After further review, Law Director Graves advised it is the east side of Pleasantview. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Mr. Matt Harper, 4146 Holl Road advised my daughter just currently purchased a house on Robinwood and there is a \$400.00 past due water bill on it. Does that come with the house, does anybody know anything about that? Superintendent Hastings explained the water utility generally stays with the property, not the people. Law Director Graves asked is it a lien? Mr. Harper answered I don't know, it was a foreclosed house and she bought it through HUD, did the whole 203 k-stream line and took out more money for rehab for whole entire house. Law Director Graves advised the answer to your question is we cannot hold a good-faith purchaser of property responsible for the water bill of a prior owner unless it has been certified over to the county as a lien on the property. It goes to putting the new purchaser on notice that there are liens accompanying that property when they go to purchase it. The city is usually pretty diligent once the bills have gone unpaid for a while certifying those over as liens. Now if that was a lien that should have been paid out of the sale. Mr. Harper stated okay there was no notification of any liens on the house whatsoever, that I do know. So what should I do? Law Director Graves answered follow up with the Water Department. Mr. Harper stated thank you and you guys have been doing a fantastic job.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#03 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance amending ordinance number 77-15 regarding the rate of pay for the position of Custodian of the Community Civic Center and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#3-16

President Rosso advised Council#04 as has been brought to our attention is on the east side of Pleasantview so we need a motion to amend this resolution replacing the word “west” with “east”. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to change the wording everywhere its says west side of Pleasantview to the east side of Pleasantview. Yeas All.

Council#04 – EMERGENCY – a resolution by the Council of the City of Sheffield Lake referring the matter of the rezoning of five lots known as permanent parcel numbers 03-00-033-108-006 through 03-00-033-108-110 located on the east side of Pleasantview Dr from R-1 single family residential to B-4 Business to the Planning Commission of the City of Sheffield Lake for its consideration and the declaring of an emergency.

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

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES: Gee, Wtulich, Erdei, Cizl, Stark, Smith.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#4-16

President Rosso advised we will also need to amend Council#05 replacing the word west with the word east in the legislation.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to amend Council#05 replacing the word west with the word east in the legislation. Yeas All.

Council#05 – EMERGENCY – a resolution by the Council of the City of Sheffield Lake setting the time and location of a public hearing on the matter of rezoning of five lots known as permanent parcel numbers 03-00-033-108-006 through 03-00-033-108-110 located on the east side of Pleasantview Dr from R-1 single family residential to B-4 business and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#5-16

Council#06 – EMERGENCY - a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and enter into a water pollution control loan fund agreement through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control loan fund for planning, design and construction of the Devonshire Force Main Sanitary Sewer

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and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#6-16

Council#07 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Bramhall Engineering and Surveying for the planning and design of the Devonshire Force Main Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project and the declaring of an emergency.

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

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#7-16

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:09 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 January 26, 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring