

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
April 26, 2016
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Council President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY: Kay Fantauzzi, who then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*******ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS*******

Present: Rosso, Smith, Kovach, Gee, Erdei, Cizl, Wtulich, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves

Absent: Stark (excused)

Attending: Videographer Eric McElheny, Concerned Citizens, Members of the Media

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Public Hearing for Pleasantview rezoning of parcels - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing for Pleasantview rezoning of parcels of April 12, 2016 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Bring submitted Scott Waechter as an employee for the Park Department. Mayor Bring advised I think you have a resume from Scott Waechter, we are considering bringing him in for employment for our Parks Department. The way the Parks Department reads now we can move him in any department we want but right now we have nobody in Parks Department because our one gentleman is on medical leave. If you look at the resume, it is quite lengthy and owned his own business. He can operate just about any piece of equipment and has a class A CDL. We had a very good interview with him, he is very down to earth. Like I said the most impressive thing was that he wants to see the city improve. He lives in our city and his children goes to our schools and his wife is active on the baseball league. I don't know if anybody knows him, I talked to a couple of the people that live next to him and they said he is a very, very hard worker. The reason he is not here tonight is that he is working and he asked if he could come in his clothes but he said he couldn't promise and he basically works

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til dark almost every night. We do need another employee and I think this would be a very wise choice, considering the background he has. We are trying to get people who are much more rounded and can do more things. This will just help out with some of the projects that we have coming up and we always have a lot of things to do. When you have somebody like this it just adds to the workforce and I think he would be a very good employee. President Rosso stated I would just like to add I do know Scott from baseball. His wife I think is President of Sheffield/Sheffield Baseball now. But Scott was also on the board for years doing all the grounds keeping and work up at the complex. He did own his own landscaping business. They are involved in a lot of things, always see him in school activities, he is a great guy. As Dennis said his family has been involved in a lot of things. Councilman Kovach stated I looked around through the minutes and Charter and that. Does this job have to be advertised? Law Director Graves answered it is required. Mayor Bring advised we did have a lot of applications which we did go through before we found this. He actually applied and talked to us about over a year ago. At the time we didn't have any opening and we just told him that we would keep his application and figured if something ever did come up we would approach him. When it did we did see if he was still interested and he said yes. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to approve the appointment of Scott Waechter for the Park Department as recommended by Mayor Bring. ROLL CALL FOR APPROVAL: Yeas All – Kovach, Smith, Wtulich, Gee, Cizl, Erdei.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: None./Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit: President Rosso advised minutes are attached and the appropriations from that meeting are attached to the agenda. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the report. Yeas All./**Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Park Board:** Member Kovach reviewed the minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting./**Council Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Representative Kovach reviewed the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring reported we have been talking about cleaning up the bike path over there and more toward the northern part of the bike path there is a lot of brush and trees that were knocked down. So we are going to clean all that up, we are going to get a stump grinder over there and grind some of those stumps. I was actually talking to Rosa Gee today, we would like to start looking into some flowering crabs, plums, cherry trees and then also maybe some Japanese maples. Those kind of plants along there and start making the path a little bit more attractive. So this is going to be a process, we are not going to go out and spend a

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ten thousand dollars on trees and stuff. We will be looking at donations and stuff. I think once that gets going and maybe by next spring you will see some flowering trees and shrubs. I think that once that really starts taking hold people will start really enjoying it. I walk my dog down there almost every day and if I don't take her she has a fit. I noticed there is a lot of activity down there and a lot of people are walking their dogs and enjoying it along with the kids. We did have a little bit of damage on that one walkway over there, they did break a railing over there. We are going to sit up some camera's on that end on the other side by Ferndale. I know who is doing this and hopefully that will stop it. I think the people that are actively using the path will kind of police that a little bit more. We had a little bit of good news today that I think was announced and I don't know if it was on TV or whatever but I did get an email today stating the Ford Plant is going to put a 200 million dollar addition on over in Avon Lake over there. I think a good portion of that is going to be in the City of Sheffield Lake's property which is good. It is not only good for us but it is good for the Ford Plant and it is good for the workers and it is good for Ohio. Obviously we share that with Avon Lake and Sheffield Village so it is good for all three communities but most of all I am just happy for the Ford workers to see Ford do a commitment to this area. I think it is going to add another 150 jobs to that particular plant over there. Then they announced that they are going to do some more projects in the upcoming years so I am very pleased to hear that news. Any time a large company puts that amount of investment in it it is good for everybody. Other than that we are still actively doing all the projects that I told you we were doing. The water meters, the company has been in three times I think since the last time to them. Everything is getting resolved and miraculously they found a few things that they didn't think they had but we are making sure that that is all taken care of. Once they finish what they are doing and get all that done, we still need a couple hundred meters that need to be installed and we will take care of that too. But things are getting cleared up and hopefully this thing will be up and running here very well. We shouldn't be having anymore estimated bills, I think everybody is going to start getting them on a regular basis so. Councilperson Gee asked have you heard any more on the coastal management? Mayor Bring answered no. Councilman Erdei asked what is going on with that wind turbine at the Boat Launch? Mayor Bring answered the small wind turbine, there was a warranty on it that ran three months before the top of that broke off and to replace just the top of that I think was 12,000 or 13,000.00. So I don't think we are going to be doing that. That pole will either be taken down or remain up and use it for either lighting or something else. If the lighting doesn't work then we may just take the pole down. I am not going to spend another 12,000.00 well not me but we're not going to spend another 12,000.00 on something like that right now. The boat launch will be getting cleaned here pretty soon too. Councilperson Gee asked what about the equipment for the park, the exercise equipment have you heard any more on that? Mayor Bring answered I think Mr. Hastings is actively looking into that

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and I think that is moved forward. Councilman Erdei asked how about that manhole cover, that collar? Mayor Bring answered I think they ordered that and I believe they are waiting for the part. That was a part that nobody had in stock.

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

/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: None./FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:

None./LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: Law Director Graves advised I wanted to remind everyone that the newly elected public officials that were elected in the fall will need to complete your mandatory public records training. They could also designate someone to complete that for them, historically that has been myself or Clerk of Council. So keep that in mind and we can also do that on line. He reviewed the attached legislation. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Joyce Nicola, 218 Mariners Way advised our Abbotsford Road, your city street coming in, we need to have it fixed again. All the patch that was put in 2 years is coming out. Not only Abbotsford but Pembridge and Clipper Cove I think the other one is that goes off to the side, there are big holes and if they are patched we will have ruined streets back there. Also a catch basin as you come in along the island, it needs fixed too as it is sinking. If Pat was here tonight we would tell him.

Gloria Dossa, 767 Grantwood stated are we going to be getting some of the pot holes fixed in the city. Mayor Bring stated just like the lady that called me the other day and she wanted to plant grass and everything else, I said it just got warm. The plant is not open yet and if we throw cold mix in and it lasts for about a week or two and it doesn't work. We do have a new machine out there if the Council passes that we will be even better but everybody is getting a little anxious here. Ms. Dossa continued now I am just thinking that when it rains they fill up with water and if you don't know they are there. Mayor Bring explained that is the problem when you throw the cold patch in and it rains that gets under there and pops right back out. Ms. Dossa stated that is another thing our speed limit is 25 on Grantwood, we got guys zipping down that street doing 40 and 45 and you can hear brakes squeaking and I am three houses from the corner and I am like are they going to stop? Mayor Bring asked what time of the day? Ms. Dossa answered you name it we have various times of the day, mainly in the afternoons and later in the evening. Finance Director Smith asked like after school? Ms. Dossa answered not necessarily after school but just before dark. One is a red car and he is going to fast, I can't get the license plate.

Joyce Nicola, 218 Mariners Way stated talk about speeders on Abbotsford, we should have a Policeman sitting somewhere there, they come through from work around 4 and 5 and when I am walking around 1 or 2 anytime of the day from the apartments back and forth and they are going at least 40 and 45 miles an hour. I have yelled already – slow down.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilperson Gee stated I was wondering if anything is going to be discussed or done connected with those plow trucks? The one I was told needed engine repair. I went over there the other day and had the mechanic show me around. Is anything going to be done, I saw those plow blades? Mayor Bring answered I think I told you guys last year that the plows are just about shot and I think we got a price on those. The one plow truck not only needs a plow but the rear end and then now the engine. Like I said I don't think we are going to repair that. We are going to have to look at a different avenue there. But the plow, the one fell off last year and we tried to weld a couple things so we will probably have to get at least 2 new plows and I think they were 3000 to 4000.00 each. That one truck is not worth repairing to be honest with you. Councilperson Gee stated I was also told that the Stanley needs to be connected to equipment that we don't have when that is being worked on and at this point the oldest snowplow we have over there seems to be the best one. The 1996 I think he said. Mayor Bring explained the reason for that is that the newer ones have all electronics in it and that is why the wires get corroded and where the fuses and everything are are in a bad spot underneath the engine. The older one is run by I think hydraulics and it is easier to fix that kind of stuff but unfortunately with all the EPA things on the new trucks if something goes out; the transmissions won't shift and nothing will run so we just have to deal with it that way. But when you get an older piece of equipment, the real old ones the hydraulic stuff you can fix that without having wires and everything. But that is 20 some years old. Councilperson Gee stated 1996 is what he said. Councilman Erdei asked how is our guy doing on the Little Ceasar place in the plaza? Mayor Bring answered he has actually contacted Pat a couple of times, to be honest with you I have not been up on that that much because they have been having some conversations. Councilman Erdei asked so he will be open by the middle of June? President Rosso answered he said July 1st when he was here.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Bring advised I am actually going to bring this up at Ordinance, there has been a lot of discussion about the adding of gravel next to the driveway. I have been thinking about this a lot and what I am going to do is propose this to Ordinance is that everyone that has that next to their driveway now I would propose that we grandfather them in and no longer except any new gravel next to any driveway. What would be done is we are going to treat it like a sidewalk so if the house transfers into somebody else's name then they would be able to take that gravel and put it back with dirt and grass and leave it back to its natural state or they would have to fill it in with concrete. I would also recommend that we also do asphalt which would have to be through Ordinance and you guys. So what this would be is eventually everything would be done just like the sidewalks. I think we have over 300 of them, so if I have to start enforcing this I think we are going to have 300 people down here screaming and yelling at us. So I thought this would be the best avenue to do and it would be just like doing the

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sidewalks. I just want to throw that out there and let you guys think about it. But I have been thinking about this for a long time and that was the best solution that I thought of. You still wouldn't be able to do, I still would recommend not putting anything on the tree lawns and you still wouldn't be able to park in the grass. This would solve an issue and I also told the Property Maintenance Officer to start going around and taking pictures of each one and documenting every address that has that. This would not include people with existing gravel driveways, those would remain as long as they would want so this would affect them. Councilperson Gee stated at the same time I had a couple of questions on the driveway ordinance, it talks about 10 feet of width and my driveway is not even 9 foot wide. Mayor Bring stated that is something that we will bring up in Ordinance too. Councilperson Gee stated the way it reads is any building, any type of building, in other words if I add an addition onto my house my driveway has to meet the right code. Nobody's house or nobody's driveway on Lynne or Gayle Drive is 10 feet wide. President Rosso advised first of all I am sure all of that will be covered when you talk about the driveways but David had just mentioned that is a existing non-conforming so it is grandfathered.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#020 – SECOND READING – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with D.J.L. Material & Supply, Inc. for the purchase of Hot Mix Transporter with Hydraulic Dump for the Service Department and the declaring of an emergency.

Councilman Erdei stated I know we need this equipment do we have money to cover it that it is not going to shoot down our debt any on where we can use it for something else in the city? Finance Director Smith answered no our Superintendent wouldn't even have brought this to your attention had we not made sure that we are ready to go.

Councilman Smith asked when does the asphalt plant open? Mayor Bring answered I was hoping it was going to open up this last week but I am assuming it is probably going to be another 12 to 14 or 15 days. I think it is May 15th or 16th. Councilman Smith stated so even if we were to suspend the rules tonight then it is really not going to make a difference. Mayor Bring answered that is why we said if it takes 3 readings it really wasn't that big of a deal and I think it is on an emergency.

Council#021 – 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 Cizl for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#20-16

Council#022 – FIRST READING – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Life Force Management, Inc. for Community EMS Billing Services and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#023 – FIRST READING – a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cost Recovery Corp, LLC for Community Public Safety Billing Services and the declaring of an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:40 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 April 26, 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso

MAYOR

Dennis Bring