

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
April 19, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, April 19, 2016. President Pro Tem Alan Smith called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: President Pro Tem Smith, Stark, Kovach, Erdei, Gee, Cizl, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith

Absent: President Rosso, Councilman Wtulich, Law Director Graves (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Park Board Joe Gee

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

**ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None./ORDINANCE: None./FINANCE: None./PARK BOARD: None.**

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**MAYOR:** Mayor Bring advised I am going to roll Pat's in there too. Mr. Hastings is probably not going to come to as many meetings as he has been coming to. So I am going to start doing those reports. We did get a letter from the ISO and what that is an evaluation for your Building Department and also for your city and they rate what your city can have for your insurance company. Actually our rating went down which is good because of SAFEbuilt. Just so you know that and that is good for when people get they're insurance for they're houses. I would hope that you know that hot patch vehicle is still over there. I would hope that you would take the time to take a look at that and give that consideration. Also if you go down Lake Road and some of the other streets you see a lot of cracks in the asphalt and that is becoming a problem. We looked at a crack sealer and that is \$55,000.00 so we contacted a couple of different companies who all have a professional piece of equipment and that is what it cost. But we found a company that will actually rent us that piece of equipment and basically it is a free rental and all we do is pay for the emulsion that goes in there. So we tested that the other day and it works fantastic and the process of cleaning takes less than a minute. It has got a heated hose and you put this lever in and it goes backwards and everything feeds back through it. It is phenomenal, so we used that the other day for a little bit just to test it and we are probably going to use that throughout the year. We estimated about

\$12,000.00 worth of emulsion that we need to fill the cracks. That will save us a tremendous amount for our road repair because that will stop the roads from falling apart. Those of you that have been here for a long time remember the gilsonite which did not work very well and it was a lot of money. I think that this is a better route and like I said for them to allow us to use the machine basically for free but just to pay for equipment. Obviously they are making money off that emulsion and they are probably charging us a little bit of an upcharge but instead of buying a piece of equipment at \$55,000.00 I think it is well worth it. So we are going to start doing that. Also when I talk about equipment and stuff like that, we have our Mechanic Rob DeChant I would hope that when I tell you guys something that you would at least take the time to go over there and talk to Rob and get it straight from him because he is the one that tells me this stuff and that is what I relay it back to you guys about equipment; the trucks or anything that I talk about basically comes from Rob and that is how I get my information. So if you need to know anything about any of our equipment or anything please stop in there, it takes 5 minutes to talk to him and he would be more than glad to you guys about any of that stuff. Also we have 2 employees in the Water Department and as of yesterday we now have 1 and we don't know when the other person is coming back or if she is coming back or what is going to happen here. Right now, the week before that I was 3 days helping out, Mr. Hastings was helping out and Kay actually helped out 1 day. We do have a part-time person going over there in the morning until 11 o'clock to help out and we are all going to chip in for a little bit to see what happens here. I just want you to be aware of that and like I said probably for the next month this is what is going to happen. The other bad news is we lost our only person in the Parks Department due to a medical issue. He is going to be out probably 4 months, at least 3 to 4 months minimum. With that being said we have been talking about adding manpower. We have been kind of taking applications. I met with a gentleman last night who owned his own landscape business and did that for many years and basically his biggest complaint was that he couldn't find anybody to work with him. The work force right now with these younger kids and stuff, he said he just couldn't do it. So he stopped that and he worked for another company and right now he works for a local company around here. He puts about 60 hours in at least a week doing what he is doing right now. He has a Class A CDL and like I said he owned his own business. He can run a track hoe, he can run a backhoe and he can run a skid steer and just about any other piece. He can do transits and he worked on lake banks and everything else and can cement work too. So I am going to recommend that we bring him on as a full-time employee at the next Council meeting and his name is Scott and he lives over on Knickerbocker and his kids go to Brookside. The biggest thing that impressed me is that I asked him a couple of questions and I told him you tell me a little bit about you and what

your thoughts are and he said honestly I live in this city and I want to see this city do better and he said I will do anything that it takes to make the city better. I have heard nothing but good things from him and I did a little checking on him and I think that he would be an excellent employee. President Pro Tem Smith stated we are still down 1 right? Mayor Bring continued so we have been talking about just doing that anyway but this has kind of forced our hand. I told Pat because Pat had asked me about 2 months ago to bring somebody in but I was trying to get all the way up to summertime to see what was happening. There is another young man that worked with us last year who is going to engineering school and he had talked about quitting engineering and coming on board. He is extremely smart and I was hoping that – he didn't like his engineering classes but I was hoping to maybe get him on there but I think that his Mom and Dad changed his mind so he is going to stay in engineering school which is good for him but bad for us. We can't hold out any longer because we are going to end up in the situation that we had last summer and we just did not have anybody around here. With this gentleman he can come in and start running equipment, he can do anything and it just would be a tremendous asset. President Pro Tem Smith asked how many are we down now? Mayor Bring answered we are down 2 that are going to be out. President Pro Tem Smith asked is that including the parks or no? Finance Director Smith advised we were down 2 from last year. Mayor Bring stated before the 2 that went down we were down 1 so we are actually down 3 because we never replaced the one person. President Pro Tem Smith stated so we got 2 guys out and then the parks went out so there is 3. Mayor Bring clarified no everyone else was back, finally came back. In the Water Department, it was a female employee – a Secretary. Finance Director Smith stated but we were short one person from last year. The thing with losing Jerry though is that he did everything, we didn't have to schedule him or anything. Now Pat mowed some the other day and Willy mowed some the other day and we had one of the other guys jump in. The thing with Jerry we didn't have to schedule him, he just went about and did everything and it was all done. President Pro Tem Smith stated I think he is doing okay from what I heard. Mayor Bring stated so that is kind of what is going on. The other thing that I am probably going to approach Civil Service about bringing another full-time Officer in because we took Shawn and moved him to full-time Detective. I will tell you that there is much more going on here lately then there has been in the past couple of years and I don't foresee it getting any better for a while. We need to start paying attention and making sure that we keep the city safe so that is one of our priorities. We do need one more full-time Officer. We have been working on the ditches and all the other stuff, we have the track hoe over there at the parks now. We are going to dig out Day Ditch and do that. We are continuously trying to get this water out of here. Again Pat has a lot of stuff, a lot of irons in the fire as we have been working with the engineers

and doing all that stuff. We haven't ignored anything and we continue to do that. Councilman Cizl stated I know you said when we do the water meters it will free up a lot of service personnel. Mayor Bring answered the water meters, I will tell you the last couple of hundred – about 128 of them that Lisa identified through going through the books and stuff that they kind of skipped over. There is still some on Lake Road that need to be done and until they fix these 128 we are not going to order the rest of them for that. So we are putting a little pressure on them to get this done and we are holding funds and doing some other stuff. Trust me we are going to get it done one way or other. Lisa has done an excellent job at catching that, that guy tried to get over on her a little bit but she doesn't miss anything. We wrote them a little nasty gram the other day. It has been good up until this point just a little bit of a hiccup here which kind of irritates us and we are not going to put up with it. So it will get done. Councilman Cizl asked is this Neptune you are talking about? Mayor Bring answered it is actually Nico that is putting them in but they work for that company, they are subcontractors and in their defense they were out there with flashlights and everything else trying to put these things in but there were some that were missed. We are looking for work orders and a few other things and they are saying they have it but we haven't physically got it in our hands. Since Lisa is the one that caught all that and she said no it is not here. President Pro Tem Smith asked did they kind of pull out already and say that they have done what they are supposed to do and the rest is up to us? Mayor Bring answered that was mentioned but we told them with no uncertain terms that is not true. President Pro Tem Smith stated they took the easy ones and left the harder ones. Mayor Bring answered they will be back and they have been back a couple of times, that was a statement that was out there that was actually true but no they are not getting away. President Pro Tem Smith stated I was just wondering because I know my meter is newer, it is not an older meter and it still isn't done and I just don't get it. Mayor Bring stated that's it, 128. President Pro Tem Smith stated I just don't get it, it is still not done but the hole is there but it has been there. Like I said my house was built 15 years ago and Jason came over and fixed a leak on it 2 years ago. My neighbor I don't theirs is done either. I don't think it would be a hard one to do but I heard they took off and left and said we're done. Mayor Bring answered trust me, they are coming back. It is just going to be 1 or 2 guys but they are going to come back. Councilman Cizl stated my question was I thought our city people are no longer doing estimates so now they are free to do things. Mayor Bring answered they are all busy, there is so much work is scary. Finance Director Smith stated now they can focus on the underground stuff. Mayor Bring stated we have the pump station, they were out doing the pipes and the other problem is right now is that everybody is disputing their billing after I stood in the other day for 3 hours explaining to everybody that was coming in what was going

on with the billing, they were still estimating – blah, blah, blah. You finally got an actual read, some meters were reading 0 and I think I told one guy complained he had an \$189.00 bill but it was actually a credit. I spent the better part of the afternoon doing that to take the heat off of Lisa and some people understood it and some people didn't but in the meantime those guys were out on service call after service call and I don't think there was one of them that were wrong, they were all accurate. It is just a matter of time until everybody gets adjusted to all this. But the phone was nonstop, the people coming in was nonstop and it was very, very frustrating last week. Once this all settles down, it all just takes time.

Councilperson Gee stated all the work being done on Oster Road in Sheffield, is that going to help our flooding issues or is that going to make them worse. That is a lot of piping. Mayor Bring answered I don't know. Finance Director Smith asked is that storm water? Councilperson Gee answered yes. Councilman Kovach advised it runs the full length of Old Castle. Mayor Bring advised they are widening the road. Mayor Bring advised I think 2 of the biggest problems were I think the one farm the Old Hanko's farm is all piped in the last couple of years. Hanko's old farm is all piped and like I said there were some other properties and some of the buildings and that has brought a lot of water towards us. We did jet out over there, we looked at the culverts over there off of Holl and jetted some of those pipes out. Some of those were minor plugged up but wasn't what we thought it was. We continue that and the other big thing that we found out that that all is in a flood plain over there, that entire area according to the maps. Councilperson Gee asked does the city have any information on what is going on with Tennyson. According to our maps that is zoned residential? Mayor Bring answered you are correct, whatever that gentleman if he purchased it. As far as I understand they bid on that piece of property which was \$15,000.00 and I don't know if the school board has awarded that yet but the problem is is that whole area is residential so if it stays a school then it will be alright but if they try to do offices or anything else then they are going to have to get it rezoned and I would hope the Zoning Board would look at that very hard to make sure that they don't start doing flea markets or something like that in that area. Councilperson Gee asked are they going to address the issue of all the underground over there? There were a lot of issues through the years about septic and everything else over there. Mayor Bring advised that is why we have engineering and our Building Department and if anybody does anything they are going to have to do that. They are also going to have to maintain the property. We do have the Property Maintenance Officer has been going out and he has sent out numerous letters and we still have a lot to go. The other thing is you see on the internet saying that this and that about a property, the process takes forever because you send out the letters and you have to follow all the rules. This takes a long time to do this stuff, it is not just you notify the people and okay they

are in compliance it just doesn't work that way. Sometimes it takes months and sometimes it takes longer than that by the time the whole process is through. When your brother was doing this sometimes there were numerous letters and we had to follow up with phone calls and find out who owns the property with all these banks and there would end up being 5 different banks involved. It is not as easy as everybody thinks. Just because they see a property that is in disarray they think it should be automatically taken care of but it doesn't work that way. If it could then I would but it doesn't. We have a property right now on Pasadena and they have got probably 60 tires over there, the guy used to be a scraper and he passed away I think 3 years ago and that property is a disaster. We went over the other day and we put stickers all over the house and we put caution tape across the driveway but we are trying to get a hold of the property owners and we don't know who they are. Councilperson Stark stated I think the gentleman who bought one of the schools actually just bought the Dillard's wing at the mall. Mayor Bring concurred he did, same person. Councilperson Stark stated he is giving us issues so just be forewarned. Any news about what went on at the Perch? Mayor Bring answered yes I know./

**FINANCE DIRECTOR: None./LAW DIRECTOR:**

**None./COMMUNICATIONS: None./OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Bring advised the New World that we were going to get into ended up being delayed again a couple more times. One other local city called us and advised that they were going to delay theirs until July. The system that we had was working very well for us and the reason that we got into this is because we thought it is good because the whole county wants to be actively involved in the same issues all the time. After mulling this over and finding out all the difficulties that were going on with that and New World is no longer New World because somebody actually purchased them and that is why they are delaying it because they found a lot of hiccups in the system so they are trying to get all that corrected. So we called the county and asked if we could politely excuse ourselves from that and they said that is fine, it didn't cost us anything and we are not going to be part of that and we are going to keep our old system. I think overall it is going to be good and the county said that if at any time we want to get back into that we can. The equipment is still up on the tower so I think right now we are going to be a little bit more comfortable staying where we are at right now and it is working very well. In staying where we are we have all our old entries back even into the 40's and 50's of everybody that is around here that we have ever had communication with in the Police Department. If we would have went to New World it would have cost us I think \$30,000.00 to download all that and we still have that information. President Pro Tem Smith asked did we spend any money on software with equipment up top? Mayor Bring answered actually we spent hardly anything. The only thing we did do is we put that pole up which the one we had up there was

rotting out which we needed to do anyway. President Pro Tem Smith asked we didn't already purchase software and equipment? Mayor Bring answered the only thing we did was take the one camera which I have the other camera now so we are waiting for that gentleman to come. Finance Director Smith answered it has been minimal, the tower had to go anyway. President Pro Tem Smith asked so it would have cost us to buy all their software and everything else and we didn't do it. Finance Director Smith stated not to say if they don't fine tune it and improve it that we would go back but for now we are staying with our own. Mayor Bring stated that option is still on table. President Pro Tem Smith stated if it is not broke, don't fix it. Mayor Bring stated I will tell you that Mr. Campo was very adamant about that. I know that everybody over there is very relieved because trying to book in a person was taking about 45 minutes to an hour and right now it takes about 20 minutes. Councilperson Gee asked was the DUI vehicle towed finally, the one that was parked at the Fire Station? Mayor Bring answered I don't know. Councilperson Gee advised that looks really bad, it was parked right on the corner of our Fire Station where our Firemen park.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –**

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.

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.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:36 pm.

**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

WORKSESSION of April 19, 2016.

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Richard Rosso*