

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
February 21, 2017**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, February 21, 2017. President Rick Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: President Rosso, Mayor Bring, Erdei, Wtulich, Stark, Cizl, Gee, Smith, Kovach, Superintendent Hastings, Law Director Graves
Absent: Finance Director Smith (excused)

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*****COMMITTEES*****

ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None./ORDINANCE: Chairman Kovach advised we have brought to you this the item moratorium on marijuana for discussion on what direction this Council would want to it. President Rosso asked what are the options for this, what is our choice? Chairman Kovach answered I guess what we want to know is if the Members of Council would be opposed or interested in going into the area of allowing the sale and cultivation dispensary's of medical marijuana. President Rosso stated so basically you can have a dispensary for growing or both? We could say there is not enough to grow but we could say? Law Director Graves advised I am not really sure about the growing, I think it is more about the dispensary's and sale and with the medical marijuana passage in Ohio, we are still a significant ways away from it being implemented. There is a lot of regulatory action that has to be taken at the state level but the state law does provide for the ability to for local communities to prohibit the sale in their community through zoning or just legislation. So, with it still being quite a way out I thought it would appropriate for Council to start having discussion on what direction you wanted to go. Is this something that we want to start talking about a moratorium or prohibiting the sale or are we going to just do nothing and let it kind of go as it goes. We could welcome it, I mean it is just whatever direction Council would like to go in. President Rosso advised we are opening it up for opinion from Council for Ordinance Committee. Councilperson Gee stated for the last few months I have checked with other cities and other states that have the dispensary clinics, the amount of income tax that they are bringing in from those is something I feel we really should consider. We do not have a good solid tax base in the City of Sheffield Lake. We do not room for Industry in the City of Sheffield Lake. But

we do own a shopping center, we do have buildings that could be made available and the amount of security; the amount of cameras and security equipment that the government has those companies bring in I personally do not feel it would be a hardship on our Safety Forces. I sent a while back and got some information from I believe it was Palm Beach, California and the amount of tax that they were getting per dollar was a unreal sum. The fact that medical marijuana is much safer now a days over the pain drugs that they have been getting. The fact that it is working for PTSD disorder which the VA has been looking into it. Epilepsy and numerous other conditions, I don't feel that this is a bad thing for us to consider having a dispensary here in the future. When we consider the shape our city is in and the fact of whether we want this or not it is happening in Ohio. So, I really think we should consider all aspects of this. Councilman Erdei stated I would like to have Police Chief Campo's opinion on this and have him in a meeting. Rosa you said that Commissioner Kalo would come and I would like to get a few people and even Mr. Graves here have a little talk or presentation on what is their opinion because I think it does involve the county, the Commissioner and Chief Campo and our Law Director. We know where David stands on this, pretty much he is like neutral right now. All these other cities around us are making moves on it and I think we should have someone in here to give us some more knowledge and facts on it before we make any kind of decision. President Rosso stated anyone else have a comment. I don't disagree with anything either of you have said. Councilman Smith stated I don't think until the state starts moving forward that it is going to be a major issue anyway. I kind of agree with Rosa though, you don't want to just close your eyes to some type of opportunity but it just seems like it is so far down the road. Everybody else is just putting a moratorium so they don't have to deal with it. It is done and over with until they decide not to. I don't think you should just close the door on it. I don't think you should close the door on it, it is just going to take time. President Rosso stated there is so much unknown until it becomes a little clear. Councilman Smith stated right but I wouldn't just say no we aren't going to do it or put a moratorium or anything on it because all you are going to do then is close the door to any involvement. Councilperson Stark stated I also know that the bank is discussing whether or not we want to have that as part of our business plans and letting those businesses bank and there will be some banks that will not even allow them to open business accounts with them. President Rosso advised so Steve, does that give you enough to know that we are definitely open to the possibility versus passing some sort of moratorium right now. Councilman Cizl advised I agree with Alan, it is probably too premature. Councilman Kovach advised the only thing that I would have to say on that is I would compare it to the time frame on the salary increases as discussed. It is like we have all the time in the world and then there it is knocking on the door./**FINANCE: None.**/**PARK BOARD:** Member Kovach

advised we met last night and the Mayor presented the long-term goals of what we are looking at. Superintendent Hastings reviewed his summary report of February 20, 2017; on the **Coastal Management Grant** – the old deck has been removed and signs were installed as required by the grant and plans were approved by ODNR with the project currently advertised for bid which will be opened on March 8th with construction by mid-May/quotes for **Boat Launch** – sand removal because winter forgot to arrive and I think we might be able to get it done early this year/**Lorain County General Health** – I submitted a grant to the Lorain County General Health again and this is to co-inside with the grant for the new playground at Freedom Park and this would include yet another new playground at Guenther Park removing the one that is next to the parking lot that has been of some concern in other meetings/minutes. Also, a pavilion at Freedom and then expanding the summer recreation program that is currently held at the Community Center to include three locations at each end of the city and in the middle; Freedom, Guenther and Gary Green Parks. We joined with the Girl Scouts this year on that and hope to have like back in the 90's where they had some kids staffing the parks and we provided crafts and basketballs and stuff like that. Similar programs are in Avon Lake today called the green box program, I think it is something that would be well received. The current program at the Community Center is on a waiting list, it is very popular and probably tripled in size. So, this now expands that and that was really the intention the whole time/**Freedom Park** – regardless of whether we win the General Health District grant, I have been working with the installers to take place in early May or late April/**Gary Green Park** – we have removed the basketball posts and went forth in part with the donation from VFW and ordered all that new equipment. We also included for the Park Board Splash Pad designs which is part of the 2 – 5 year plan for the General Health District grant. So, the idea because Gary Green already has a pavilion and playground to further advance recreation in the city, that was one of the options. I would guess that will be included in your reports. Chairman Kovach advised Sheila Kepic and her group are going to be taking over the Easter Egg Hunt this year, April 8th from 10 am to 12 noon at Gary Green Park, she intends to have the Easter Bunny and it will be streamlined from before. We will be having a cardboard boat regatta this year at Community Days and that will be held Saturday in the afternoon, further information to come which will be sponsored by the Pride Committee and I believe the Pastor next door is going to be promoting that. Councilperson Gee stated they also discussed the Picnic in the Park which will be at Guenther Park again this year, Kay Fantauzzi, Clerk of Council will be donating 2 large plastic balls that the kids go inside and also the Park Board voted to purchase a bounce house last night for the picnic in the park. Councilman Cizl advised I noticed the ice rink has been taken down? Member Kovach answered pretty much, the Mayor decided that that

park probably wasn't the best park to put it in. Mayor Bring advised the weather as warm as it has been and the kids were pulling stuff off. They didn't break anything but it was kind of a pain to leave it there. We are storing it now and next year we will put it at Guenther Park.

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: Mayor Bring reported recently we had hired a Dispatcher and sometimes when you get a job and you have great expectations of doing things then all of a sudden you realize I might have made a mistake. This young man decided that he is going to do something else, he is going to be a nurse so he has resigned. So, I have another person that I am going to bring to you next Tuesday, she was a Dispatcher at Lakewood Police and she wants to come here because of the drive time. So I will get her resume and get it to Rick and he will forward it to you guys./**FINANCE DIRECTOR: None.**/**SUPERINTENDENT:** Superintendent Hastings advised I just wanted to talk briefly about the sewers. I believe it was a Worksession when I had presented a report I included as examples of all the applications that we send out a water pollution control loan fund that President Rosso noted didn't belong in there. But that is coming to fruition now, we submitted that nomination letter about 8 months ago and I just wanted to let Worksession know that I will be preparing for Roads, Drains, Water and Sewer the details of that application. Essentially the pump stations were rehabbed under Mr. Gardner and it has already been 20 years. So, the pumps still work, albeit 20 years old but many of the equipment is failing; the flow meters, the oxygen and LEL sensors. So, all of that was included in this application. It is a sizable amount of money to rehab all three stations to the tune of about \$550,000.00. So, I just wanted to put that back on your radar that we will be moving forward with that. This is only a nomination, the application of course would have to have your approval before we went that far. But all that being said, the city with Mr. Graves and myself has been working with Lorain. The EPA is now conveniently positioned on each side of us and Lorain and Avon Lake the mandates that they are posing are pretty profound as far as I&I (Inflow and Infiltration). Then sewer inspections, CCTV inspections, the lining of the pipes and so forth, all maintenance issues that we need to identify and address. So, I just wanted to put it back on your radar. Councilman Cizl stated I was asked about this, obviously with the way the weather is, we don't have a road sweeper anymore right? Superintendent Hastings answered yes we trashed that out, I tried to do street sweeping with a skid steer modification unit on Ferndale and Harris most recently actually and it just did not do a good enough job. Councilman Cizl stated I was asked about the salt, they see salt everywhere? Superintendent Hastings answered well that we might be able to get with it. Yes that admittedly is because of inexperienced operators kicking up the RPM's high enough on the hydraulics. All

that stuff is calibrated for like Lake Road at 35 and you see these piles and strips where they are going slow. In that situation, you have to throttle up on that pedal or adjust your dials as you are driving it, just something that they haven't picked up yet. We are having a difficult time even meeting our quota for salt, to get the state contracts all cities have to estimate their usage of salt and we haven't even met ½ of our estimate yet which is good. Mayor Bring stated that is one good thing because it is less wear and tear, less overtime, less fuel, less everything. Plus it just makes things a lot nicer./**LAW DIRECTOR:** Councilman Wtulich asked what are we doing with the old tables at Community Center? Councilman Kovach advised they are additional tables but most of the chairs are in the recycle bin and they are the old steel ones. They are not chairs that we want to be using anymore unless we want to end up in a lawsuit. Superintendent Hastings stated we only bought 100 new chairs and 10 new tables, so the city will reimburse that purchase with the donation./**COMMUNICATIONS: None./OLD BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS: None.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

Council#010 - EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake to accept and approve the donation of twenty-five hundred dollars for the purchase of new chairs and tables and also accept and approve a donation of one-thousand dollars for the waxing and sealing of VCT floors from the CCC; Community Civic Counsel for the Community Civic Center for so-noted uses and the declaring of an emergency.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:29 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.

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 February 21, 2017.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Richard Rosso