

Minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
March 1, 2018

This regular meeting of the Ordinance Committee was held Thursday, March 1, 2018. Chairperson Gee called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Gee, Radeff

Absent: Erdei, Mayor Bring (excused)

Attending: Superintendent Hastings, Law Director Graves, Fire Chief Card

MINUTES: February 1, 2018, *Motion by Radeff/Second by Gee to accept the minutes with any corrections. Yeas All.

PRESENTATIONS: Fire Chief Card advised I have been talking with the Law Director on drawing up an ordinance to restrict people from having grills on their balconies in our apartment complexes. There is already state code for that; combustible construction, wood frame type buildings that we have but it doesn't cover our high rise which is a non-combustible construction. We have been trying to work with the different managements that have been in there to remove grills from their balconies. They all say that they are going to but then we had an incident there and as we were walking around we saw all the grills on the balconies. The manager of the property right now, she has already sent out letters telling people that they have to remove them. When she does her annual walk-throughs of the apartments, if they are there she will make them remove them then. But having this ordinance will help put teeth into telling them that they have to remove them. Law Director Graves advised I just prepared a short draft for you today, it is very straight forward. The Fire Chief and I took a look at similar codes and provisions in other communities and this is one that I think we found in Lakewood and we liked this language, it is right on point. I like the fact that it doesn't just talk about grills, it talks about any portable electric or fuel burning, cooking appliance. It prohibits not only on porches, decks or balconies above the first floor but also on any first floor where it is covered by an awning or arbor of any kind that could create a fire hazard. I think it is good and closes a bit of a loophole. Fire Chief Card clarified this is for apartment buildings, not residential homes. Law Director Graves asked would you recommend that this be clarified to only pertain to commercial? Fire Chief Card answered I don't think it has to because the fire code is that way. Law Director Graves explained this is under the fire code, for example; if somebody had a grill on a patio and it was enclosed or covered by arbors or canopy's or awnings, that would be okay at a residential home? Fire Chief Card advised yes, I have no authority at somebody's house, only in apartment buildings or any commercial structures. After a brief review of draft to include discussion of authority on Fire code; Part 15 and Building code; Part 13. Law Director Graves clarified open burning under general offenses.

Chairperson Gee advised we still have to do something with that. Law Director Graves advised I think we are good on that, the recent incident that we had, that person was cited because he has an open fire pit. Fire Chief Card confirmed citation. Law Director Graves stated so the open burning, we are good on that. *Motion by Radeff/Second by Gee to send ordinance to Worksession. Yeas All.

OLD BUSINESS:

Subdivision regulations – Chairperson Gee advised I know that the Law Director said that there was not too big of a concern on this but isn't there a discussion in the works of a possible subdivision going on? Law Director Graves advised there have been some preliminary discussions, I would say nothing serious or in the near future. Superintendent Hastings stated there is a little rumbling on Parkview. Law Director Graves stated a couple of rumblings and what happens is a lot of people have ideas and they have good intentions but when it comes to actually putting some money into the project then they start to get a little bit reluctant. He explained how those ideas or proposals are handled via the city and also the possibility at the west end which would be a PRD. Chairperson Gee requested maybe you can start working on that before we get hit with it.

Enforcement backflow prevention – Chairperson Gee advised received and reviewed. Law Director Graves advised I think it is good from neighboring communities and the Superintendent put a lot of this together and also tried to address the concerns of trying to corollate the dates that they have to have, especially the residential sprinklers. So, it is not overburdening the local companies and it also does encompass all potential backflow situations. *Motion by Gee/Second by Radeff to send the backflow prevention policy to Council's agenda. Yeas All.

Rental Inspections and Licensing – Chairperson Gee asked was the numbering corrected on that, Rocky had pointed out why there was 2 -1395.22 and 2 – 1395.21. Law Director Graves advised yes, we can change that and I have it handwritten on mine. The one that I have provided retains a lot of...our current rental licensing ordinances with the exception that it doesn't make the inspection mandatory. It doesn't make it a condition to get your license. It just says that the applicant understands that there will be a program of periodic rental inspections. If the city can point to some of this criteria that I have written in 1395.16 that we will be coming to you for an inspection and if they decline that inspection then we can go to the court and ask for an administrative warrant to do that. So, that really is the important part of the clean-up. The language still charges the same fees and it still has the same penalties if they don't obtain their license. Chairperson Gee clarified so basically the change is the fees are for the license. Law Director Graves advised yes. Chairperson Gee advised we still should take it one more time to Worksession. *Motion by Radeff/Second by Gee to send back to Worksession. Yeas All.

Director of Public Service/full or part-time position at the Mayor discretion – Chairperson Gee instructed Clerk to remove from agenda as it is coming up for third reading on Council agenda. **REMOVE.**

Gravel Driveway extensions – Chairperson Gee advised this is on for updates as the season is coming up for enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Prohibit grills/fire pits use at apartment complexes – discussed under presentation.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS BEFORE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME:

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Radeff/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION:

This Meeting of the City Committee of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, was 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’s Office.

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

Kay Fantauzzi
I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this Is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Ordinance Committee of March 1, 2018.

CHAIRPERSON

Rosa Gee

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso