

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
February 20, 2018**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, February 20, 2018. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Attending: Park Board Joe Gee

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*******COMMITTEES*******

ROADS & DRAINS: None./SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS,

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: Councilman Erdei asked have you heard anything on our new front doors yet? Superintendent Hastings answered yes, they are in and scheduled for as early as next week. Councilman Erdei asked are we going to be able to use our same key? Superintendent Hastings I haven't figured that out yet./**ORDINANCE:** Chairperson Gee advised on the Enforcement backflow prevention – the city needs to get this done in time to send out notices in April. The Law Director will be having something for review at the next Ordinance meeting I believe. The other thing that I have is the Community Center custodian, the old ordinance is 969.04. After the review board and after speaking with Superintendent Hastings, he was hoping that we could go back to that and hire a custodian to do the work instead of contracting out like we have been. Some of the things haven't been being done over there. President Rosso advised as the Mayor and I spoke it is kind of an administration issue. There is nothing legislation wise that we need to do. He proceeded you say we need some dates for the backflow prevention? Law Director Graves advised we have had a number of discussions on it and the Superintendent and I are going to get together soon and put together a draft for the Ordinance Committee addressing backflow not only for the sprinklers but throughout the city. We have obtained the sample legislation from other communities that we will be looking at as well. President Rosso advised it is coming up quick./**FINANCE: None./PARK BOARD:** Superintendent Hastings advised the only thing that was kind of new to the agenda was some interest in coordinating some Yoga classes for the youth and in addition to the Summer Crafts Program that we have. It is probably worth noting that our Easter Egg Hunt is

scheduled for March 31st at Gary Green Park and the rest of it was updates on our grants and projects in the parks.

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: Mayor Bring advised just three quick things, the fire truck is finally done and they are picking it up tomorrow. So, they are bringing that back and I would suggest if you get a chance to go over and take a look at it. It is pretty nice from pictures so I haven't seen it personally, but they keep sending pictures. We had a little episode yesterday at the Perch on the Lake. There was a gentleman that had a fire pit on his balcony which he threw wood into and had a sizable fire going on in the back. So, our guys went there and dragged the hoses up to I think the 7th floor and found out that is what it was. So, they took a canister and put it out and put the lid on it to keep the oxygen from fueling it which he took off and it started up again so we had to go back in there. So, the management there do not want the residents to have gas grills or fire pits or anything else on those balconies. The Fire Marshall came and talked to our Fire Chief and suggested that we make an ordinance prohibiting them for a high rise or any building above 2 stories or whatever we want to do but he recommended that we have something in place as to give management some teeth to stop them from doing that. We have also Boardwalk and Park Place, there is several gas grills on those and that is a flammable complex where Perch on the Lake is basically concrete but he still suggested that we do that. He advises it is an accident waiting to happen. The gentleman over at this incident was very arrogant about it and intoxicated, so I think he got charged for that. He advised I will not be at the Ordinance meeting on March 1st due to a previous scheduled meeting for work. So, I would suggest you take a look at that and Mr. Graves can kind of help you out on that. I told the Fire Chief to come to the meeting. He concluded the other thing that came up the other day on social media was about the water bill and everybody was saying that their water bill went up. He explained it didn't, we read it earlier on the previous month due the holidays. So, basically it was 5 weeks and not a 4-week bill. After about 50 calls and Lisa explaining, there were a couple of them with leaking toilets so it was higher because of that. We are able to pull up exactly what is going on to the residents. So, the people that did come down and complain Lisa took the time to show them that they did have a water leak. They didn't say anything about the bill before that being cheaper because it was for 3 weeks, they only complained about this one for 5 weeks. Councilman Cizl asked so you said they were read early? Mayor Bring answered they were read earlier in December because of the holiday and we were closed. So, that reflected on the next 7 days for the next water bill. Councilman Cizl continued isn't there something already in code as far as open fires being 25-feet or so from a burnable surface/structure? Law Director Graves stated my understanding, this would pertain specifically to the grills. The

individual that the Mayor referenced has already been cited for the open fire but a lot of these people have gas grills. I think the proposed legislation would prohibit the grills./**SUPERINTENDENT: None.**/**FINANCE DIRECTOR: None.**/**LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves advised the city was named in a lawsuit, it is known as a partition action. What this means is when 2 or more people own property together and they can't agree on whether or not to sell it they can file an action of this type and basically ask the court to order a sale. This is what has occurred regarding some property in the city and the City of Sheffield Lake has been named because we have a lien on the property. You have to name all interested parties, all lien holders and so we are named because there is an unpaid water bill of about \$3000.00. We really are not a defendant, we are named because we have an interest in the outcome. So, I will be preparing an answer on behalf of the city in that matter. Also, everyone probably remembers the vicious dog attack that we had last fall where a man suffered really life threatening injuries due to 2 dogs in the city. Well, yesterday we concluded the trial and what it was was the city designated the dogs as vicious and then they appealed that to the Lorain Municipal Court. So, this was characterized as a civil matter, not a criminal matter. It was an administrative appeal. So, we were in trial maybe 7 or 8 hours over the course of 2 days and called a number of witnesses and that has now all been submitted to the judge for a decision of whether to uphold the city's determination that the dogs should be designated as vicious or to overrule. I feel strongly about the outcome that the judge will agree with our determination in this case.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Councilperson Gee advised I have information, Keith and Denise Zan, 329 Maple Avenue who have had some major issues with the dead trees that are on technically on is Hawthorne Avenue. It is making their backyard unsafe and they have a special needs daughter. They had had a tree service do some work there on the Hawthorne property for \$850.00 in 2013 and there is still issues with the trees with their fence, shed and pool. The man is not exactly the most friendliest person on earth and he has been very abrupt and rude with staff of the City of Sheffield Lake. But it still doesn't change the fact that there is a special needs person there and it is city property on Hawthorne. Mayor Bring advised we have actually sent a couple of people over there and he literally came out screaming at them and I am not going to send anybody over there until that man gets under control. I will not do it because I am not putting our workers in harms way. He also came in and said some very derogatory things about me and made some other comments about the area which actually had nothing to do with the city. Again, I am not sending anybody else over there until that man gets himself under control and that is it. I sympathize with the special needs person but I am not sending anyone over there and having them get accosted. Councilperson Gee

continued I am assuming that Leanna has heard from him too and I spoke with the girls over at the Water Department and periodically he does rant and rave over there and then the next time they see him he apologizes but it doesn't change the fact that he rants and raves. But it is still putting his wife and his daughter in a bad spot and I totally agree with the Mayor and Pat on the fact that our workers shouldn't have to put up with that. He called the city and I am assuming that he called Leanne over the garbage. He was insisting that they dumped it on a day that the truck was broke down and never even picked up on his street. Mayor Bring advised I followed up on that immediately and he was not telling the truth. He was ranting and raving on the phone for over 20 minutes to one of our workers on that. I immediately went over there and there was absolutely no garbage over there. He was lying and again he was not pleasant. I don't trust anybody anymore especially with what is going on. If the guy wants to vacate the property then maybe we will do it but we are not going to do it while he is there because I am not going to take a chance. President Rosso stated really there is no legislative action that we need to take, it is the Mayor's responsibility to take care of it and also his right not to. Councilperson Gee advised I promised his wife I would bring it up one more time and I understood why everybody was reluctant.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

Council#005 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending section 139.02 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake regarding the Director of Public Service.

Council#006 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending Chapter 931.03 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake establishing the monthly sewer rental rate for the Municipality and the declaring of an emergency.

Council#010 – 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 Gee to adjourn at 7:20 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

MAYOR
Dennis Bring

Worksession 02202018

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 20, 2018.

COUNCIL PRO TEM
Steve Kovach