

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
May 8, 2018**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Council President 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: President Rosso, Kovach, Wtulich, Radeff, Erdei, Cizl, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Hastings, Law Director Graves

Absent: Councilpersons Gee and Stark (excused)

Attending: Videographer Nick Collanbine, Members of the Media

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Council - *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 24, 2018 with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Clerk of Courts Kelsey Dorsey – monthly report of Court Receipts for month of April 2018 - \$2,623.89.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None./Safety: None./Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment: Chairman Erdei reviewed the minutes of the May 3, 2018 meeting. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All./*Ordinance: None./Finance & Audit: None./Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center: None./Council Representative to the Park Board: None./Representative to the Planning Commission: None./Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals: None.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Bring advised we had a Civil Service exam for the Sergeants test and we had five Officers take that test and we should hear in about a week Mr. Graves. Law Director Graves answered right and advised we don't have the answer key, we send those away to be graded. We should be receiving the graded exams along with the answer key back in about a week. Then the applicants will have 5 days to review their scores with the answer key and file any protest of any questions that they thought might be unfair or if they felt their exam wasn't graded properly. Then if there are protests, they would be reviewed by Civil Service. Those results will go to Civil Service Commission for application for the bonus credits under the rules of service for military service, education and other

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law enforcement experience. Mayor Bring continued one other thing, the silver crown vic which was the old vehicle for the Chief and although it has very low mileage on it is not doing very well. We took it in and there are no parts made for that anymore. Ford has not followed up with the crown vic parts, So, we are going to run that until the end of this year as long as it is running. Then we will take one of the oldest explorers over and probably turn that into the Detective's car next year. So, if you see it sitting out here and will be moved around a little bit. But it needs quite a few things and some other parts but they just said they don't make them anymore because it is not worth it and the body is rusting terribly which we didn't know. Also, we had a Moody's report and I will let Tammy handle that, it was a good report. Finance Director Smith advised they show that our city is stable and remains stable. If we really wanted to raise our rating we could get a financial advisor and pay them lots of money to raise that or try to get it raised through Moody's, standard and poor's are 2 different ratings companies that rate for our notes and bonds. The banks usually look at those reports to give approvals on the loans but so far we have not had any issues with any our loans or anything. So, I am happy that it is staying the same and there are some good comments in the report showing that we are stable and healthy. *Motion by Erdei/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All./

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Hastings advised I wanted to identify all of the projects that we have going on quickly for Council to keep everybody abreast of what we are doing as far as the projects;

Nature Works grant for the \$130,000 project is construction of the public restrooms - The architectural designs were completed and submitted to the State of Ohio and approved and we are hoping that the City Council will have a favorable approval this evening so that we can get that out to bid here in the month of May.
Water Pollution Control Loan Fund – Superintendent Hastings advised that is just under a million-dollar project that I have been working on for some time and has made substantial advances with the Ohio EPA. In short, we have been authorized to bid. I think I have explained the process to the committee and Council. That is in front of you this evening as well and I am hopeful to have a favorable review on that.

He continued I was at a County Commissioners meeting last week for the final presentation of our connectivity plan and that was an \$86,000.00 grant from NOPEC, Transportation for Livable Communities and Channel 3 News was there. It was a very nice presentation and we have an official copy and I have already received an email today on implementation. So, hopefully it won't be a shelved project and we can continue. While we were there Sheffield Lake had quite a bit more good news.

Sanitary Sewer Project – Superintendent Hastings advised we received permission of the Commissioners to go out for design which is a phased \$400,000.00 project and this year it will be in Ward 1 funded through grants; CDBG.

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Community Center – Superintendent Hastings advised our Community Center was authorized to be architectural designed through Pools and Schmidt, it is a \$315,000.00 project.

Retention pond and improvements along Day Ditch - Superintendent Hastings advised while I was there, I met with Jim Ziemnik of the Metro Parks and sit up a meeting in May for the anticipated \$450,000.00 grant from the State capital budget regarding the retention pond and improvements along Day Ditch.

Elm, colonial street lighting – Superintendent Hastings continued NOPEC, I am working with some grants with them. I met with First Energy this week and went over the project scopes for the installation of colonial street lighting on Elm. They have none and the have been asking for them from the city for a couple of years. So, I found an opportunity to fund that through grants.

Safety concerns at Ferndale and Harris – Superintendent Hastings continued at the same time, I am going to use a little bit of that grant money (NOPEC) to address some of the safety concerns at Ferndale and Harris. The Mayor and I went over some traffic consultants, I talked to some engineers and reports come in at around \$5,000.00 and for half of that I can apply some grant dollars and get some real equipment quickly, flashing safety stop signs and so forth which is ultimately the result of a typical study.

Community Center LED Lighting – Superintendent Hastings advised I am going to use the rest of that money (NOPEC) towards the lighting package at the Community Center all total about \$30,000.

Superintendent Hastings advised I would note to Council that we were able to get a small community grant for NOPEC directed toward the Community Civic Counsel for all they do in the Community Days and their participation in the city.

State Route 301 – Superintendent Hastings advised I am continuing aggressively on that, it is 1.4 million dollar project. I submitted the narrative and the grant for yet another ¼ million through the Transportation Improvement District. We have already secured \$385,000 from ODOT, just under ½ million dollars in grants from Jobs & Commerce and OPWC. So that is moving along well and is in design right now.

Shell Cove Park signage – Superintendent Hastings advised I am working on a Solid Waste grant which I will have done by the end of the month which Administration and Park Board have asked me to pursue. We do have to pursue public advertising this year as a condition of the grant. I think I will probably run a local ad reminding the residents of bulk pickup days and advertise our new roadside branch pickup as well as our leaf program, recycling and so forth.

HZW – Superintendent Hastings advised I met with our environment consultants today to continue our efforts towards Lincoln Park, that is for the delineation of the wetlands.

Superintendent Hastings advised I finally wanted to note that while we are working on this nature works grant on the public Boat Launch, I am going to get some final direction from our Park Board for next year which I am almost complete and will

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be submitting at the end of the month but I would need Council's permission to do that. The few projects that are at the top of the chart are a \$88,000.00 playground at Shell Cove Park to replace the 30-year old equipment that is there or to resurface the basketball courts in the city. Councilman Radeff stated you mentioned you were at the County Commissioners meeting and you referenced the connectivity plan, what is that related to? Superintendent Hastings answered that is a program that we have been in with the City of Lorain, City of Vermilion, City of Avon Lake and City of Sheffield Lake for the better part of a year. We had shareholders meeting, public interaction, consultants and all four cities designed a Master Plan, dreaming big on development. I have a full report if you will, I would be happy to share and I could even email. I think I can, it is a pretty large file but it is substantial. The whole idea is connectivity to start a 10-foot trail along connecting 23-miles of lakefront and then specialized development ours of course being Shoreway Shopping Center. But each city had their own projects that come in anywhere from 50 to 100 million dollars per project. Mayor Bring asked did you ever see pictures of it? Councilman Radeff answered yes, I thought he was saying there was something specific that they were working on that was specific to that project but I have seen parts of it. Superintendent Hastings advised it has been going on so long that this is actually the final presentation. The report is done and the Director of NOACA was there and spoke, so it is a big deal. It is the only way that you can receive money through TLCI is to have a plan in place. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: None./LAW DIRECTORS REPORT: Law Director Graves reviewed the legislation on agenda. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman Cizl advised I was unable to finish the edit of the last meeting and I wanted to let you know tonight's and the last one will be updated on the website.

NEW BUSINESS: President Rosso advised I would like to ask Council to consider going into an executive session after ordinances and resolution for the discussion of potential litigation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Council#017 – THIRD READINNG – an ordinance amending sections 1395.13 through 1395.24 and 1395.99 of the codified ordinances of Sheffield Lake rental permits and inspections.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#18-18

Council#019 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with lowest and best

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bidder for the construction of public restroom facilities at the Community Park Boat Launch, and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#19-18

Council#020 – EMERGENCY – a resolution authorizing the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio to participate with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of sodium chloride for the 2018-2019 winter season, and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wtulich for ADOPTION:

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

Resolution Passes#20-18

Council021 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the planning design and reconstruction of three sewage pumping stations and the declaring of an emergency.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for SUSPENSION OF RULES:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl for ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance Passes#21-18

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to go into executive session for the discussion of potential litigation.

ROLL CALL TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Yeas All – Wtulich, Cizl, Radeff, Erdei, Kovach.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to return to regular session:

ROLL CALL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Yeas All – Kovach, Radeff, Cizl, Wtulich, Erdei.

President Rosso advised let the record reflect that City Council went into an executive session this evening for discussion of potential litigation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

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MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:48 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

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Steve Kovach

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

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 May 8, 2018.