

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
February 18, 2020**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, February 18, 2020. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: President Rosso, Stark, Wtulich, Gee, Wtulich, Cizl, Radeff, Erdei,
Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Superintendent Pat Hastings.

Excused: Kovach

Attending: Media

PRESENTATIONS: None.

*****COMMITTEES*****

ROADS & DRAINS: None. /SAFETY: None. /BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT: None. /ORDINANCE: Chairman Radeff states the Law Director did send me some ordinances for large and small cell towers so that will be coming up for discussion in the near future. /FINANCE: None. /PARK BOARD: None.

*****ADMINISTRATIVE*****

MAYOR: Mayor Bring reports we are still entertaining some offers for Shoreway Shopping Center. As soon as we find something out, we will let Council know.

SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Hastings states the Community Rd. project will involve the city pursuing a small sliver of land from Speedway for a public right of way. We have reached out to them in the past, so we are going to bring that back up and hopefully negotiate something for Council to consider. Once that is confirmed, we will have it engineered. I did meet with engineering today for our 2021 and 2022 projects. These include the replacement of some culverts under Lake Rd. as well as the resurfacing of Lake Rd. I started researching some ODOT funds that are available as a result of the gas tax increase. ODOT is now offering up to 100% financing on safety related projects. For example, the traffic signals at 301. We might explore expansion of the TLCI sidewalks to better connect our trails. Potentially something with Forestlawn school. There will be increased traffic, etc. The school is researching a third lane now. The city may be able to spearhead this project with the grant money. We may be able to have the entire road resurfaced and widened and a bus lane put in. I'm going to reach out to the school tomorrow and see if they would be willing to wait while I apply for that. There was a public

comment period to end out the 2019 year. The topic was the Sheffield Reservation in the Lorain County Metroparks. It's basically wetland mitigation. They would go in and clean fallen timber, create ponds and get rid of invasive species, etc. It's the first step in what could be a very positive project for us. I believe it's a situation like the high school where somebody bought land as a credit so that we could disturb it to build a school. That is the same scenario as here. Councilwoman Gee asks how is freedom park coming along? Superintendent Hastings replies very challenging because of the weather. Because it has been so good, the fence company called to come in and install. We are not ready. We broke ground with the idea that it would be frozen, and we would be able to do the underground prep work. The company was scheduled to come out in March. Everything on paper was perfect, but that didn't happen. We are battling rough conditions. It is weather driven. It's a lot of soil to move. Councilwoman Stark says we are looking at paving Lake Rd. If we did that, would we look at doing what we are doing at Irving Park? Checking the sewer and water lines underneath before we repave? Superintendent Hastings replies those lines actually are not underneath the road. This is an Irving paving program. The project is a couple million dollars with the city share of \$331,000. I will most likely write grants for our match. To try and comingle a project of that magnitude with Irving paving would not work. However, that is not in the travel lanes, so should the city ever want to do that, we could do it separate. **/FINANCE DIRECTOR:** We spoke with Moody's. It is a credit rating company for cities. We are waiting on word if our rating will stay the same, etc. **/LAW DIRECTOR:** No report. **/COMMUNICATIONS:** None. **/OLD BUSINESS:** None.

/NEW BUSINESS: President Rosso states we have the ordinance regarding residential parking. It pretty much says wherever you park, it must be on a driveway. Front yard, side yard, back yard. It is a little different from currently which just limits front yard. Law Director Graves states a couple years ago when we did the overhaul of the driveway and parking ordinances, this language was part of the original proposal. At that time, it was determined the limitations would be on front yards. Since then, there have been a number of places throughout the city in residential districts where cars are being parked on the side and rear of the house on grass and dirt. This can potentially create a nuisance condition. This would limit parking in a residential district. No matter where you park, it would have to be on a properly installed driveway. It will affect two sections of code, 351.21 and 1357.03. The addition since last time you saw this is in paragraph D. It allows for an applicant that is going to need temporary permission to park in their yard, to request that in writing from the Mayor and be given a temporary event permit. It's similar to what we are already doing if someone needs to park in the street overnight. They request temporary permission to do that and notice is given to the police department. Councilman Cizl asks is there a fee connected to the permit? Mayor Bring replies no. A simple e-mail or phone call is all that's needed. This language came about

because we had a resident who was having a get together and had a number of cars parked in the yard. They were asked to move those cars. They requested if there can be a time limit on parking off the driveway. The discussion with the committee is that this would be very difficult to enforce. If we say you can park on the grass for four hours, how do we know the actual time frame? This was the alternative. Councilman Radeff asks if this was part of the driveway ordinance a few years back, why was it taken out or not approved? Law Director Graves replies there were a few members of Council not comfortable including this language in the prior version. They felt it should just be limited to the front yard. President Rosso states growing up on Warwick, people would trailer their boat in the backyard next to the garage on the grass. But this says you can't do that anymore. Mayor Bring states we only have about a dozen people who are a little abusive with this. Again, we aren't going to just give them a ticket. They will get a warning and have an opportunity to move it. Councilman Radeff asks is the concern mostly boats or is it vehicles? Mayor Bring replies it is a little of both. Since the previous ordinance passed, we have had people move cars into their backyards. For example: there is one on Grantwood that has two boats and a car in the backyard. It looks hideous. They have been there for 3 ½ years, they haven't been moved. Those are the ones that we are concerned with. Councilwoman Stark states part of the concern the first time was if you can't see it from the street why can't I do what I want in my backyard. Mayor Bring replies my contention, and I don't have a problem with that, but the fact that people have moved these boats and cars into the backyard and left them there for a long time. Get rid of your junk. Councilman Radeff asks so the concern is not like people who use their boat in the summer but the ones that are there for extended periods of time? Mayor Bring replies I haven't seen where anything is being violated too bad. They have the old gravel driveways, etc. I don't have a problem with that. It's the ones that moved them back there because they didn't want to do anything with them and left them. Awhile back we had a guy who collected junk and it ended up being a nightmare for the city to get rid of it. The backyard was just full, you could see it over the 6 ft. fence. We couldn't do anything though because there was nothing in place. President Rosso asks does Council want to send this to next week's meeting for its' first reading or talk about it more? *Motion by Gee/Second by Erdei to send ordinance to Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

President Rosso states all we have are the third readings for the rezoning. We have gone through these twice and are familiar with them. Are there any questions or comments? No? Ok. *Motion by Cizl/Second by Erdei to adjourn. Yeas All.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach /Second by Erdei to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Yeas All.

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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

Brandy Randolph

I, Brandy Randolph, 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 18, 2020.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso