

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
March 15, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2022. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: President Rosso, Kovach, Stark, Wtulich, Radeff, Gee, Cizl, Erdei, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves (late), Service Director Hastings.

Excused: None

Attending: Josh Siebenhar.

PRESENTATIONS: Lengthy presentation on rezoning on Pleasantview. Mr. Siebenhar states I would like to build Phase 3 of his storage condos. Without rezoning, no structure can ever be built there, it is basically a garbage dump site. If it is rezoned, I will not need any variances, etc. as it will fit into all setbacks. The lot has sat vacant for years because it is an unbuildable lot. The previous owner ran sanitary lines without approval and incorrectly. I will fix this if I am able to build. You ask what if a business would want to buy this and build on it, I find that doubtful. The road is not paved, full of potholes and barely big enough for two cars. The lot is at the dead end of Pleasantview surrounded by other storage condos with no visibility and would still need rezoned for that. The fire dept., service director and Planning Commission all have no problem with the rezoning. There is only one home on the street, and I have spoke to them and they also have no problem with the rezoning. I did look into putting some type of small sports plex in there, because that T3 is always booked. That lot is too small and doesn't meet for parking, fire, etc., nothing can go there. Councilwoman Gee asks as the lot sits now, how much does it pay in stormwater? Service Director Hastings replies probably \$485. Councilwoman Gee asks after the building is built, with separately owned units, each unit will pay a stormwater fee, correct? Service Director Hastings replies yes. With no further questions or comments, presentation is closed.

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

ROADS & DRAINS: None. **SAFETY:** None. **BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT:** None. **ORDINANCE:** None. **FINANCE:** None. **PARK BOARD:** None.

*******ADMINISTRATIVE*******

MAYOR: Mayor Bring reports we are currently working on getting the new K-9 and I have the law director looking at the requirements. **SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Service Director Hastings reports the Lincoln Nature Trail has been being used as a public road. We are going to have to more permanently close the dead end of the streets. I had a couple calls and actually saw for myself when I was down there with engineering. We are anxious to start with hot mix on the streets. We recently completed Sheffield Rd. on the northern end, and we are doing a little on Lafayette and Sunset. I received a complaint about noise at the service building where the mechanic works out of. The building has been there 20 years and we stage our equipment there and then are out in the field. I have yet to speak with the complainant. The noise is happening during business hours. Councilwoman Stark says south of Walker/west of 301, I noticed there are a lot more dead trees in the ditch, are we going to be cleaning that out? President Rosso says it is the property owner's responsibility to clean the ditches. Service Director Hastings replies I did not see that, but it is the property owner's responsibility. Councilman Wtulich asks has there been any thought about putting a bridge on the trail... Service Director Hastings asks from Sheffield over? Yeah, along Forest Lawn. We had a not completely unplanned replacement of a playground at Gary Green. It was substantial enough it would impact our ability to put in that bridge, but it is still on the radar. Councilman Wtulich asks coming off the Lincoln Trail where it comes onto Oster, is there any thought on putting sidewalks in towards Harris Rd.? Service Director Hastings replies you have to cross the street, so I am thinking more a rrfb crosswalk. It would cross you over by design to the sidewalks for school safety which is also connected to the Metro Parks. The plan is to get the pedestrian/biking to the south side. I am going to write a grant to install several of them throughout our trail network. Councilman Kovach asks with the noise complaint, is it coming from the building or when you fire up equipment? Service Director Hastings replies as I understood it, is the sound of tractors. We load mini excavators, etc. so it is very short lived. Mayor Bring says people are working from home now and we are disturbing them and getting complaints. It is getting completely out of hand. You will probably get phone calls that we aren't doing anything about it, but we are, we are doing our jobs. **FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Finance Director Smith has no report. **LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves reports on the evening's legislation. Law Director Graves states I anticipate additional legislation for next week. I plan to bring the zoning code to you for a first reading. Also, they are getting ready to make disbursements from the opioid settlement and we will have to pass legislation like we did with the CARES ACT. The fire dept. is looking to sell some unneeded equipment with a value of over \$1,000, so it will need legislation. Based on the action by Planning Commission

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tomorrow, we will most likely have legislation to approve the improvement plan for the Treadway Ponds project. Sheffield's night at the Crushers is scheduled for August 2nd.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Law Director Graves states House Bill 172 which will go into effect July 1, 2022 legalized consumer grade fireworks on certain holidays. It also included a provision that local communities may elect to opt out and continue to prohibit them in their own jurisdiction. Many communities have decided to do this. We already have a good local fireworks ordinance that prohibits the use/possession of them. It would be a simple matter to opt out of the new state law or operate under the new law and they will be legalized. I have spoken with both chiefs, and they have serious concerns about it, especially with the dense population of Sheffield Lake. President Rosso states I believe they should be allowed to have fireworks on the 4th of July, I'm not sure if there is a way to just select that one or not. Councilman Kovach says I think you can opt out, but it won't stop it. Mayor Bring says pretty much on the 4th of July we get numerous phone calls about fireworks, and we just say ok. If it is really egregious, we give a warning and go from there. We have had to prosecute before. I think we should have something in place just in case someone gets out of hand is all. Law Director Graves states there is a theory that even though something is illegal, and people still do it, there are a lot of people who choose not to do things because they are illegal. If they became legal, I think you will see an exponential increase in what we have seen. Councilman Cizl says if we opt out, we have some sort of control over it. Councilman Kovach asks do we have to opt out now or can we opt out in the future? Law Director Graves replies I think you can opt out in the future. President Rosso says I think write up legislation and put it on for three readings, that gives us time to talk about it more.

Councilwoman Stark says as a reminder May 3rd is election day.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

COUNCIL #09- THIRD READING- AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A LOT KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 03-00-033-108-033 LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE FROM AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO A B-4 BUSINESS DISTRICT.

COUNCIL #011- SECOND READING- AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF TREADWAY BLVD. AND IVANHOE BLVD.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach /Second by Erdei to adjourn at 8:02pm. 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

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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 March 15, 2022.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso