

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
May 17 , 2022**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, May 17, 2022. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: None.

Attending: Videographer.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

ROADS & DRAINS: None. **SAFETY:** Chairwoman Stark states it is national police week. **BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT:** None. **ORDINANCE:** None. **FINANCE:** Chairman Cizl states we had a brief meeting. There are appropriations for the next meeting. We also discussed a recreation director possibly in the future. **PARK BOARD:** None.

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

MAYOR: Mayor Bring reports Pride Day is Saturday from 8-2 and we will have a shredder here from 9-12. Councilman Kovach asks is there a limit? Mayor Bring replies yes, 5 boxes (like copy paper size) or 5 paper bags. We have been discussing the coyote situation around here and we called a professional. It is not as simple as you think. To eradicate is a 5-year plan and if you skip a year, it starts over at square one. We were told basically; you have to live with it. Councilman Wtulich asks have there been any reports of attacks, dog attacks? Mayor Bring replies no. **SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Service Director Hastings reports we had a substantial water break on Howell today. There will be a boil alert issued for the 700 block of Howell only. Columbia Gas who is doing work in advance of our culvert lowering, also struck two water lines. We were also out asphaltting. Councilman Wtulich asks has there been a lot of complaints about bulk pickup not getting picked up? Service Director Hastings replies I have not. There was one incident I am aware of, and I have a call in. Mayor Bring says there are multiple trucks that go around and get the garbage, the recycling, the bulk, etc. so I think

people may not be waiting long enough. Councilman Cizl asks have their been complaints about rust with the hydrant cleaning? Service Director Hastings replies we have had about 4-5. It is very standard. We are going to remind the fire dept. on how to operate it, just a refresher. Councilman Cizl says I had a compliant saying why didn't they tell us? Service Director Hastings responds we posted it on the water bill, and it is on our website. /**FINANCE DIRECTOR:** No report. /**LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves reports there will be a new piece of legislation regarding approval of a submerged land lease project in town and that will be coming next week. I received the 2020 census data for the city broken up by census block. I have a question into our engineers regarding how they drew one of our ward boundaries and am waiting on a response for that. We will do a review of the wards and make sure the population is relatively equal. We are preparing for an arbitration meeting next Tuesday with a police officer who has filed a grievance. On Monday, the service director and I will be meeting with Lorain to begin negotiations/discussions regarding the sewer contract.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Service Director Hastings gives a refresher on the previously presented Capital Improvement Plan. It is for the years 2022-2026 and will include a sanitary system overview. All of our sanitary sewage is gravity fed through a series of pump stations and then treated in the city of Lorain. Sanitary waste comes from toilets, tubs, floor drains and sinks. Wastewater is different from storm water. We identify the cost to replace all sewers in the city or repair them. Service Director Hastings describes the pump stations and reviews the yearly/monthly/daily gallon usage. The numbers are going down as far as treatment and cost. Service Director Hastings states the administration submits the plan to council for both water and wastewater. (Shows on power point some completed projects and equipment purchases from the first round.) The first goal for 22-26 is to incorporate our sanitary system into GIS. We also were talking about incorporating lead lines. The Ohio EPA is requiring all municipal water systems to identify lead, both on the city's side and the homeowner's side and then the remediation necessary to remove it all. Finance Director Smith asks how will you identify that? Service Director Hastings replies it would have to be hydro excavated on every single property. We have some data based on the year the house was built, so a house built in the 80's and up, doesn't have lead. There are grants I will be pursuing, but not this year. We are processing several million in projects now. Another project is inflow and infiltration, this is using technology to identify I and I. You use listening devices and if there is a change in frequencies, it helps us to narrow down where to invest our repair dollars. We would rehabilitate manholes, do grouting of joints and lining of the pipes themselves. We will also consider acquisition of more equipment, for example: a street sweeper. Codified ordinance 931.03 is our rental rates and our last Capital Improvement Plan

is kind of identified in here. 2018-2020 saw a modest increase as well as additional charges at 4%., now we are proposing 3%. Our sewer rates include a base fee and a per unit fee. I would remind the board that it is maintained in our ordinance that the director of public service is authorized to apply an additional annual percentage rate increase per 100 cubic feet by the City of Lorain, in this case they treat our sewer. In other words, we don't have to come back every time we are contractually bound by an increase with our supplier. That expired in 2018 and they are finally approaching the city to negotiate. President Rosso asks didn't we say it would cost a homeowner roughly an additional \$15 a year? Service Director Hastings replies yes. Councilman Wtulich asks with the GIS mapping; will it be in depth enough to tell homeowners where their sanitary lines are coming from their house? Service Director Hastings replies yeah. Councilwoman Stark asks so we are talking about doing an increase and there is a possibility that Lorain can do an increase as well? Service Director Hastings replies that is correct. We have to maintain the operations and integrity of an aging system. For too long the city increased the rates according to Lorain and didn't invest in ourselves. Mayor Bring states as it gets corrected, that lowers the city's bills. Councilwoman Gee asks are we eventually going to start correcting the cross connects on resident's homes? Service Director Hastings replies yes, but we should either have funding in place for them or reduce the time limit. I believe the current ordinance is if I find your home in violation, you have a limited time and are subject to fines very quickly. Councilman Erdei asks do you have an idea of when you will finish all the inline inspections and regrouting of the sewer pipes? Service Director Hastings responds we would start immediately, but I need to start this funding. I would start this fall. Councilman Radeff asks do we need to have this passed before we know what is going on with Lorain? Service Director Hastings replies that is up to the committee. Councilman Cizl says I want to thank Pat for all you do and we are taping this meeting, if anyone has questions or complaints, you can direct them to the website and they can get the knowledge.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

COUNCIL #029- 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.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach /Second by Cizl to adjourn at 7:51pm. 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.

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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 May 17, 2022.

MAYOR

Dennis Bring

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso