

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
December 12, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, December 12, 2023. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: President Rosso, Kovach, Wtulich, Gee, Cizl, DeBottis, Radeff, Law
Director Graves, Service Director Hastings.

Excused: Stark, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith.

Attending: Citizens, media.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

ROADS & DRAINS: None. **SAFETY:** Excused. **BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT:** None. **ORDINANCE:** Chairman Radeff states we did move over the ordinance involving the economic development committee to discuss. **FINANCE:** Chairman Cizl states we had our meeting this evening and Mrs. Smith presented some appropriations. **PARK BOARD:** None.

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

MAYOR: Excused. **SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Service Director Hastings reports we pretty much concluded leaf pickup. I wanted to make council aware that based on the capital improvement plan I wrote for sewers, I am going to be pursuing the sanitary manholes and all of their assets in our GIS platform. Councilwoman Gee asks prior to the safety meeting, the chief said he is going to be using the downstairs for classrooms, etc. and I thought there was an issue with the downstairs, has that been cleared up? Service Director Hastings replies the issue was generated as a result of the studies I did for the PERP complaint. There were some comments on the temperature and moving air, asbestos remediation should you disturb it. The chief did talk to me about it, so I will be meeting with contractors and the chief to make sure we are complaint before moving forward. Councilwoman Gee asks I sent you an email earlier where a lady sent pictures of a grade and she thinks people are putting trash in the stormwater and I just want to make sure you are aware and got the email? Service Director Hastings replies I go the email. **FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Finance Director Smith is excused. **LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves reports there were questions about the recent

application for the liquor license at 4646 East Lake Rd. I did have a conversation with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and while the permit application just designates C, it's actually for C2. This pertains to carryout of wine and low proof mixed beverages, no consumption on premises. They have also made a concurrent application for a D6 license for Sunday sales, but the city has no authority to request a hearing on that application. Councilwoman Gee asks on the vaping part of that, is there any Ohio regulations on the building being right up against the day care and heating ducts/system? Law Director Graves replies I don't have any information that they have requested an application for vaping, but in my knowledge, there is no restriction on this location if they wanted to sell that. That is beyond the purview of our review. Councilman Radeff says I know a lot of cities are moving towards requiring only so many licenses for selling tobacco products, I don't know if you've heard anything on that. Law Director Graves says I haven't, but it's something we can discuss.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Economic development committee. Lengthy discussion had with the following key points/questions: President Rosso states this says council and the mayor and other city officers will not serve as members of the economic development advisory board and then under b, it says appointing two council members to be on the board. Law Director Graves states we can clear up that language. Councilman Radeff says I think what he was thinking is two people like on zoning and planning. President Rosso asks a representative vs. voting member? Councilman Radeff replies yes, I think that was the intent. Law Director Graves says the way it is written, they would be voting members. Councilman Radeff says I met with a group of local business owners that are trying to start a BNI chapter and they brought this ordinance up. One thing they recommended is we look at having at least 1 member that didn't have to be a citizen of Sheffield Lake. If you have someone very business minded, that would be a benefit, so it doesn't limit us. It could just be an advisory position and not voting. Councilwoman Gee says we have businesses here that are owned by people that do not live here. One of them being on the board would make sense. Councilman Kovach asks what sense would it make to appoint two members of council as advisory people? There is only one for planning and zoning. Law Director Graves replies when this was originally discussed, it was pointed out that we do have an existing Ch. 159 which is a resident board like zoning, planning, etc. that is advisory. The question was do you want to remain in that capacity or make it a council committee or address it as a hybrid made up of residents and council members? The direction I got was to approach it from a hybrid standpoint.

Council discusses if it's members should be voting members or not. Councilman DeBottis asks is total number of members 7 or 9? President Rosso replies 7. Councilman DeBottis says with zoning, we have people that very rarely show up. We need to make sure we pick a strong 7 that are going to show up for the meetings. President Rosso says if we get in a situation where they aren't showing up, we can replace them. Councilman Radeff says this is something I want to get off the ground and I'm definitely behind this ordinance. Councilman Wtulich says I wonder if we should change the members of council to one and change the total to 6. There are other things to tweak too. Law Director Graves replies usually you try to have an odd number. President Rosso says I say you go down to 5 and make the council member non-voting and a just a representative. Councilwoman Gee asks now this goes back to David to rewrite with the ideas from tonight? President Rosso replies yes and then it will come back at the next work session and once we are comfortable with it, we send it to council for vote. Council decides to keep language as mayor appoints two members and council appoints three. President Rosso says to make clear; we are going to change it from 7 to 5 with one non-voting council representative appointed by the president and we want to say one member who need not be a resident. Term limits discussed; decision made to change either the mayor or council's appointees to a three-year term. Discussion ended.

Councilman Kovach says Ford Motor Company is planning an expansion of the paint dept. and part of that will land in Sheffield Lake.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –

COUNCIL #043- TABLED- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #044- TABLED- AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-23 REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach /Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:33pm. 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
Brandy Randolph

MAYOR
Dennis Bring

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 December 12, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Rick Rosso