

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

Athens City Council met in Regular Session at the above hour with the following members present: Cochran, Fahl, Knisely, Papai, Patterson and Risner .

Also present: President Sands, Mayor Wiehl, Law Director Lang, and Treasurer McClure.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Patterson moved approval of the Regular Session held January 21, 2014; Fahl seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Sands is in receipt of the following:

- Ohio Division of Liquor Control transfer of (C1, C2, and D6) permits **FROM** Mark R. Meredith, dba Lucky Dog Drive Thru, 309 West Union Street **TO** Luger 1219 LTD, dba The Last Call, 207 W. Union Street, and
- (C1 and C2) permits **FROM** Busy Day Companies, LLC, dba Busy Day Market, 30 West Stimson Avenue, 1st floor, **TO** Nelsonville Grocery, Inc., dba Busy Day Market, 30 West Stimson Avenue, 1st floor. Members of the public should address any concerns on either of the above-mentioned permits to the Clerk of Council. City Council responses must be postmarked no later than February 24, 2014.

Councilman Patterson reported that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on January 27th by Mayor Wiehl and President McDavis, a collaborative effort between the City's Commission on Disabilities and Ohio University's Presidential Advisory Council on Disability and Accessibility Planning (PACDAP). The following is a scope of services: 1) serve as a consultant resource on accessibility aspects for all building and renovation projects as requested by the University and City Planners; 2) partner with the County Emergency Services and Ohio University's Risk Management Safety Department to develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan for community members with

disabilities; 3) identify mechanisms for communicating new and existing accommodations, or access barriers to Ohio University and/or City officials; 4) identify collaborative opportunities to raise awareness and eliminate barriers, obstacles and limitations experienced by persons with disabilities; and 5) synchronize annual reports to ensure that coordination efforts for reporting and documenting joint activities in the groups individual reports for the Mayor of Athens and Ohio University President. This MOU will strengthen efforts for inclusivity and accessibility for community individuals.

President Sands asked whether the City's Disability Commission and PACDAP will meet jointly.

Patterson responded that the hope is to hold 2-3 meetings annually; there are yet a lot of details to work through. The Preparedness Disaster Ready Plan is critical. He has spoken with Fred Davis, Emergency Management Agency, and Mr. Davis is willing to work with these two entities on a collaborative and effective plan.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Wiehl reported the following:

- Reminder that residents are required to clean snow/ice from their sidewalks within 24-hours of a snowfall, in accordance with ACC 9.12.19.

Fahl emphasized the danger of snow/ice covered sidewalks and requested when plowing driveway/parking lot areas, as on East State Street, to be cognizant of not placing the snow upon any adjacent sidewalk.

Knisely pointed out a similar problem on Richland Avenue. Due to snow covered sidewalks, pedestrians are forced to walk along the edge of the street.

- The State of Ohio will be handling the City's 2013 audit. The State audits approximately every 10 years, with past audits being done by independent private accountants approved by the State.

Treasurer McClure presented her 4th quarter interest income report and reconciliation reports through December, 2013, indicating that the total interest income for the year was \$147,642 against a projected income of \$101,650, noting a slight increase in rates.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

0-03-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 147-13, NON-UNION PERSONNEL FRINGE BENEFITS PACKAGE, TO CLARIFY THAT PAID ABSENCE DAYS MUST BE TAKEN IN 8-HOUR INCREMENTS.

0-04-14

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF COURT STREET FROM UNION TO STATE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR.

0-05-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 93-13; AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF THE DOWLER FAMILY PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE FARHILLS SUBDIVISION TO REMAIN AS UNDEVELOPED PARK LAND.

0-06-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A STREET SWEEPER; AND DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

The following committees will meet next Monday, February 10th:

- Planning & Development
- Transportation
 - Transit update from Lantz Repp and Michael Lachman
- Finance & Personnel
- City & Safety Services

The Mayor noted receipt of the attached correspondence from Columbia Gas providing safety information.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council