

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL: REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 Pro Tem Butler, Mayor Wiehl, Law Director Lang, and Auditor Hecht.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Fahl moved approval of the minutes for the Regular Session held February 3, 2014; Papai seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Member Fahl moved to reappoint John Golzy to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Knisely seconded. Reappointment was approved unanimously.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Law Director Lang reported on a recent court ruling on Laries, Inc. vs The City of Athens, an infrastructure case involving property damage due to faulty storm lines and flooding along Columbus Road. The Court ruled in the City's favor, finding that the City had governmental immunity.

Mayor Wiehl reported the following:

- Planning Commission will be meeting on Wednesday this week in a work session on Title 23, Zoning Code.
- Greg Lavelle has declined to be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The alternates will be approached about filling the regular membership vacancy.

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD 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. Knisely moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

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. Papai moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

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. Patterson moved for Adoption; Risner seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

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. Patterson moved for Adoption; Papai seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

0-07-14

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF A REVOCABLE LICENSE TO DOUGLAS AND DELORES ADI, 91 SOUTH MAY AVENUE, FOR USE OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN EXISTING FENCE.

0-08-14

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A REVOCABLE LICENSE TO PAUL F. CAREY, 147 COLUMBUS ROAD, FOR USE OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN EXISTING SIGN.

0-09-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE ATHENS-HOCKING COUNTY RECYCLING CENTERS, INC., AND ANCILLARY SERVICES; AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 77-12. Discussion: Mayor Wiehl noted that there is no change in the dollar amount, explaining that the Solid Waste District and the Recycling Centers, Inc., are in a state of transition at this time and the additional year will allow time for the restructuring.

Papai questioned if the agreement is exactly the same.

Mayor Wiehl responded that there is no change.

0-10-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND TRANSFER. Knisely moved for Suspension of the Rules; Patterson seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Knisely moved for Adoption; Patterson seconded. Adoption was approved unanimously.

0-11-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 (FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014).

0-12-14

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$145,000 OF NOTES BY THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING NOTES ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING ENERGY CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CITY'S COMMUNITY CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Knisely moved for Suspension of the Rules; Fahl seconded. Suspension of the Rules was approved unanimously. Knisely moved for Adoption; Fahl seconded. Discussion: Knisely indicated that upon renewal the City's balance for these improvements will be \$145,000 at .35% interest.

Fahl extended appreciation to our local bank for continuing to offer such a low interest rate. It is very helpful to the entire community.

Patterson echoed Council's appreciation, also pointing out the City's stellar credit rating as a contributing factor.

Mayor Wiehl indicated that the original loan for these improvements, fans, lighting, airflow, was \$300,000.

Papai would like to have an update on operational savings.

Adoption was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS:

The following committees will meet next Monday, February 24th:

- Planning & Development
 - Southwest Sewer Extension (agreement with County)
- Transportation
 - Richland South Project
- Finance & Personnel

Knisely moved approval of the Auditor's January, 2014, financial reports as submitted; Fahl seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

President Pro Tem of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council