

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting
Held Thursday, November 17th, 2005

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17th, 2005. Mayor Siegel called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Councilman Sylvester opened the meeting with a prayer and Mayor Siegel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ALSO PRESENT:

James Siegel	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling, City Manager
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present	Bryan Pacheco City Solicitor
Michael E. Morthorst	Council	Present	Meredith George, Administrative Clerk
Mark J. Quarry	Council	Present	
John A. Smith	Council	Present	
Joyce B. Glover	Council	Present	
Idella Thompson	Council	Present	
Mary F. Shea	Clerk- Treasurer	Present	

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:

No changes were needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Mayor Siegel presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: October 20, 2005 Business Meeting, November 1, 2005 Public Hearing, November 3, 2005 Public Hearing, and the November 3, 2005 Workshop Meeting. Councilman Quarry motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Mayor Siegel introduced Officer Jim Replogle, the organizer of the Inaugural Citizens Police Academy. Officer Replogle gave an overview of the academy and introduced the graduates. Mayor Siegel thanked all the participants and Officer Replogle for their hard work and dedication to the City of Silverton. Edwina Rutledge addressed council to explain how beneficial the program was to her by increasing her awareness of security issues.

2. Mayor Siegel informed council of the Hamilton Council Municipal League Meeting which is scheduled for November 30th at 6:00 pm at the Forest Park Senior Center. Anyone interested should call Mrs. George with reservation and meal selection.

OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. City Manager's Report
 - 1.1. Budget Report

Mr. Wendling gave the October 2005 Budget Reports. Councilman Smith motioned to accept the reports and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. All voted aye. Motion carried.
 - 1.2. Mayors' Court Report

Ms. George gave the October 2005 Mayor's Court Reports. Councilman Smith motioned for approval of the reports and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.
 - 1.3. Status of Improvement Projects

Mr. Wendling updated council on the pending street projects. The Silverton Avenue project is complete. Mr. Wendling reported that the Sampson Lane/Oak Avenue project is in full swing. Mr. Wendling also noted that there would only be a base layer on Sampson due to Cinergy's plans to put in new gas mains in the spring.
 - 1.4. Leaf Collection

Mr. Wendling informed council that there have been some complaints regarding leaf collection. The crews are behind, due to the fact that the leaves fell so late this year; however they are working overtime to get caught up.
 - 1.5. Plainfield Road Funding

Mr. Wendling reported that he received word that the County Engineer's Office and plans to recommend Plainfield Road for SCIP funding in 2006 via by way of a 20-year, zero percent loan. Councilman Quarry asked if this project would include new curbs and catch basins. Mr. Wendling informed Councilman Quarry that it would include both. Mr. Wendling also noted that the integrating committee meeting would be held on December 9, 2005 at 1:30 pm at the Springfield Township Government Center. Mr. Wendling encouraged all council members to attend, as is would help to solidify the funding.
 - 1.6. 6945 Silverton Avenue

Mr. Wendling reported that Mrs. George attended the Hamilton County Sheriff's Sale to bid on the property located at 6945 Silverton Avenue; however the property went to the bank for \$55,000. Mr. Wendling recommended that council take a look in the near future to see what they want to do with the properties the city owns on Silverton Avenue.

1.7. Moeller Project

Mr. Wendling reported that a representative of Moeller High School has expressed renewed interest in the stadium proposal for Ficke Park. Mr. Wendling advised the representative that all invested parties need to be on board prior to commencing talks with the city.

1.8. Deer Park – Silverton Joint Fire District Board

Mr. Wendling reported that Silverton's representation on the Deer Park – Silverton Joint Fire District Board is up for reappointment. The current representation includes Paul Steman as the fire safety/administration representative, John Smith as the council representative, and Willa Garner as the citizen representative. Council had previously indicated that it would like Mr. Wendling to take Mr. Steman's seat. Council agreed to consider the other replacements at the December 1st workshop.

1.9. School Task Force

Mr. Wendling reported that had has received several names for the Silverton School Planning Task Force.

2.1. Swearing-In Ceremony

Mr. Wendling noted that the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected officials would take place on December 1, 2005 and Judge Cheryl Grant would perform the ceremony. The ceremony will be followed by a reception and families and friends are invited to attend.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilwoman Thompson mentioned that there is an abandoned refrigerator on Elwynne Drive and asked Mr. Wendling to look into it. Mr. Wendling stated that he would have Rick Lehmkuhl check in to it. Mrs. George added that a resident called about it earlier in the week and it had been reported to NIC.

Councilman Quarry informed council that the Student of the Month program was still on hold, as the teachers at Silverton School have been extremely busy this year. Mr. Quarry said he hoped that the program be up and running again by January 2006. Councilwoman Glover added that she had spoken with Principal Dendy and she reiterated that the teachers have been to busy as of late, and look forward to reinstating the program as soon as possible.

Councilman Quarry also added that the Oscar Garner Award, the grand prize for Spruce Up Silverton, was on hold as he was trying to coordinate a time with Willa Garner, so she could be present at the meeting.

Mayor Siegel noted that an executive session would be needed to discuss personnel issues. Councilman Smith motioned that council go into executive session at the end of the regular meeting, and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. All voted aye. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 05-3201 An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments on Property for the Total Cost of Mitigating Noxious Weeds and High Grass Pursuant to RC 715.261 and Chapter 91 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 05-3202 An Ordinance Approving Consolidating Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Numbers 602-0006-0205-00, 602-0006-0204-00, 602-0006-0206-00, and 602-0006-0207-00, Subsequently Splitting the Consolidating Lot into Three Lots and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Wendling introduced Resolution 05-474 A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NEW BUSINESS:

Kay Briggs – 3917 Cedarwood Place

Ms. Briggs asked council how the city could re-coup their money when they have to cut grass at properties that are not being maintained. Mr. Wendling stated that is the purpose of Ordinance 05-3201, and that next year the city will levy the special assessments on a monthly basis, rather than at the end of the season when we risk the chance of the properties being transferred.

Ms. Briggs also inquired if the inheritance tax would go into the general fund or if council would determine how the money would be spent. Mr. Wendling reported that it would go into the general fund now, and ultimately council would decide how to use the money, which would most likely be a capital improvement program. Councilman Quarry added that we are currently using some of the inheritance tax to fix the ruts on Montgomery Road.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Clerk-Treasurer Shea gave the reading of Ordinance 05-3201 An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments on Property for the Total Cost of Mitigating Noxious Weeds and High Grass Pursuant to RC 715.261 and Chapter 91 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Councilwoman Thompson moved for adoption and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Councilman Smith motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor. Councilwoman Glover moved for passage and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Quarry motioned to adjourn to executive session and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Smith motioned to adjourn executive session and was seconded by Councilwoman Glover. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

Councilman Smith motioned to reconvene the meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Morthorst and seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager