

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting

Held Thursday, May 18th, 2007

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a business meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 18th, 2007. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Councilman Sylvester led the prayer and the Silverton Paideia Student of the Month, Roger Simmons, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ALSO PRESENT:

John Smith	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
Joyce Glover	Council	Present	Bryan Pacheco	City Solicitor
Shirley Hackett	Council	Present	Meredith George	Clerk of Council
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present	Tom Peterson	Finance Director
Mark Quarry	Council	Absent		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:

Mrs. Thompson motioned to excuse Mr. Quarry from the meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: April 19, 2007 Business Meeting and the May 3, 2007 Workshop. Mrs. Glover motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Mrs. Thompson introduced Mr. Roger Simmons, the May 2007 Silverton Paideia School Student of the Month. Mayor Smith presented Mr. Simmons with a proclamation declaring May 17, 2007 as "Roger Simmons Day" in the City of Silverton, Ohio.
2. Mayor Smith announced the Hamilton County Municipal League will meet on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the Sycamore Senior Center. Sue Cave, Executive Director of the Ohio Municipal League will be speaking. Please RSVP to Mrs. George if you plan on attending.
3. Mayor Smith announced the Block Watch's spring yard sale will take place on Saturday, May 19 at the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
4. Mayor Smith announced the Memorial Day parade will begin at the Silverton Train Station Museum on Monday, May 28, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:*Mary Wright – 6700 Stoll Lane*

Mrs. Wright reminded all citizens in Silverton to use “Silverton” in their address instead of “Cincinnati”. Silverton could potentially lose out on funding and our census could be affected if residents list their addresses as “Cincinnati”.

Pat Chamberlain – Teacher, Silverton Paideia School

Mrs. Chamberlain thanked Council for their support and involvement in Silverton Paideia School. Mrs. Chamberlain stated the hard work Council and the City have put into Silverton Paideia School has brought new energy to the school and everyone is excited.

Sandra Ellis & Mary Cox – EULA Boutique – 7337 Montgomery Road

Ms. Ellis and Ms. Cox thanked Council and the City for their support in welcoming them and their new business to Silverton.

Beverly Paris – 6730 Plainfield Road

Ms. Paris addressed Council regarding the traffic back up at Plainfield and Montgomery Roads. Ms. Paris stated she had to wait through 4 lights to turn left and would like the intersection studied to see if there is a possible solution. Mr. Wendling explained that such research has completed and the City has applied for a grant to help fund the project. The project is expensive, as the City has to buy right-of-way to realign the intersection to create a dedicated left turn lane. In summary, the City is aware of the problem and is working on it; however funding of the project has to be addressed. Mr. Wendling pointed out that if you take South Avenue to Silverton Avenue to Montgomery Road the intersection can be avoided.

OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:1. Clerk of Court Report

Mrs. George gave the Mayor’s Court Report for April 2007. Mrs. Thompson motioned to approve the Mayor’s Court Report and was seconded by Mrs. Glover. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Budget Report

Mr. Peterson gave the April 2007 Budget Report. Mrs. Hackett motioned to approve the March 2007 Budget Report and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. City Manager’s Report

Mayor Smith turned the meeting over to Mr. Wendling to present his report.

3.1. Farmer’s Market

Mr. Wendling reported that while we tried to organize the Farmer’s Market, we were unable to attract enough farmers to get the market off the ground this year. There are several established markets in the area the local farmers are already committed to.

3.2. Service Department Positions

Mr. Wendling reported that he and Service Department Foreman Rick Lehmkuhl conducted interviews this week to fill the two vacancies in the service department. There were good, qualified candidates and a decision should be made in the next week or two.

3.3. Worker's Comp Rating

Mr. Wendling reported that we have been accepted into the Ohio Municipal League Plan for a group rating of our Worker's Compensation Premium. The rating will save us approximately \$20,000 per year.

3.4. Summer Intern Position

Mr. Wendling reported he has selected a summer intern, Mr. Manny Citron, a graduate student from Ohio State University. Mr. Citron will conduct research on the viability of a tax increment financing district in the business core and a community reinvestment area over the remainder of the City. Mr. Citron begins on June 13, 2007.

3.5. Animals in Municipal Parks

Mr. Wendling reported that he is working on comprehensive park rules and regulations, to include regulations governing pets in City parks. He will present the proposed regulations to Council at its June workshop.

3.6. Stewart Road Flooding Issue

Mr. Wendling the resolution to the Stewart Road flooding issue is progressing. The City, County and State are working to get the issue resolved and Mr. Wendling should have a report in the near future.

3.7. Bond Payoff for Dump Truck

Mr. Wendling reported that since the City has deemed it fiscally prudent to eliminate the debt for the "International" dump truck purchased in 2005 a supplemental budget ordinance is necessary in order to be in compliance with state auditor requirements.

3.8. Newsletter

Mr. Wendling reported that the spring newsletter is at the printers. The newsletters should arrive in our resident's mailboxes sometime next week.

3.9. 6016 Plainfield Road

Mr. Wendling reported he has been investigating the driveway issue at 6016 Plainfield Road and has been on the property to take pictures. The issue will be further discussed at the June workshop.

3.10. Arts Collaborative Donation

Mr. Wendling reported that the donation to the Arts Collaborative would be sent out this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Councilman Morthorst
Tax Review Board – No report.
2. Councilman Sylvester
Planning Commission – No report.

3. Councilwoman Thompson
Fire District – No report.

ICRC – Mrs. Thompson asked Mr. Wendling to explain SB 117. Mr. Wendling reported that SB 117 is a video franchising bill that would affect the way vendors provide cable television services. The bill, if it passes, will reduce our franchising fees by at least 25% and is a continued erosion of municipal home rule. The discussion then progressed to include HB 154, a bill that would eliminate Mayor's Courts. This bill also erodes municipal home rule, as it would no longer allow cities to choose their own magistrates to preside over their "community courts". The City and Council are asking our residents to keep an eye on these bills and to contact their legislators. Our senators and representatives need to hear from us or they will not know our position on these issues.

Park Board – The first summer concert is scheduled for Friday, June 15. "Basic Truth" will be performing at 7:30 at Ficke (Silverton) Park. The park board will be working on scheduling two additional concerts. Additionally, highlights from the Easter Egg Hunt will be aired on Channel 17 at the end of tonight's meeting.

4. Councilwoman Glover
LSDMC – No report.

Mrs. Glover asked Council if they were interested in additional paper recycling bins. Council was in agreement. Mrs. Glover stated she would handle ordering the bins. The recycling proceeds benefit Silverton School.

5. Councilwoman Hackett

Urban Forestry Board – Mrs. Hackett thanked everyone who participated in the City's first Arbor Day Celebration. The celebration took place on Friday, April 27, 2007 in conjunction with Silverton School and was a huge success. The UFB will be meeting on Saturday, May 26 at 11:00 am at the municipal building for anyone who would like to attend. The meeting's agenda includes deciding when to tag the ash trees because of the emerald ash borer problem. There are 16 ash trees in the public right-of-way and it is suspected that there are more on private property.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Ordinance 07-3240, An Ordinance Revising Appropriations for the Expenses of the City of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2007 and Declaring an Emergency.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Mrs. George gave the reading of Ordinance 07-3240, An Ordinance Revising Appropriations for the Expenses of the City of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2007 and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Glover motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Thompson

motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Mrs. Glover. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Morthorst motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss the purchase or sale of public property; and pending or imminent court action per ORC 121.22(G). Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:

Mrs. Thompson motioned to reconvene the regular meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Glover. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Hackett and seconded by Mr. Sylvester. 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