



## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Workshop  
Held Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a workshop in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

Mayor Smith led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

John Smith	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
Willa Garner	Council	Present	Meredith George	Clerk of Council
Joyce Glover	Council	Present	Tom Peterson	Finance Director
Shirley Hackett	Council	Present		
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Dottie Williams	Council	Present		

### **CITY MANAGER'S WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **1. Civil Defense Siren Relocation**

Mr. Wendling reported that the City of Deer Park is in need of a new civil defense siren and would like to partner with Silverton to purchase a new one and relocate it to a central location that will serve both cities. Our siren has been here since the building was built. The new siren would be relocated to the fire department and Chief Newman has approved the relocation. Mr. Wendling believes this is a good opportunity for the City to replace an aged piece of equipment at a fraction of the cost. Mr. Wendling is recommending that the expense be allocated in the 2009 budget. Mrs. Garner asked if the public was aware of the different alert signals. Mrs. Hackett suggested that the signals and their meanings could be presented at a Block Watch meeting and also included in the Block Watch newsletter.

#### **2. East Gatewood Storm Sewer Collapse**

Mr. Wendling reported a storm sewer collapsed on East Gatewood and the City is in the process of getting prices for the replacement. Mr. Wendling believes the cost of the project will be around \$20,000. Mrs. Williams asked if there was a grant available to the City for the project. Mr. Wendling stated he did not believe

that a grant is an option, as the project is an emergency and the City has money in our contingency fund for situations such as these.

3. Plainfield/Montgomery Intersection Improvement Project

Mr. Wendling reported he placed copies of the detour plan for the Montgomery/Plainfield Intersection Project in everyone's mailbox, as Duke Energy is scheduled to start the gas main replacement on Monday, March 10, 2008. Mr. Quarry inquired about a project sign. Mr. Wendling stated the project sign will probably not go up until the Lite House building comes down. Mr. Wendling also reported that a few of the small detour signs are already up. Mr. Quarry asked that the police keep an extra watch on the South/Silverton intersection while the detour is in effect.

4. IRS Pension Pick Up Requirements

Mr. Wendling stated that the IRS has new requirements for enabling PERS deductions to be tax deferred. There is a resolution on tonight's agenda that will bring us in compliance with the new federal law.

5. CRA Housing Council

Mr. Wendling reported that four citizens have expressed an interest in serving on the housing council. The four citizens are: Sondra Britton, Joanna Brown, Susan Welsh and Chris Draper. Mr. Wendling is recommending is to appoint them at next meeting. Council was in agreement.

6. New Service Department Vehicles

Mr. Wendling reported the service department has two new vehicles. The new vehicles replace 10 to 15 year old vehicles and were much needed. The vehicles have the new city logo in place and look great.

7. Miscellaneous

Mrs. Hackett reported a large amount of garbage near the corner of Stoll and Montgomery.

Mrs. Williams reported numerous potholes on Diehl Avenue.

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

1. Public comments

*Tamara Walker – Hampton Drive*

Ms. Walker addressed council regarding the condition of Hampton Drive and the status of the abandoned gas station at Montgomery and Belkenton. Mr. Wendling addressed Ms. Walker concerns and explained that Hampton Drive is scheduled to be repaired in 2009, depending on funding. Mr. Wendling also explained that the old gas station is currently being addressed and a public hearing will be held in the near future addressing the razing of the building. When the building is razed the site will be scraped and grass will be planted on the site. Eventually, the City hopes to purchase the property and turn it into a pocket park. Ms. Walker also asked about sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Wendling explained that sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner. Ms. Walker was encouraged to report any violations to the City so that they may be addressed.

**READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:**

None.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:**

Mrs. George gave the first reading of Ordinance 08-3260 An ordinance amending section 36.015 "Income Subject to Tax: Effective Date," adding Section 36.015(A)(7) to the Municipal Code of Ordinances to read as set forth below.

Mr. Wendling explained that currently our earnings tax statute does not include gambling/lottery winnings as income. This amendment will add them as income and enable the city to capture the revenue if someone is lucky enough to win.

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 08-539 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc for solid waste collection services for the period of May 16, 2008 to May 15, 2009. Mrs. Garner motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Wendling reminded Council that this is the second (and last) option year of our five year contract. The City will need to bid the contract next year. Mr. Quarry asked about the appropriate time to begin the bidding process. Mr. Wendling replied that typically bid prices will be guaranteed no more than 120 days, sometimes less. Mr. Wendling also reported that the Center for Local Government is in the preliminary stages of a study to determine if there might be interest in offering a cooperative bid for waste collection. He believes there is potential for real savings if a majority of the Center's 45 members participated in the bid process. He told Council members he would keep them informed.

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 08-540 A resolution authorizing the City of Silverton to pick up the statutorily required contribution to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System for the employees of the City of Silverton pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2). Mrs. Glover motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Hackett made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Mrs. Williams. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meredith L. George  
Clerk of Council

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John A. Smith  
Mayor

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Mark T. Wendling  
City Manager