

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting

Held Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

Mr. Sylvester led in silent prayer and the January, March and April 2008 Students of the Month led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

### **REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:**

No changes needed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: March 20, 2008 Business Meeting, and the April 3, 2008 Workshop. Mrs. Garner motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:**

1. Mrs. Williams introduced Ms. Jade Brown, January 2008 Student of the Month, and Mayor Smith presented Ms. Brown with a proclamation.
2. Mrs. Glover introduced Ms. Hannah Beitzinger, March 2008 Student of the Month, and Mayor Smith presented Ms. Beitzinger with a proclamation.
3. Mrs. Williams introduced Mr. Eric Hale, April 2008 Student of the Month, and Mayor Smith presented Mr. Hale with a proclamation.
4. Mayor Smith reminded all that the booths for the Block Watch Spring Yard Sale are now on sale at the Police Department. The cost of a booth rental is \$30.00 and the yard sale will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2008.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Wendling reported a public meeting was held on Tuesday, April 8 to address parking concerns on N and S Broadlawn and on Elwynne Drive. Fire Chief Don Newman raised concerns regarding the vehicles parked on the curves of both North and South Broadlawn. Mr. Newman said he did not believe an emergency vehicle could pass through either curve if vehicles are allowed to park on both sides. Mr. Wendling reported no residents from the Broadlawns attended the meeting and he did receive written correspondence from one resident who supported prohibiting the parking on the curves. Mrs. Garner motioned to prohibit the parking on the curves of Broadlawn Circle as recommended by Chief Newman. Mrs. Hackett seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Wendling added that several residents from Elwynne Drive attended the hearing and there were several different requests as to how the parking should be regulated. Mr. Wendling said he would ask the engineer to evaluate the parking situation and offer a recommendation to the City.

Mr. Wendling reported that the gas main replacement on Plainfield Road was complete and the additional utility work will begin next week. The deal with the Lite House demolition is still being worked out. There will be more information in the near future.

Mrs. Williams asked about potholes on Diehl and if the streets will be swept this year. Mr. Wendling reported the potholes will be filled with cold patch and the streets are swept each year near Memorial Day. Mr. Sylvester added that the potholes develop on Diehl because there is no proper drainage.

Mrs. Garner asked if the parking on Stoll Lane could also be looked at. Mr. Wendling said he felt Stoll was too wide for any parking to be eliminated.

Mr. Quarry asked if all the members of the service department were trained to operate the asphalt saw. Mr. Wendling was unsure and would have to check with Rick Lehmkuhl. Mr. Wendling added that Mr. Lehmkuhl plans to use the asphalt saw this year and target the problem areas, but the spring is the busiest season for the service department so it will be mid-summer before they have a chance to use the saw.

Mr. Quarry also reported that he read a recent Cincinnati Enquirer article that addressed the outdated emergency sirens and Hamilton County is working to replace them. Mr. Wendling said he would look into it.

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

Mrs. George gave the Mayor's Court Report for March 2008. Mrs. Williams motioned to approve the Mayor's Court Report and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## 2. Budget Report

Mr. Peterson gave the March 2008 Budget Report. Mrs. Glover motioned to approve the Budget Report and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### 1. Councilman Quarry

OKI – No report.

HCSWD – No report.

Park Board – Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Agenda items are: Summer Concert Series sponsorships and Spruce Up Silverton.

### 2. Councilman Sylvester

Planning Commission – No report.

### 3. Councilwoman Williams

Mrs. Williams reported the Fire Board has recently discussed the purchase of a new pumper and is looking into replacing the emergency siren. The Board also approved increasing the pay rates of the full time firefighters and would like to see evaluations performed for all employees. The fire district was instrumental in helping the Colerain Township Fire Department cope with the loss of two of its members. The fire district provided food and a monetary donation to Colerain Township and also manned one of their stations on the day of the funeral services. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10 at 4:30 p.m.

### 4. Councilwoman Garner

ICRC – No report.

### 5. Councilwoman Glover

Mrs. Glover reported that there will be 85 students and two teachers joining Silverton Paideia from the school in Carthage that is closing at the end of this year. Additionally, a fourth grade teacher was added for next year. The Silverton PTO and Carthage PTO are working together to hold an open house at Silverton on Wednesday, April 23. The Ohio Proficiency Test will take place on April 28 at Silverton Paideia. Mrs. Glover reported that there were 12 volunteers to help tutor in preparation for the proficiency test. More tutors are welcome – anyone interested should contact Mrs. George at 936-6240. The uniform policy is still under consideration and will be re-visited after parent feedback is received.

### 6. Councilwoman Hackett

Mrs. Hackett thanked all who attended the Urban Forestry Board Open House. Mrs. Thelma Davis did a great job organizing the event and Wendi VanBuren gave a terrific presentation.

The Urban Forestry Board, Mayor Smith and members of council and the service department will be attending the Tree City USA award ceremony on Wednesday, April 24 in Oakwood, Ohio.

The preparations for the Arbor Day celebration keep moving forward. 105 posters were submitted from St. Nicholas Academy, Woodford Paideia and Silverton Paideia. The celebration will take place at the Scratching Post at 1:30 p.m. Sandy Matey is chairing the event which will be a great celebration.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Mr. Wendling presented a sample design for the gateway signage. Council reviewed the design, and followed with a brief discussion. All liked the design, with a few minor changes noted.

Mr. Quarry noted that Earth Day is April 22 and the Great American Clean Up is April 26. The Silverton Sweet Peas will meet at the Train Station on April 26 at 9 am to clean up and plant flowers. All volunteers are welcome!

Mr. Quarry offered his condolences to the family of Dottie Schwartz, a long time resident who recently passed away. Mrs. Schwartz will be truly missed by the officials, employees and residents of Silverton.

#### **READING OF LEGISLATION:**

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 08-542 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kleingers and Associates for consultation and advice regarding the amending of the zoning code for the City of Silverton. Mrs. Glover motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 08-542 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements providing musical talent for the City's Ninth Annual Summer Concert Series. Mrs. Garner motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **MOTION TO RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Quarry motioned to retire to executive session to consider the purchase or sale of public property and pending or imminent court action per ORC 121.22(G). Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO RECONVENE MEETING:**

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

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

None.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Quarry and seconded by Mr. Sylvester. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting 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