

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
 Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting  
 Held Thursday, October 16, 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, October 16, 2008. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

**OPENING REMARKS:**

Mayor Smith led a moment of silent prayer. Mayor Smith invited Donaven Hill, the Silverton Paideia Student of the Month for September 2008 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Elected Officials:**

- John Smith, Mayor Present
- Willa Garner, Council Present
- Joyce Glover, Council Present
- Shirley Hackett, Council Present
- Mark Quarry, Council Present
- Frank Sylvester, Council Present
- Dottie Williams, Council Present

**Also present:**

- Mark Wendling, City Manager
- Bryan Pacheco, City Solicitor
- Meredith George, Clerk of Council
- Tom Peterson, Finance Director

**REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:**

No changes needed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: the September 18, 2008 Business Meeting and the October 2, 2008 Workshop. Mrs. Williams motioned for approval of the minutes with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:**

1. Mr. Quarry introduced Mr. Donaven Hill, the September 2008 Silverton Paideia Student of the Month. Mayor Smith presented Mr. Hill with a proclamation and congratulated him for his excellent school work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Mary Wright – 6700 Stoll Lane*

Mrs. Wright addressed Council to invite everyone to the Halloween Spooktacular, which will be held on Saturday, October 25 at Meier's Winery from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. More information is available on the city's website – [www.cityofsilverton.com](http://www.cityofsilverton.com).

**OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Wendling updated Council on the two current road projects: the Plainfield and Montgomery Intersection project and the Belkenton/Grace project.

Mr. Wendling reported that the Plainfield/Montgomery Intersection project is moving along and is on track to be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Wendling reported that the Belkenton/Grace project was delayed due to the significant storm damage from the windstorm on Belkenton Avenue. Mr. Wendling has been in contact with Adleta Construction and they assured Mr. Wendling that the project will be complete before the deadline. Mr. Wendling sent Adleta Construction a letter confirming the conversation he and Tim Adleta had regarding the due date of the project.

Mrs. Hackett asked about the status of the old gas station at the corner of Montgomery and Belkenton. Mrs. Hackett stated there were several cars parked in the lot this past weekend. Mr. Wendling reported that the cars may have been there in conjunction with the illegal business that has been operating on Gloria Simmons' property behind the gas station. The Board of Zoning Appeals recently denied Ms. Simmons' appeal to continue to operate the car repair business and Mr. Knight is aware that it may still be operational. Mr. Knight and Chief Daudistel are aware of the situation and are keeping an eye out for illegal activity. Mr. Wendling reported that the gas station building has been ordered razed and the City was awarded a grant to raze the building. The bid specs are being prepared and the project will go out to bid shortly. The building should be razed by the end of the year.

Mayor Smith noted that the Community Surveys began arriving in the resident's mailboxes this week, but the deadline for returning the surveys is Friday, October 17. Mr. Wendling reported there was a glitch in the mailing and all residents are encouraged to fill out the survey and return them as soon as they can, even if it is past October 17. Each survey includes a postage paid return envelope, so there is no cost to the residents to mail them back.

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

Mrs. George gave the September 2008 Clerk of Court Report. Mr. Sylvester motioned for approval and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**2. Budget Report**

Mr. Peterson presented the August and September 2008 budget report. A brief discussion regarding road salt followed. Mr. Peterson reported that Silverton was able to secure 300 tons of road salt from the City of Cincinnati for \$124/ton. The increase in cost from last year is significantly large and is attributed to the salt shortage this year. In comparison to other communities in SW Ohio, we did not get the lowest price per ton, but we are not paying the highest price per ton either. Due

to the circumstances we are happy to have the salt so that we may continue to provide a high level of service to our residents. Mr. Quarry wanted to make sure our residents know that we do have salt and the streets in Silverton will be treated this winter in the event of inclement weather.

Mrs. Glover asked Mr. Peterson about the function of the Tax Review Board now that RITA is handling our income tax responsibilities. Mr. Peterson stated he will research the situation and get back to Mrs. Glover. Mrs. Glover noted she did not want the “personal touch” eliminated when our residents have to deal with income tax issues. Mr. Peterson assured Mrs. Glover that would not be the case.

Mrs. Garner motioned to approve the budget report and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### 1. Councilman Quarry

OKI – Mr. Quarry reported that OKI met on October 9, 2008. The main focus of the meeting was the recommended improvements to the I-471 corridor and the formation of a committee called “Bridge Builders”. Bridge Builders is a committee made up of elected officials from various local governments whose main goal is to expedite the Brent Spence Bridge replacement.

Mrs. Glover asked if there are any funds available through OKI that would help with street repairs. Mr. Wendling reported that he and JoAnna Brown are working on securing “transportation enhancement funds”. The funds are not for street repair, but for aesthetic improvement, which would help to complete the Montgomery/Plainfield streetscape.

HCSWD – No report. The next meeting is Thursday, November 20.

Park Board – No report.

#### 2. Councilman Sylvester

Planning Commission – No report.

#### 3. Councilwoman Williams

Mrs. Williams reported that the Fire District Board met on October 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Williams reported that Mr. Alan Abes of Dinsmore and Shohl was recently appointed as the district’s law director. The district handled 75 details during the September 14 windstorm. The district attended to resident’s needs, such as covering roofs and windows, clearing the roads, moving wires and checking on the welfare of our residents. There were no injuries to any residents or staff during the storm. Chief Newman will be renegotiating the contract with Columbia Township soon, as the current contract expires in 2009.

#### 4. Councilwoman Garner

ICRC – No report – The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2008.

#### 5. Councilwoman Glover

Mrs. Glover reported that the last LSDMC meeting was cancelled, due to complications from the windstorm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21,

2008. Mrs. Glover provided a Silverton Paideia update in lieu of her LSDMC report. It has been discovered that the correct name of Silverton Paideia is "Silverton Paideia Academy". Board of Education records revealed the correct name. Jason Dennison is now on board as the School Resource Coordinator and is doing a great job keeping things moving at the school. Mrs. Dendy is on medical leave as a result of a fall and is anticipating surgery. The status of Mrs. Dendy's return is unknown at this time. Mr. Johnson, a retired CPS principal is serving as a replacement in Mrs. Dendy's stead. The PTO kick-off meeting will be held on October 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

6. Councilwoman Hackett

Mrs. Hackett reported that the Urban Forestry Board met earlier today. Wendi Van Buren, Urban Forester with ODNR was in attendance. The main focus of the meeting was to review the tree ordinance and mission statement. The board is seeking ways to best inform the residents and encourage participation. The board welcomes anyone with an earnest interest in trees and developing more green space to get involved with the UFB. Look for an article about the UFB in the upcoming newsletter. The next meeting is Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

**NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Mr. Quarry asked how Mr. Knight is handling property maintenance violations as a result of the windstorm. Mr. Wendling reported Mr. Knight is focusing on properties that were in violation before the storm occurred, offering some leniency to those affected by the storm.

Mrs. Williams asked about the placement of branches at the curb for brush collection. Mr. Wendling reported that the brush collection is caught up and is now complete until after leaf season. If anyone has brush they are advised not to set it at the curb until leaf season is complete, which is usually mid-December.

Mrs. Hackett asked if the parking situation on Elwynne Drive has been resolved. Mr. Wendling reported that the City will follow the engineer's recommendation until another viable solution has been presented to Council. Mr. Wendling stated he attempted to contact Mr. Brandon Vatter, a civil engineer and Elwynne Drive resident, to no avail. Mr. Vatter offered to discuss the situation with CDS, but Mr. Wendling has not been able to contact Mr. Vatter. Essentially, the no parking signs will remain until Council decides to act otherwise.

**READING OF LEGISLATION:**

Mrs. George gave the reading of Ordinance 08-3274 An Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments on Property of the Total Cost of Mitigating Noxious Weeds and High Grass Pursuant to Sections 91.70-.73 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances and R.C. 715.261 and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Hackett motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mrs. Garner. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Mrs. Glover motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**READING OF LEGISLATION BY RESOLUTION:**

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 08-551 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.

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

None.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Mr. Quarry. 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