

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting
Held Thursday, February 16th, 2006

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a business meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7pm on Thursday, February 16th, 2006. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Councilman Sylvester led the prayer and the February 2006 Student of the Month 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		
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:

No changes were needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: January 19, 2006 Business Meeting and the February 2, 2006 Workshop Meeting. Councilwoman Glover motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Councilman Sylvester introduced the February 2006 Student of the Month, Miss Charisma McDaniel. Mayor Smith presented Miss McDaniel with a proclamation.
2. Mayor Smith stated he had invited Mrs. Dottie Schwartz, widow of the late William Schwartz, to accept a proclamation in her husband's honor. Mrs. Schwartz addressed council and spoke of her husband's efforts to smooth race relations during the city's integration in the early 1960's. William Schwartz was a longtime resident of the City of Silverton. Mayor Smith presented Mrs. Schwartz with the proclamation.

3. Mayor Smith noted that there was still a vacancy on the Charter Revision Committee. Mayor Smith reported that earlier in the day he talked with Mr. Richard Shomo about filling the vacancy. Mr. Shomo is a history teacher with the Cincinnati Public School district and would be an asset to the Charter Revision Committee. Mayor Smith stated Mr. Shomo is interested in the appointment and will let Mayor Smith know his decision soon.

OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

George McDaniel – 6822 Grace Avenue

Mr. McDaniel addressed council to inform them that his neighbor was allowing his dogs to defecate in Mr. McDaniel's yard and not removing the fecal matter. Mr. McDaniel went on to say that he approached his neighbor regarding the problem and his neighbor was very offensive. Mr. Wendling stated he was not sure if there was an ordinance in place addressing the issue and he would look into it. Mr. McDaniel stated he reported the incidents to the police department and he was told there was no ordinance regarding the proper disposal of canine fecal matter. Mr. Wendling said he would investigate the issue and get in touch with Mr. McDaniel.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. City Manager's Report

1.1. Mayor's Court Report

Ms. George gave the January 2006 Mayor's Court Report. Councilwoman Glover motioned for approval of the report and was seconded by Councilwoman Hackett. All voted aye. Motion carried.

1.2. Budget Report

Mr. Wendling reported that the January 2006 Budget Report has been delayed due to staff changes.

1.3. Departmental Reports

Mr. Wendling reported that there were departmental reports from the tax department, police department and service department at each seat. Mr. Wendling explained that in the future they will be included in the council packets. Mr. Wendling also reported that the police report was incomplete, due to Chief Daudistel being ill today.

1.4. Cinergy Gas Main Replacement

Mr. Wendling reported that the project was moving along well and that Sampson Lane is expected to be done in the early spring. Mr. Wendling also reported that they will be working will in the City throughout the summer. Mr. Wendling added that the workers are not cutting the streets unless they have to and they are doing a good portion of the work underground. Councilwoman Glover added that she has seen the work

that they have performed in other areas of Cincinnati and they have done a very professional job.

1.5. Post Office Parking Lot Issue

Mr. Wendling updated council on the status of the Post Office parking lot / traffic flow problems. Mr. Wendling stated he has submitted recommendations from CDS to Mr. Averett, the safety director for the Post Office, but has not heard back from Mr. Averett yet. Mr. Wendling stated he has left phone messages and sent e-mails and is beginning to get frustrated. Mr. Quarry informed council that he was able to get in touch with Mr. Averett and he feels like the Postal workers involved are passing the buck amongst each other. Mr. Averett informed Mr. Quarry that the Post Master was out of town, and he promised to call Mr. Wendling back after he had a chance to discuss the situation with the Post Master. Councilwoman Glover asked Mr. Wendling if he wanted each member of council to call the Post Office. Mr. Wendling asked that they hold off for a few days to see if he receives any correspondence from them.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Resolution 06-481 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Jail Housing Agreement with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Wendling introduced Resolution 06-482 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Jail Housing Agreement with the Highland County Sheriff's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Wright – 6700 Stoll Lane

Mrs. Wright inquired about the cost of housing the prisoners in the new legislation that was introduced. Mr. Wendling informed Mrs. Wright that the cost was minimal and we will only use incarceration as a last resort.

Councilman Quarry noted that the Train Station Committee, headed by Jim Siegel met in late January and they are planning to wash and paint the train station. Councilwoman Thompson said she was not aware of the committee. Councilwoman Hackett explained that the committee was currently composed of Block Watch members, but all were welcome. Mr. Wendling asked that any work done at the Train Station be coordinated with the service department so the City was aware of what work was being done. Councilman Sylvester noted that the planned paint color scheme was very attractive.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 06-481 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Jail Housing Agreement with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office. Councilman Quarry motioned for adoption and was seconded by Councilwoman Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 06-482 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Jail Housing Agreement with the Highland County Sheriff's Office. Councilwoman Thompson motioned for adoption and was seconded by Councilman Quarry. Councilwoman Glover commented that the cost to the city for incarceration of individuals will be worth the end result. Councilwoman Glover also noted that both agreements could be terminated at any time, so the City was protected. A roll call vote was taken. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COUNCIL:

Councilman Quarry said he would like the City to consider developing a comprehensive plan in the near future and that it should be possibly be added to the next workshop agenda. Mr. Wendling stated that it would be a good time for a council retreat.

Mr. Wendling reminded everyone that the workshop for March had been moved from Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 pm to Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Thompson and seconded by Councilwoman Hackett. 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