

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, August 21, 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, August 21, 2008. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

**OPENING REMARKS:**

Vice-Mayor Hackett led a moment of silence followed by 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
- Alan Abes, Deputy City Solicitor
- Meredith George, Clerk of Council
- Tom Peterson, Finance Director

**REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:**

Mayor Smith noted that the Clerk of Court report for June 2008 and July 2008 needed to be added to new business and committee reports.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: July 18, 2008 Business Meeting and the August 7, 2008 Workshop. Mr. Quarry reported he had an addition to the August 7, 2008 workshop minutes and requested that approval be delayed until the next business meeting. Mrs. Glover noted that the July 18, 2008 meeting minutes reflected a need for LSDMC members. Mrs. Glover clarified that the committee is in need of three parent members. Mr. Quarry motioned for approval of the July 18, 2008 minutes with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Mrs. Garner. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:**

1. Mayor Smith reminded all that the Silverton Block Watch Association's Fall Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2008 in the Municipal Building parking lot. Booths are \$30 and are on sale at the police department.

2. Mayor Smith noted that the final concert of the Summer Concert series will take place on Friday, August 29, 2008. "46 Long" will be performing in Ficke Park, shelter #2, at 7:00 p.m.
3. Mayor Smith recognized the article in the Cincinnati Business Courier that highlighted Silverton's downtown revitalization efforts.
4. Mr. Sylvester reported that the sidewalk project on Oak Avenue is complete and looks wonderful. He asked Mayor Smith to contact Mr. Ramsey's family so they can tell him the project is done. Mrs. Mary Wright (6700 Stoll Lane) mentioned that Mrs. Ramsey received the letter regarding the project and his family plans to bring Mr. Ramsey by to see the sidewalk he so strongly lobbied for to benefit the children of Silverton.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Wendling reported the fiber optic companies have nearly completed the relocation of their lines to the new utility poles as part of the Plainfield/Montgomery Road intersection project. Mr. Wendling has been in contact with Mr. Marvin Blade of Duke Energy regarding the utility pole near the Miter Box that is still slightly crooked. The pole will be harder to address now that the fiber optic lines have been run, but Mr. Wendling will keep council updated on the situation. Mr. Wendling reported that there are still a couple of walls that need to come down at the Lite House demolition site. Mr. Quarry asked about the area that has graffiti on it. Mr. Wendling stated he is working with Rick Lehmkuhl to find a solution that will not damage the brick.

Mr. Wendling reported that letters have been sent out to the residents of Grace, Belkenton and Placid informing them of the road project that will commence in early September. There will be a full depth reconstruction to Grace (from its intersection with Belkenton west to its termination at the corporation line), while Belkenton will receive sub-grade repair and will be milled and grinded. Both streets will receive new curbs. Mr. Wendling added that sidewalks are not part of the project but will be inspected. Any resident with a sidewalk in need of repair will be sent notice to have the sidewalk replaced. Mr. Sylvester reported that Duke Energy removed a portion of a sidewalk on Stoll Lane and wondered when it will be replaced. Mrs. Glover stated she reported the situation to Mr. Lehmkuhl. Mr. Wendling stated that Duke is responsible for replacing the sidewalk since they removed it.

**NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Clerk of Court Report

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

Mrs. George gave the July 2008 Clerk of Court Report. Mrs. Glover motioned for approval and was seconded by Mrs. Garner. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Budget Report

Mr. Peterson gave the July 2008 Budget Report. Mrs. Glover mentioned two residents have presented her letters from R.I.T.A. with Mrs. Helmes name on it. The residents called the R.I.T.A. number and asked for Mrs. Helmes and they told she is not employed there. Mr. Peterson said he would investigate and requested that

anyone with such a letter contact Mrs. Helmes at 513-936-6240. Mrs. Garner motioned to approve the Budget Report and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. All voted aye. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Councilwoman Williams  
The Fire District Board met on July 24, 2008 at the firehouse. At the meeting Mr. Alan Abes from Dinsmore and Shohl was appointed as district counsel. Mrs. Williams also reported that several resolutions were passed. Chief Newman presented the board with letters of praise from the employees at Jewish Hospital thanking the Fire District for their continued professionalism. The next board meeting is Tuesday, October 14 at 4:30 p.m.
2. Councilwoman Garner  
Mrs. Garner reported the ICRC board met on July 24, 2008. The meeting was well attended, representative from many communities were there. Pat Stern, Executive Director, reported that the Milford ICRC office is closing, which will save approximately \$30,000/year. ICRC has also hired two new employees, Matt Ackley – production specialist and Jennifer Otten – education specialist. The new web pages have been updated. Take a look at them at [www.icrctv.com](http://www.icrctv.com). The next meeting is October 23, 2008.
3. Councilwoman Glover  
Mrs. Glover reported that the August LSDMC was postponed. The school hosted an ice cream social to welcome new and returning families and the event was standing room only. Mrs. Dendy distributed backpacks filled with school supplies that have been collected over the past year. Mrs. Glover reported that many parents were signing up to be involved in the P.T.O. The enrollment has increased to 479 students for the 2008-09 school year. Last year's enrollment was 401. Mrs. Glover also reported that the school has adopted a new uniform policy and the children looked great upon their return to school. Uniforms are available to families in need. Mr. Quarry asked about the projected enrollment once the new school is built. Mrs. Glover stated that while there is no way to predict the enrollment, she anticipates the school to be full. The new Pleasant Ridge Montessori is already at capacity, as new schools attract families. The LSDMC will now be meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
4. Councilwoman Hackett  
The Urban Forestry Board met this afternoon in the conference room. The UFB is brainstorming regarding ways to educate the community about the proper trees to plant in the right-of-way. The board is considering having an article in the newsletter, developing a brochure, and holding another open house. Mrs. Hackett reported that there are upcoming workshops that the board members will be attending on various topics.
5. Councilman Quarry  
Mr. Quarry reported that OKI met on Thursday, August 14. There was nothing noteworthy to report.

Mr. Quarry reported that the HCSWD has had numerous meeting cancellations due to a large project they are working on concerning rates and regulations and

deadlines imposed by the EPA. Mr. Quarry will elaborate when the project is complete. The deadline is Spring 2009.

Mr. Quarry reported that The Mistics performed on Friday, August 8, 2008 as part of the Summer Concert series. The event was well attended by a very diverse crowd. The weather was perfect and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Mr. Quarry thanked the Krimmer's (Italianette Pizza) for bringing pizzas and drinks and also thanked Officers Chad Roelker and Ryan Faehr for working at the concerts. The final concert of the summer is Friday, August 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., featuring "46 Long".

6. Councilman Sylvester

Mr. Sylvester reported that the technical review committee continues to meet to re-draft the zoning code. Mr. Wendling added the committee is making progress and the re-draft is a year long process.

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

Mr. Quarry reported that a new project adjacent to Silverton was under way. There is a new cell tower being erected in Sycamore Township behind Esther Price Candies immediately adjacent to our corporate boundary. Mr. Quarry added that the tower is right in plain view for anyone enjoying Ficke Park and the project was never communicated to us by the Sycamore Township officials.

Mayor Smith commended the Service Department for installing the "doggie bag" stations in Ficke Park so that anyone using the park to walk their dog has the resources available to clean up after them. Mr. Wendling added that our code requires that animal excrement be cleaned up by the pet owner.

Mr. Quarry mentioned that the water fountain near the equipment shed does not appear to be working. Mr. Wendling stated he would have Mr. Lehmkuhl check into it.

Mr. Sylvester asked if any more research had been done regarding a sign acknowledging George Quigley, Jr. Mr. Wendling reported he will address the issue in the near future. Mrs. Glover asked Mr. Sylvester to relay the information to the Quigley family. Mr. Wendling stated he need to know the exact event, the type of medal he received, the year and the Olympiad location.

Mrs. Hackett asked if any progress had been made regarding the Runyan's request to have a traffic light installed on Montgomery Road at Siebern Avenue. Mr. Wendling stated he spoke with Jay Hamilton of ODOT and the intersection does not warrant a full traffic light. It simply does not meet the state's specifications. After a brief discussion it was decided that other alternatives need to be explored.

Mr. Quarry asked when Montgomery Road was scheduled to be re-paved. Mr. Wendling reported it is scheduled for 2010, but is recommending that Council consider postponing the project until 2011. Depending on the 2010 census, Silverton may become a village. If that is the case, the state will have to fund the project in whole.

**READING OF LEGISLATION:**

Mrs. George gave the reading of Ordinance 08-3271 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. Glover motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Mrs. Williams motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Quarry motioned to retire to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee and to consider the purchase or sale of public property per ORC 121.22(G) and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

Mrs. Glover motioned to reconvene the regular business meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. All members present 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 Mrs. Williams. 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