

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 9:51 p.m. by John Ruediger, Council President.

PRESENT: Jon Hannan, Bridget Pavlick, Chuck Kocisko, Carmen Laudato, Julie Field, John Ruediger

ABSENT: Jessica Timmons

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Paul Janis, Law Director
Robert Reinholz, Fire Chief
Darin Powers, Police Chief
Jenny Esarey, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Rob Peters, Economic Development Director
Greg Mytinger, Parks and Recreation Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MS. TIMMONS.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Disposition of Minutes

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2017, DECEMBER 4, 2017 AND FEBRUARY 12, 2018 AS WRITTEN.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

None.

Review Council Rules

Mrs. Pavlick asked if the Council Members had any input. This could be moved to the next meeting since it was not critical to the running of the City. Ms. Laudato mentioned that a student that had attended the last Council Meeting was surprised a government meeting had been opened with a prayer. Ms. Laudato felt the public meetings should be equally accessible and she didn't want to alienate anyone or make anyone feel their input wouldn't be welcomed; that's why she did not open tonight's meetings with an invocation.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS ITEM TO THE MARCH 12, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mrs. Pavlick, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Introduction of Legislation Containing Statement of Emergency

T-6464 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH STAMM CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCRETE AND CONCRETE RELATED MATERIALS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN

ORDER TO PERMIT TIMELY COMMENCEMENT OF SEASONAL WORK.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-31.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6465 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH CHARLES TEECE dba TEECE BROTHERS FENCE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FENCING NECESSARY TO ENCLOSE DUGOUTS AT STREETSBORO CITY PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PERMIT TIMELY COMMENCEMENT OF SEASONAL WORK.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-32.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6466 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH LOWE'S OF STREETSBORO FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PERMIT TIMELY COMMENCEMENT OF SEASONAL WORK.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-33.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6467 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT

COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH CENTERRA CO-OP dba WESTERN RESERVE FARM COOPERATIVE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRASS SEED AND SEEDING SUPPLIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PERMIT TIMELY COMMENCEMENT OF SEASONAL WORK.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-34.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6468 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH MARS ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PERMIT TIMELY COMMENCEMENT OF SEASONAL WORK.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Ms. Laudato. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-35.

Moved by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mr. Hannan. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6469 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH OSCAR BRUGMANN SAND & GRAVEL, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SAND, GRAVEL AND TOPSOIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PERMIT TIMELY COMMENCEMENT OF SEASONAL WORK.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-36.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Ms. Laudato. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6470 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY AND REVIZE, LLC FOR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND HOSTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXECUTE THE WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-37.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

T-6471 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-28 TO SPECIFY THE CORRECT VENDOR FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A HYDRAULIC POWER COT LOADER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE PURCHASE AUTHORIZED IN SAID ORDINANCE TO PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Clerk read by title as directed.

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Ms. Laudato. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2018-38.

Moved by Mr. Hannan, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon roll call, **motion carried 6-0.**

First Reading

None.

Second Reading

None.

Third Reading

None.

Mayor's Report

Mr. Ruediger read from Charter Section 3.04(g) and said the Mayor needed to prepare and submit to Council at the end of the fiscal year a report of finances and administrative activities which the Mayor had already done. There was nothing in the Charter that said the Mayor had to present it to Council, so Mr. Ruediger offered the Mayor a choice of presenting the report to Council or not presenting it since most members of Council had reviewed the report he had already submitted. Mayor Broska offered to just give the highlights tonight.

Mayor Broska said the City's finances were on an upward trend for the last 6 years and last year the City had paid down over \$700,000 in debt. He said the property value in the City had increased for the 6th consecutive year and everyone's property taxes had gone down because of the increased value and the effective rate of the millage.

There was a little concern this year because there were 3 vacant buildings, but there was some interest in them. There was some development interest along SR 14 too. The Meadow View Subdivision was continuing to build and had already sold 11 of the 19 lots in Phase 6 and would break ground for Phase 7 soon. People were moving into the City at a fast rate. Almost half of the lots in the Forest Valley subdivision were sold. The condominium development near Boulder Creek had 82 units planned that were selling at \$225,000 to \$300,000. Mayor Broska said Streetsboro was doing the right things to attract people to our City and the taxes were still very low as compared to the other 18 counties in the NE Ohio area.

He mentioned there were plans coming for a 200,000 sq. ft. spec building on Wellman Road and the Economic Director had been told there was need of more buildings and the City was working in that direction. Mayor Broska said the basis of the State of the City report was that the City was on an upward trend and he was confident it would stay in that direction.

Mayor Broska said there were infrastructure and road projects coming up: Frost Road would start back up soon, SR 303W would start, SR 303E would be paved this year. In the years to come the SR 43 project was scheduled with curbs, gutters and sidewalks from Market Square to Frost Road, and SR 14 was scheduled with curbs, gutters and sidewalks from Kmart to Diagonal Road. These projects would make the City more attractive to people. He knew there was a bit of controversy about the high school (location) but he thought people liked that the City had invested in its schools.

He mentioned that Mrs. Pavlick and Mrs. Field had been in Steering Committee meetings about the City Center Project which was moving forward and Council had agreed to purchase the property adjacent to the City Hall property which would give the City more opportunity for development. He was confident the efforts they were putting forth to beautify the City and bring it into the 21st century would continue to move the City forward. He said Council and the Mayor and his staff may discuss and may disagree but would all work together to make the right decisions to move the City forward.

Mayor Broska also mentioned that Mr. Kolar had spoken at the podium about a multitude of accidents on SR 14 near the high school, but the police reports showed that the frequency of injury accidents had gone down a little. In 2015 there were 18 injury accidents, in 2016 there were 5 injury accidents, in 2017 there were 6 injury accidents. Safety would be improved along that corridor in 2021 when a third lane would be added. The majority of accidents there were "assured clear distance" accidents because people weren't paying attention to the cars in front of them.

President of Council's Comments

Mr. Ruediger mentioned there was a water pump station in Tinkers Green that was installed several years ago at a cost of about \$200,000+ because that development had very low water pressure. Now that the water tower was functioning Mr. Ruediger wondered if the water pressure was better and the water pump station was no longer needed. He asked if the administration could look into this and see if the pump station could be sold to recoup some of the cost.

Mr. Ruediger noted the first meeting of the Master Plan Review Commission would be on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7 p.m. where the Commission members would be sworn in. He mentioned that Daylight Saving Time was coming up in two weeks with Spring not far behind.

Council Members' Comments

Mr. Kocisko asked how the renaming of Superior Avenue to Taiclet Way was progressing; it's been months since Council had discussed it. Mayor Broska said they had not started the renaming of the street in motion and was still discussing whether they would add Richard Taiclet Way and keep it as Superior Avenue; there was considerably more involved than naming the Police Station. They needed to check with the County. The lettering was already up at the Police Station and when the weather was better they would hold an outside ceremony to formally do the dedication.

Mrs. Field asked if Mr. Janis could check the law for the next Council Meeting regarding opening the meetings with a prayer. Mr. Janis said the Supreme Court had ruled within the last two years that there was nothing wrong with an invocation or a prayer to start a Council Meeting. Mr. Ruediger noted that rule was part of the Charter and not part of Council Rules. He commented that children were forced to come to a Council Meeting as part of a school function and he wondered how that should be handled; even though the courts have said it was permitted it didn't mean we had to partake in it. It was mentioned that different people of different religions could offer the invocation as guests of Council. Mrs. Field said, although Ms. Laudato may have received a complaint about the opening prayer, Mrs. Field had received comments from people that appreciated the prayer prior to the meeting. Mr. Kocisko suggested a moment of silence when there were students in the audience. Mrs. Field said she wasn't a Chairman this year to open meetings, but other Council Members had asked her to pray. She said she never minded praying and if anyone had any questions about why she prayed or who she prayed to, she'd be happy to talk to them about it. Ms. Laudato said she just didn't think it belonged at a Council Meeting but Mrs. Field said the law said it could be.

Reports/Communications from Dept/Boards/Commissions

Chief Reinholz spoke about the recent tragedy in Florida where a 19 year old shot 17 people at a high school. Chief Reinholz said since the Virginia Tech shooting about three or four years ago the safety forces had been meeting and doing drills to work together with other Portage County communities since no one community could handle an incident on their own. The Streetsboro Fire Department had applied unsuccessfully for grants for protective vests (2 sets per squad) for when they had to treat the injured in an active shooter situation, so they bought the vests. Even before the Florida incident, they had scheduled table top exercises with each of the schools for this year to get and give input for handling these types of incidents. Over the years things had evolved and the safety forces now had a plan that involved the Service Department for blocking road to keep parents out and school transportation to take the kids to a meeting point. He emphasized they were doing their best to think of and prepare for all possible situations and involve the hospitals and whoever else might need to be included. He commented that once the Fire Department treated the patients and transported them, they were pretty much done, but the Police Department would have to do the investigations and work with the federal agencies, the schools, children and parents.

Chief Powers said the Police Department training would have the first person on scene go in and find the threat and not wait for back up. He added that when these situations arose there followed a peak of activity in every school system with rumors and social media conversations. Officer Fogleman [the School Resource Officer] spent several hours of overtime this week to spend time with the students in the classrooms discussing how to handle this and after hours doing some investigations on some reports as well. Everything at Streetsboro schools worked out well after all and our students were never in any danger of anything this week. Chief Powers said he had not met with the School Board, but had been at the high school multiple times this past week and had talked to the Superintendent and the principal.

Ms. Laudato asked if Chief Powers felt the Streetsboro schools had an adequate plan to prevent and address these things when they occur. Chief Powers answered that in his experience,

working with the schools, he would never say it was adequate because if he said it was adequate and something occurred he'd look bad. But he had been working with the schools over the last several years trying to get to a point where they could do the best they could managing the resources they had. He said he'd like to have an SRO in every school, but there were budget constraints and he felt they were doing a great job with the resources they had and worked very closely with the schools. Ms. Laudato said she had two kids at the high school and did not feel that her kids were unsafe. She had a lot of thoughts about hired armed guards versus trained police officers. She hoped these types of discussions would be opened to the community and not done in executive session because there were people that did not feel their kids were safe. She thought people were looking for an outlet to discuss it and talk about what could be done at home and elsewhere. The only outlet right now seemed to be social media and she didn't think that was productive. She understood certain parts of the planning needed to be in executive session, but the general information should be shared. She felt, even though it hadn't happened in Streetsboro, every kid was affected by this and it was their reality now. She hoped there would be a community forum or meeting where people, especially the students, could talk about this.

Mr. Ruediger commented that he had reached out to the School Board several years ago to have joint meetings, but they were not interested. He wanted to reach out to them again to have joint meetings to work together as a team, but after talking to a couple individual School Board Members he didn't think they were going to be interested.

Mr. Kocisko said he had reservations about putting this issue on the next Safety Committee Meeting to discuss the issue before he felt comfortable that the Mayor, Police Chief and Schools had met to discuss it together. He didn't want to put anyone on the spot. The Chiefs had already reported that they'd been working on this for a number of years, but Mr. Kocisko preferred they would get together about this issue before putting it on the agenda.

Announcements

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11, 2018.

There will be a Service Committee, a Safety Committee and a Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018 starting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

There being no further business to come before this Council, and upon motion by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mrs. Pavlick, this meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

John Ruediger, President of Council