

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, February 19, 2007, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Centerville Municipal Building. The Meeting was opened with an Invocation given by Pastor Fritz Wiese and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, with Deputy Mayor Doug Cline presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff present were as follows:

Councilmembers Brooks Compton
 Robert Corbin
 Paul Gresham
 Susan Lienesch
 James Singer

Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Mark Schlagheck
Public Works Director Robert James
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Management Analyst Kristen Gopman
Chief of Police Stephen Walker
Fire Chief Kenneth Parks
Information Technology Manager Scott Ontjes
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mrs. Lienesch moved that Mayor Kingseed be excused from this meeting. Mr. Corbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the following meetings had been distributed prior to this meeting:

Council Meeting – January 22, 2007.
Work Session Meetings - January 22, 2007.
 February 05, 2007.
 February 12, 2007.
Joint Meeting City Council/ January 16, 2007.
Washington Twp. Trustees

Mr. Compton moved that the minutes of the foregoing meetings, as distributed be approved. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Gresham abstaining from the minutes of the meeting on February 5, 2007, as he was out of town.

Fire Chief Ken Parks was present to give Council background on the Washington Township Fire Department Strategic Plan. Deputy Mayor Cline recognized Chief Parks' retirement in early summer of 2007 and extended thanks for all of his years of dedication and service to our community. Mr. Singer wanted to recognize Chief Parks for an award he had received as the Montgomery County Firefighter of the Year. Chief Parks reviewed the Strategic Plan which is a requirement of the accreditation process. The document presents the Mission Statement of the department and outlines values and goals for the next five years. The Strategic Plan will be available on the website in the near future and will be able to be checked out at the Library.

Chief Parks introduced Captain Jim Neidhard (Accreditation Manager) to review the accreditation process. Captain Neidhard explained that the next step is to submit three separate documents—a Self Assessment Manual, the Standards of Response Coverage and the Strategic Plan.

The Self-Assessment Manual has ten categories that must be in compliance with standard fire department operations. It highlights problem areas and shows how comprehensive the evaluation has been.

The Standards of Response Coverage describes the community, evaluates its risk factors, and details available resources. The document evaluates how well the department took its resources and spread them throughout the community.

The Strategic Plan was drawn up by a committee of fire department personnel and community members. Again this document states the Values, Mission Statement, Vision, Goals and Objectives of the department.

Once these documents are approved by Council, site team members will visit in the spring. At the Fire Chiefs' meeting in August, the Fire Chief, the Accreditation Manager and the Site Team Leader will appear before the Commission and answer questions. At that point, if all the criteria have been met, the Fire Department will be accredited.

Mrs. Lienesch asked for a further explanation by Chief Parks or Captain Neidhard of the information in the Standards of Response Coverage document at a work session in the near future. Captain Neidhard noted that the document is complicated when someone is from outside of the fire service. After answering inquiries from Mr. Singer and Mr. Compton concerning the timetable for approval, Chief Parks agreed that they could come back and talk about the documents at a Work Session. They are happy to answer questions from Council or from citizens. The public can access the documents on the website at fire@washingtontwp.org. or on the City's website.

Deputy Mayor Cline reported the following:

Mayor Kingseed continues his treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota; he continues to make good progress. He is currently undergoing stem cell therapy and then will move forward with a bone marrow transplant over the next few weeks. We continue to wish him well for a full and quick recovery.

The Public Works Department is to be commended for outstanding work with Municipal refuse pick up as well as snow removal. The recent weather presented some extraordinary challenges, and we appreciate all of the work put in by the crews. In spite of the adverse conditions, our refuse pick-up did not miss a single day and was able to maintain the normal schedule. Congratulations to Mr. Rob James and to his Department for a job well done.

He gave an update on the Dille property annexation. Contrary to what many people may perceive, the annexation of these properties is already complete. We have been successfully providing services to these areas without incident for several months. We are currently involved in litigation with Sugar creek Township regarding Tax Increment Financing. We are currently moving forward on street widening efforts on Wilmington Pike, and our Planning Staff is actively working with developers on a long range plan for the area. If citizens have any concerns or questions, we encourage them to call the City Manager, Mr. Greg Horn, at City Hall for additional information.

Mr. Horn announced the following during his City Manager's Report:

Congratulations were extended to Ken Peters, a Supervisor in the Public Works Department, on his retirement from the City after over thirty years of service.

Karen Byrd, Secretary in the Building Inspection Department, is retiring after thirty plus years of service, and a Retirement Party is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2007. Best wishes were extended to her as well.

This has been a very tragic week for City Staff. Condolences were expressed to the families of two part-time employees at Yankee Trace who died from very sudden and unexpected illnesses. William Jones passed away on Monday, February 12, 2007. Don Griffith passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2007. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of both individuals.

Following a complete renovation, our new City website is up and running. Thanks go to Tom Spahr from the Miami Valley Communications Council, Jenn Kuschnerus, Kristen Gopman and Dan Sammon. To log on to the website go to www.ci.centerville.oh.us. We encourage citizens' comments and/or suggestions.

The Public Works Department did an outstanding job with refuse and snow removal in recent weeks with commendations going to the Public Works Department on a job well done. The City received a number of compliments from citizens both in emails and phone calls.

Centerville-Washington Park District is having an Open House on Monday, February 26, 2007, at the Centerville High School (West Commons) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This Open House is to unveil the Oak Creek South Park Master Plan.

National Arbor Day Foundation has named the City of Centerville as a Tree City USA Community for 2006. This is the 21st year in a row that the City has met these standards. He commended Mr. Rob James, Mr. Mike Engler, the City Beautiful Commission and City Staff.

The City has received some complaints the past week or two regarding the lack of snow removal on sidewalks. Some snow periods are more difficult than others because of low temperatures, icing, and the density of the snow. We ask the business community to make more efforts to clean the sidewalks in the community in a timely manner. Especially, in areas that are close to schools; we need all businesses and homeowners to make a concerted effort to keep sidewalks clear during and after snowfalls. If there is a need for assistance, please call City Hall at 433-7151. The City has a list of volunteers as well as the names of people who provide services for a fee.

Mrs. Gopman outlined code violations and resolutions for the month of January, 2007, and the community calendar for the coming month.

Mr. Compton announced that the Unified Development Ordinance Task Force Meeting has been postponed to March 7, 2007.

Deputy Mayor Cline explained that the Consent Agenda contains procedural administrative matters. Approval of these issues will be as a group with one motion being made. Mr. Horn gave a brief summary of the Consent Agenda items. Dr. Gresham moved that the following Consent Agenda items be passed:

- A. Resolution Number 3-07: A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract For Street Lighting And Energy Services For Use On Public Grounds And Streets In The City Of Centerville, Montgomery County, State Of Ohio, For A Period Of Forty-Eight (48) Months Commencing January 1, 2007 And Expiring On December 31, 2010.
- B. Resolution Number 4-07: A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Grant A Right Of Way And Easement, On Behalf Of The City Of Centerville, To The Dayton Power & Light Company To Extend Electric Service Across Lot 2 Of The Centerville Benjamin Robbins Plat, Section 1.
- C. Resolution Number 5-07: A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement On Behalf Of The City Of Centerville With Washington Township And Montgomery County, Ohio, For The Installation And Maintenance Of A Traffic Signal At The Intersection Of Atchison Road And Spring Valley Pike.
- D. Resolution Number 6-07: A Resolution Enacted By The City Of Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio, Hereinafter Referred To As The Local Public Agency (LPA), In The Matter Of The Stated Described Project (ODOT Clyo Road Resurfacing Project – PID #75964).
- E. Resolution Number 7-07: A Resolution Accepting The Bid Submitted By Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. For Wilmington Pike Improvements Phase I (Project #SS-19) To Add A Turn Lane And Install A Traffic Signal At Miami Valley Drive And To Authorize The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract In Connection Therewith.
- F. Resolution Number 8-07: A Resolution Allowing The City To Enter Into An Agreement To Receive Funds From The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources For Clean Ohio Trails Funds For The Construction Of The Iron Horse Trail From Hempstead Station Drive In Kettering, Southward To The I-675 Limited Access Right-Of-Way In Centerville Along The Abandoned Railroad Corridor.
- G. Resolution Number 9-07: A Resolution Declaring Specific Vehicles No Longer Utilized By The City Of Centerville As Surplus Property And Authorizing The City Manager To Dispose Of Said Surplus Property In Accordance With The Guidelines As Stated Herein.
- H. The Following Appointments be made to the Centerville Arts Commission:
 - Joyce Ahmad

Nora Gessner
Francine Riley

Mr. Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cline reviewed the current policy on public comment during City Council Meetings. First and foremost it is City Council's desire that any citizen feel free to make comments at our Council meetings. The Meetings are open and televised so that the maximum number of our citizens may be well informed about the workings of the City of Centerville. Citizen feedback is an important form of communication to Council and helps us to make decisions in the best interests of our community. Unlike many other communities, we do not impose time limits on our speakers during our sessions, however, we do encourage speakers to attempt to be concise and to avoid being repetitious of other speakers who have preceded them. Mr. Cline noted a recent news article that specifically mentioned Councilmember Corbin's concern that the public comments section of the meeting was being consumed with topics that are not relevant to the City of Centerville. While Mr. Cline is sympathetic to Mr. Corbin's concerns and understands that there are others who feel the same way, he reiterated that it has never been this Council's practice to edit the content presented by the speakers at our Meetings provided they conduct themselves in a civil manner. The Council would encourage speakers to make every effort to focus their comments on matters that are relevant to its jurisdiction.

Since his name had been mentioned by Mr. Cline in his comments and prominently recorded in the newspaper, Mr. Corbin stated his continuing objection to a speaker, who is not a citizen of Centerville or Washington Township, regularly coming before the Council with information that has no relevant value to this Commission and saying nothing about issues, questions or concerns over which this Commission has jurisdiction. In the past, Mr. Corbin had registered his objection to the speaker by walking out. Since Deputy Mayor Cline indicated that he doesn't necessarily approve of this action, Mr. Corbin respectfully agreed not to walk out anymore. However he wished to go on record as objecting vehemently to anybody who has the audacity to come before the Council and waste its time.

Joseph Koussa, 1537 Beaver creek Lane, Kettering, Ohio, asked for the troops to come home safely. He offered his condolences to a family from Centerville that recently lost their daughter in a traffic accident. He shared his experience of losing a close family member.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____
Deputy Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council