

MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 14

The Municipality of Germantown Council met in regular session on April 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Stephen Boeder, Mr. Mark Heistand, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Terry Johnson was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Anna Sizemore, Municipal Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Roy McGill, Chief of Police; Matt Burns, Police Major; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council and one visitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor and Council reviewed the March 17, 2014 Regular Session minutes.

Mr. Heistand stated on Page 2, under the Manager's Report when discussing the port-a-john's should read "consensus" not "condenses". Under the Law Director's Report should read "private property" not "public property". This correction is also on Page 5 when discussing "private property" and Executive Session.

MOTION: Mr. Koogle moved to adopt the March 17, 2014 Regular Session minutes as amended.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor and Council reviewed the March 17, 2014 Work Session minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to accept the March 17, 2014 Work Session minutes as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

None.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Sizemore stated that the Fire-EMS has received several donations and Council needs to accept these donations of \$35.00, \$50.00, \$30.00, \$50.00, \$200.00, \$200.00, \$35.00, \$50.00, \$50.00, \$50.00, \$50.00, \$25.00, \$25.00, \$25.00, \$25.00, \$25.00 and \$25.00.

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MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to accept the donations to the Fire-EMS.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mrs. Sizemore reviewed her report.

Mr. Wafzig asked for an update on the West Market Street Tree Replacement Program.

Mrs. Sizemore informed everyone that the City would be sending out information regarding the Tree Replacement Program. This will allow homeowners to decide if they would like to have their trees replaced. If so how many trees and where they would like them located in the tree lawn area. We will provide two or three trees on each lot depending on the lot size. The City will have the trees planted and water them the first year. The arborist that came out suggested that the City plant different kinds of trees along each block. This would prevent all the trees needing to be removed in the future if an insect such as the emerald ash borer was present.

CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A while ago he suggested having a three person committee formed to discuss and prepare proposed signage legislation for him to review. He would like to see this committee formed and move forward.

Mr. Wafzig stated that he would be willing to participate and he thought the Mayor had mentioned participating as well. Mr. Jeff Jones from the Planning Commission had reviewed the original draft and should be included too.

Mr. Heistand agreed to participate as well.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

He would like to be transparent with what Council is doing and his reports may be lengthy.

During the last Work Session Council discussed Ethic Filing. Council is required to file a financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethic Commission and he believes that we are all in good standings. Camp Miami is officially owned by the City. We have received the deed to the property. Council is considering the demolition process along with a public viewing of the property and/or a video of the site. He reminded everyone to please stay away from the sight. It is very unsafe and not secure.

The Law Director stated that if anyone is caught on the Camp Miami property they will be charged with criminal trespassing. He will convict whoever it is. The site is unsafe and someone could get hurt or even killed.

Council did discuss a few retreat items. The 2015 Budget and timelines for the meetings in the fall. The crosswalks signals and adding LED lighting to them. The placement of the Bicentennial Sign and the proposed parking lot on Center Street. We discussed adding a dog park to the community and its location. The Manger and the Engineer have been looking into the insurance and the specifics of a dog park. Finally we discussed the City having its own street levy that would equal the amount that is generated with the joint Township levy. Council has asked the Manager and the Finance Director to look into gathering information for this levy.

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Mayor Boeder read the topics for tonight's Work Session animals and fowl, the Valley View Water District, workload assignments and any other topics.

He attended the MVRPC meeting and they discussed Issue #1. This issue pertains to Public Works funds and is important to Germantown. This is a ten year bond issue that generates approximately 2 billion dollars. We will consider emergency legislation on the next agenda to support this issue. The spring dinner at MVRPC is coming up and the Manager will need to know if any Council Members will be attending.

He announced that the City currently has many vacant seats for various Boards and Commissions and encouraged residents to apply for these seats.

As the Manager said, the West Market Street tree planting will begin soon. He encouraged everyone to plant their trees. This would add a lot to the properties along West Market Street.

He went on by saying that he would like to organize a Mayoral Committee. This would be a group that would talk about what is going on in the community and get feedback from the community. Anyone is welcome to come and share their thoughts and establish a connection. He has not decided the date or time but as he gets individuals that are interested we can work that out. This committee would allow him to gather information and report back to the Manager and the Department Heads. He will also welcome and address comments that are sent to his email address that he will have put on the website.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Mr. Heistand's Report:

He attended the Ohio Municipal League Conference for newly elected officials. This event was extremely beneficial and he gathered lots of good information.

Mr. Scott Johnson's Report:

He attended the Planning Commission meeting last month. During this organization meeting Mr. Jones was appointed as the Chair and Mr. Rohrbach was appointed as Vice Chair.

Mr. Koogle's Report:

He reminded everyone of the joint meeting on April 9 with the Economic Development Committee, the Business Breakfast Group and the Chamber of Commerce. This meeting will allow these groups to combine their efforts and get great ideas for the City.

The Economic Development meeting scheduled for April 16 has been cancelled.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

None.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

None.

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Legislation:

Introduction:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 135.08 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN REGARDING THE DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND.

Mayor Boeder stated the Public Hearing would be April 21, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-30

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mayor Boeder stated the Public Hearing would be April 21, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-31

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 919.08(j) OF THE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN REGARDING RATES; RULES FOR UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENTS.

Mayor Boeder stated the Public Hearing would be April 21, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-32

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 921.21(e) OF THE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN REGARDING RATES.

Mayor Boeder stated the Public Hearing would be April 21, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-33

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 953.06(e) OF THE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN REGARDING COLLECTION OF FEES AND BILLING.

Mayor Boeder stated the Public Hearing would be April 21, 2014.

Public Hearing:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-27

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mayor Boeder opened the Public Hearing, Mayor and Council were not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-27.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Mr. Kuhn motioned to excuse Mr. Terry Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Kuhn moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Stephen A. Boeder
Mayor