

MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 14

The Municipality of Germantown Council met in regular session on November 3, 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: Mr. Mark Heistand, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Stephen Boeder was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council reviewed the October 20, 2014 Regular Session minutes.

Mr. Heistand stated on Page 3 under the Finance Directors Report should read "Raymond James" not "Raymond and James".

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt the October 20, 2014 Regular Session minutes as amended.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Terry Johnson, abstained; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 5-yes, 1-abstension. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Council reviewed the October 21, 2014 Special Session minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Heistand moved to accept the October 21, 2014 Special Session minutes as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Terry Johnson, abstained; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes. 5-yes, 1-abstension. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Council reviewed the October 28, 2014 Special Session minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to accept the October 28, 2014 Special Session minutes as submitted.

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

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

None.

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CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Anthony Pagan with the Montgomery County Engineer's Office discussed the Multi-Jurisdictional Orthoimagery Project. He explained that the cost of the project for each jurisdiction was based on the population and number of parcels. They are willing to set up and train someone in the City to use the Geographic Information System. The Geographic Information System will assist the communities in many ways with data collection.

Mr. Koogle questioned what the final vision of the project was. Mr. Pagan replied that the Engineer's Office would like to get a better/clearer image. We are hoping to be able to get a three inch resolution which would hopefully allow us to see manhole covers, fire hydrants and possibly even some water valves. This will hopefully get each community on the same level with the Geographic Information System.

Mr. Scott Johnson questioned if the City would have access to the server with all this information. Mr. Pagan replied that the City would be able to access the public server and plans to allow the City to copy data from an external hard drive that they will provide. Mr. Scott Johnson questioned if it would take any special hardware on the City computers. Mr. Pagan replied that they would be able to supply any hardware to Mrs. Sizemore. Mr. Pagan stated that one person will have training on the software. Mr. Scott Johnson questioned once we have the information what do we use the information for. Mr. Pagan replied it could be used in the Zoning Department showing the area that has the most Property Maintenance violations. In the Public Safety side it can show hot spots for crime and it would allow the Department to patrol those areas more often. It will also identify the location of registered sex offender's homes to make sure they are not within a mile buffer of any schools.

Mr. Kuhn stated that the Geographic Information System is very robust software. We would be capable of taking any data and image it onto a map and be able to visualize it.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Sizemore stated that the Fire-EMS has received a donation and Council needs to accept this donation of \$75.00.

MOTION: Mr. Scott Johnson moved to accept the donation to the Fire-EMS.

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

Mrs. Sizemore went on stating that the City is participating in the DP&L Energy Program by installing new energy efficient lighting. We currently have completed and received the rebates for the Senior Center and the Pool. The Administration, Police Department and Fire Department have all had the work completed but are waiting to receive the rebates. We should see those rebates before the end of the year.

We have received a few complaints regarding the intersection of Upper Miamisburg Road and Route 4. We met with someone from the State to discuss the reason as to why there were backups in that area. We called Bright Street out to look at the problem as well and they informed us that some of the loop detectors were not operating correctly. We are correcting the issues with the detectors and the cost will not exceed \$12,000. Every year we also have conflict monitoring testing done on all the traffic lights and there was an issue at the traffic light at Route 4 and Lower Miamisburg Road that has already been corrected. All the other traffic lights throughout the City are functioning correctly. We do need to do some work on the crosswalk signals.

Mr. Wafzig questioned if the State had any concern with the Marathon Gas Station at Route 4 and Upper Miamisburg Road not having a traffic light facing the gas station. He has noticed that some people are very unclear/confused as to when they are to pull out. Mrs. Sizemore replied that the State has not expressed any concern regarding that issue. She will address the State regarding that issue along with some other issues including the bridge that is very slippery on East Market Street and the bump on West Market Street near Astoria Road and will update Council.

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She went on by saying that the online bill pay should be complete for utilities by the end of the year. The income tax conversion has not been done yet but as soon as the conversion is done and is working correctly we should have the ability to pay taxes online as well. We will notify the residents on the utility bills, website, Channel 5 and in the newsletter when the utility bills are able to be paid online.

Mr. Wafzig questioned what company was doing the online billing service for the City. Mrs. Sizemore replied that the company is affiliated with Software Solutions Inc.

Mrs. Sizemore stated that the utility bills that are being prepared now reflect the increase in refuse rates, toters and dumpsters. The additional fees such as dumping fees and fuel charges have been paid by the City for many years from a surplus of funds. That surplus has been exhausted. We have not had an increase in refuse rates since 2007. The increase for residential pick-up is \$2.00 a month and \$.50 for each toter per month. Dumpster fees have increased as well but the increase is based on the size of the dumpster. Our current contract does not have dumpsters included so we may want to get away from dealing with them at all. The facilities needing dumpsters would contract directly with who they would like to do their service and leave the City out of any billing.

Mr. Scott Johnson questioned if the increase for the toters and dumpsters would cover all the additional fees the City has been paying for. Mrs. Sizemore replied that it would be close.

She went on by reviewing the legislation that is on the agenda for tonight. Under introduction is Resolution No. 14-75 and this is the transfer of funds for October in the amount of \$5,597.02. Council may want to consider stopping this transfer of funds into the Street Capital Fund.

Under Public Hearing is Resolution No. 14-73 which is a contract with the Montgomery County Engineers Office in the amount of \$5,000 for our participation in an aerial imaging project. This will be divided in the budget between 2015 and 2016 if it is approved.

She went on by reviewing Resolution No. 14-74 which is the purchase of highway rock salt in the amount of \$112.50 per ton. This will be through the City of Middletown but will be supplied from the same company we used last year. Jonathan is anxious to fill our salt bin for the upcoming winter season.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Mrs. Novak stated a request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new liquor license for Mudlick Tap House, LLC was received and Council will need to determine if a hearing is requested or not. She spoke with the Police Chief and he has no issues with the new license.

All agreed to not have a hearing for the new liquor license for Mudlick Tap House, LLC.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

Mr. Koogle questioned if we would be able to start a fund that would be allocated for special street projects that are not included in our regular programs such as Peffley Street and any other special street projects. Mr. Klein replied that we could look into it.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

None.

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COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Mr. Heistand's Report:

Mr. Heistand encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday. There are seats at the State, County and at our Council level that are on the ballot. There are two levies on the ballot that Council has endorsed; The Human Service Levy and the Joint German Township and Germantown Road Levy.

The City Beautiful Committee met on October 28 and they chose 80 South Hillcrest Drive as the winner of the Halloween Decorations Award. The Committee will be meeting at the Street Garage to work on the Christmas Decorations on November 11.

There was a new street sign in honor of Arthur Huffer placed at the walking path at Weber Sports Complex. The Lions Club will have a granite marker installed next to the street sign. This marker will honor Mr. Huffer's many contributions to the community. He briefly explained that the Huffer Estate learned that there were unclaimed funds in the amount of approximately \$85,000 that were due to the Estate. The Estate was reopened and the funds were divided equally amongst the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Rescue Squad and the Historical Society after any fees were paid.

Mr. Heistand went on by inviting everyone to the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center on November 15.

Mr. Scott Johnson's Report:

None.

Mr. Terry Johnson's Report:

Mr. Terry Johnson stated that he attended the VV Base organization meeting last Wednesday. If anyone is interested in a position on the VV Base Board please join us at the next meeting on November 19 or feel free to contact him for more information.

He announced that there would not be a Parks Board meeting this month.

He congratulated the 4th Grade Junior Spartan Football Team for winning the Southwestern Buckeye League 2014 Super Bowl Game. He went on by acknowledging the team, coaches and all those who supported the Junior Spartans Team.

He encouraged everyone to get informed and get out and vote Tuesday.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

None.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

None.

Mr. Koogle's Report:

Mr. Koogle encouraged everyone to support the Joint German Township and Germantown Road Levy by voting tomorrow.

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Legislation:

Introduction:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-75

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

Mr. Koogle stated the Public Hearing would be November 17, 2014.

Public Hearing:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-73

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ORTHOIMAGERY PROJECT.

Mr. Koogle opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Terry Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-73.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-74

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COMPASS MATERIALS AMERICA, INC., 9900 W. 190TH ST., SUITE 100, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210 FOR THE PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY ROCK SALT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112.50 PER TON.

Mr. Koogle opened the Public Hearing, Council was not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-74.

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Mr. Terry Johnson motioned to excuse Mayor Stephen Boeder.

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

MOTION: Mr. Scott Johnson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to the Fire Department.

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

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Stephen Boeder was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Anna M. Sizemore, Municipal Manager and Tom Schiff, Law Director.

The aforementioned persons discussed personnel matters related to the Fire Department.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn motioned to return to regular session.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Stephen A. Boeder
Mayor