

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 18

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City 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. Terry Johnson; Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich, IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Roy McGill, Chief of Police; Chip Wirrig, City Engineer; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

Bruce Hughes, 33 Worthington Drive, read the many accomplishments of Gary Dursch Sr. with the Scouts and the Community. Mr. Hughes suggested that Mr. Dursch be recognized by the City with a Proclamation.

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved to recognize Gary Dursch Sr. on February 17, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

M. Ratcliff, 164 Sue Drive, questioned if there had been alternatives to the income tax reduction. If Council does not put a levy on the spring ballot, the citizens will place a citizen's initiative on the November ballot.

Mayor Boeder announced that income tax credit was a topic on the Work Session Agenda and encouraged citizens to stay.

C. Alsip, 7150 Conservancy Road, stated that he owns many businesses in town. He was very upset that the city purchased the bank building. He was trying to purchase the building, too. He feels that Germantown will turn into a ghost town.

S. Regal, 591 Dayton Pike, thanked Council for the work that they do. She expressed concerns about transparency. She would like to see other ideas discussed, shared with the citizens and everyone work together. She questioned the quality of the repairs that are done to the streets.

D. Regal, 591 Dayton Pike, questioned how much was spent on the purchase of the bank building.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Boeder thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and voicing their opinions. The income tax credit was discussed six times during Council Meetings in 2017 and we did not have any citizens attend. We encourage citizens to attend our meeting to provide us with the public's input.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Mr. Johnson's Report:

Mr. Johnson attended the Park Board Meeting where they organized for the year.

He stated that the income tax credit topic was not discussed during Executive Session and has been discussed during several Council Meetings for the last two years. He suggested that a Facebook Page be organized for the City so that citizens can be informed of topics regarding the City.

He stated that he would need to leave early tonight but would like his comments regarding the income tax credit heard. The City has tried twice to pass a levy but it failed both times. He suggested that we consider running a street levy that would be continuous and all funds would be used for repairs to our streets. He also suggested that the Park Levy be increased and also be a continuous levy. Lastly, he would like to see a Police Levy to be placed on the ballot to relieve the General Fund. He pointed out that his family will be affected by this increase as well. He encouraged citizens to attend the Council Meetings and if they would like to see a copy of the budget to please visit City Hall and one will be provided to them. Please do not think that anyone is doing anything vindictive.

Mr. Koogle's Report:

Mr. Koogle attended a Cemetery Board meeting. The Board is discussing opening up additional areas this summer.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

Mr. Kuhn announced that the Economic Development meeting would be January 18.

He briefly explained why the City purchased the bank building. The reason being the need for an improved firehouse due to the need of Fire/EMS staff staying overnight. Council thought that using an existing building in town to move City Hall and the Police Department would be significantly less expensive than building a new firehouse and leaving City Hall and the Police Department in its current location. We are working with Architects to create the best plan for all departments. The funding for the fire station would be from funds collected for EMS insurance runs. He encouraged citizens to contact him if they have any questions.

Mr. Reed's Report:

Mr. Reed announced that the CBC would be meeting to discuss the downtown flowerpots for the 2018 season.

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He thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and offering their comments and suggestions.

Mr. Rettich's Report:

Mr. Rettich stated that the funds that we receive from the EMS ambulance insurance calls must be used for Fire/EMS funded projects. We cannot use these funds for general projects.

He stated that the reduction affects his family as well and he would like to hear more discussion regarding the topic from the public.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig stated that the MVCC was cancelled for January and should have an update after the February meeting.

Legislation:

Introduction:

None.

Public Hearing:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GERMANTOWN TO PROVIDE CRIME LAB SERVICES IN THE MIAMI VALLEY CRIME LABORATORY AS OPERATED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORONER.

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

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-01.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF TAXES FOR 2018 COLLECTED BY THE TREASURER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO.

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

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-02.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 18-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC GENERATION SUPPLY WITH A COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Mr. Koogle moved to suspend the rules on Emergency Resolution No. 18-03.

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ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 18-03.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Stephen A. Boeder
Mayor