

City of Olmsted Falls
Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Olmsted Falls City Hall
26100 Bagley Road – Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor James Graven called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Roll call was conducted. Councilmen Paul Stibich, Lori Jones, Ed Gorski, Denise Nicolay, Terry Duncan, and Kyle Miller were present.

Also in attendance: Mike Dolan, Asst. Law Director, Terry Veloski, Asst. Finance Director, Odis Rogers, Police Chief, Chad Gluss, Fire Chief, Joe Borczuch Service Director, and Paula Accordino, Economic Development Director. Audience: 6.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Duncan moved to **approve** the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting of April 24, 2018; Mr. Gorski **seconded**. Poll: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstain (Miller). **Motion carried.**

Ms. Duncan moved to **approve** the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of April 24, 2018; Ms. Jones **seconded**. Poll: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstain (Miller). **Motion carried.**

Consideration of Amendment to the Agenda - None

Mayor's Report and Appointments

Mayor Graven stated that he spent the day in Columbus with the Northeast Ohio Mayor's Association listening to presentations by State Representatives. One issue of the day was transparency in government and how important it is to be a transparent government, he agrees 100%, which is why a 100 day report was sent to all residents. He believes that government works best when it is more transparent. He would like everyone to be aware that his administration will try to inform the residents about all the news, both favorable and unfavorable, positive and negative. As we all know the most important issue today with our city is our financial picture. We know that there has been some deficit spending in the last couple years, he as well as Council are trying to take action to reduce expenditures and we all know it is not easy. We are trying to think outside of the box to reduce expenditures which is why we offered the public/private partnership with OCC. This evening the legislation committee met with Ms. Winter and by partnering with the OCC he thinks we will achieve two objectives, one is to save money and the second is just as important, if not more important, is to be able to improve and expand the programs. One of our residents, Annette, spoke with the committee and informed all of Council how she enjoys the changes and believes we are moving in the right direction with all the changes we have made. He thanked her for being present this evening.

He stated that his first 100 days was April 10, 2018 and today marks about 18 weeks for him and his administration in office. He is extremely privileged to serve the citizens of Olmsted Falls. We are just getting started on making our small but great city both fiscally sound and economically vibrant. We now have a truly transparent and accountable government that is responsive to the community. In his view the most important responsibility he has to all the citizens is to be a good steward and

guardian of their hard earned tax dollars that come into the city. He is very proud of all the city directors, many of whom are here tonight, his staff and also the members of City Council who have been working hard this year. He is also proud of all the citizens because they have shown extraordinary support to the achievement of our goals. Even though our budget situation presents great challenges he believes that everyone in administration and city council are committed to both efficiency and service. It is clear that we now have the best and brightest team in place and through their consistent demonstration of accountability and good customer service he believes we can move forward. A lot of changes have already been made to save money and improved communications. He would like to thank everyone for their hard work.

Communications from Residents – None

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Gorski moved to **approve** Pay Ordinance 2018-09; Ms. Duncan **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Officials Reports:

Odis Rogers, Police Chief – No Report

Chad Gluss, Fire Chief

Chief Gluss stated that fire hydrant flushing has begun and there are signs posted throughout the community. If anyone receives phone calls the flushing will take place Monday through Friday and ask the residents to run their water for a few minutes.

He stated that with the weather breaking the department has been training on Redwood. There are a couple of vacant houses within the city that his department is taking advantage of with training. We have been simulating house fires, the engine is utilized to complete hydrant hook ups, completed some tests with firefighters hooking up to the hydrant to see which is faster, and completed hose loads. Now that the weather has broken we are taking “table top talk” and placing that into service to see how the training takes place. As he explained to the Mayor there is no better training than actually performing the steps in lieu of the department catching a home on fire.

He stated that he received a \$15,000 grant from the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation and will be a 50/50 match grant which will be utilized for an exhaust system for the department.

Paula Accordino, Economic Development Director – No Report

Joe Borczuch, Service Director

Mr. Borczuch stated that he attended a meeting at ODOT District 12 and was informed that they will close Columbia Road on June 18th for 21 days in order to replace a culvert. The closure will take place just north of Columbia Trailer Park. You will not be able to travel past Nobottom and if traveling southbound you will need to use John Road.

He stated that he had to replace a grinder pump in the wet well that is between the Wine Cellar and what will be the new steakhouse. Since the old library is vacant no one was aware that the pump had

stop working and filled the basement with raw sewage. Once he receives the total cost for this emergency replacement he will present to Council.

He stated that his department is being delayed due to the rainy weather.

Terry Veloski, Asst. Finance Director

Mayor Graven asked Ms. Veloski to briefly inform Council about the new payroll system. Ms. Veloski stated that she will be distributing a requisition for Ahola. She stated that it was part of the departments plan to outsource payroll. The employees have already been paid once by Ahola with a second pay taking place on Thursday. The transition was 99% smooth with just a few small glitches that happened. Mayor Graven stated that this switch will save the city money. Ms. Veloski indicated that the total cost for the service will be approximately \$8,000 per year. Ahola is a local company and easy to work with. She stated that the bond notes will also be placed on the next Council agenda.

Councilman Kyle Miller, Ward IV

Mr. Miller stated that last week primary elections took place at Falls Lenox School. He would like to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers who helped make it a smooth process. Obviously, he does not vote in other communities, but the number of volunteers we have probably rivals per person any other community. There was someone there to greet him and his children at every step. He stated that specifically, Ed Dean and Dee Vanyo, were present and very helpful getting them through the entire process. Typically Olmsted Falls has a very good voter turnout rate, which as everyone knows he always speaks about turnout and civic engagement. He does not believe that there is any reason to think that the amount of volunteers that are there to help people to the process is not contributing to our high voter turnout.

Councilman Ed Gorski, Ward I – No Report

Councilman Pro-Tempore, Paul Stibich

Mr. Stibich indicated that there will be no safety committee meeting this month.

Councilwoman Lori Jones, Council-at-Large

Ms. Jones indicated that she attended her first cemetery meeting and learned a lot. In addition, the cemetery is operating at a loss. Since that meeting she discovered that there is historic money available for the cemetery at Turkeyfoot and we will attempt to get those funds to divert more money to Chestnut Grove. Charter Review Commission met last week and information is being sent to the law department for review with the intent to present to Council for discussion.

Councilwoman Denise Nicolay, Ward II – No Report

Councilwoman Terry Duncan, Ward III

Ms. Duncan invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day parade and ceremony that will take place at the Village Green. She stated that recently the Park and Recreation Board discussed the possibility of a Vietnam Veteran's Memorial being placed at the Village Green. We have a serviceman that was killed in Vietnam that was not known to the city until recently and given that we should probably consider installing a monument for that.

Also, the Legislation Committee has recommended a meeting at 6:45 p.m. prior to the next Council meeting to discuss the Mill Street legislation which is on second reading.

Mayor Graven asked Ms. Duncan if she knew a price for the monument. Ms. Duncan stated that the board just recently discussed the monument. She is unaware if anyone knows how to do a memorial which is why they will be reaching out to other organizations.

Mike Dolan, Asst. Law Director – No Report

Old Business

Resolution 20-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OLMSTED COMMUNITY CENTER (“OCC”) TO PROVIDE SENIOR SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING FOR THE JENKINS PLACE SENIOR CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Tabled on Third Reading (04/24/2018)**

Mr. Stibich moved to **remove from table**; Mr. Gorski **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Resolution 20-2018 is on third reading.

Mr. Stibich moved to **amend the contract** to change the notice time from 180 days to 90 days in Article Four, Term of Agreement, subsection one; Mr. Gorski **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Gorski moved to **adopt** as amended; Mr. Stibich **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Resolution 22-2018

A RESOLUTION DECLINING UTILIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2018 TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE GRANT TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Second Reading**

Resolution 23-2018

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO CARGILL SALT COMPANY FOR THE SALE TO THE CITY OF ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Second Reading**

New Business

Resolution 24-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS FOR A RECREATION PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPTING SUCH GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Mr. Gorski moved to **suspend**; Mr. Miller **seconded**. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**. Mr. Gorski moved to **waive** the reading in its entirety; Mr. Miller **seconded**. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0

nays. **Motion carried.** Mr. Gorski moved to **adopt**; Mr. Miller **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Resolution 25-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS FOR A SENIOR SERVICES PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR AND ADULT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 FOR COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPTING SUCH GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Mr. Miller moved to **suspend**; Mr. Gorski **seconded**. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.** Mr. Gorski moved to **waive** the reading in its entirety; Mr. Miller **seconded**. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.** Mr. Gorski moved to **adopt**; Mr. Miller **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Ordinance 26-2018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND LAW DIRECTOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, TO ENTER INTO A SPECIAL COUNSEL AGREEMENT WITH NAPOLI SHKOLNIK, PLLC AND ITS ATTORNEY CONSORTIUM FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO OPIOID LITIGATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **First Reading**

Ordinance 27-2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF VIC J. NOGALO AS FINANCE DIRECTOR AND TAX ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, AND REPEALING ALL LEGISLATION INCONSISTENT HEREWITH **First Reading**

Mr. Gorski moved to **suspend**; Mr. Stibich **seconded**. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.** Mr. Gorski moved to **waive** the reading in its entirety; Mr. Stibich **seconded**. Voice Vote: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.** Mr. Gorski moved to **adopt**; Ms. Nicolay **seconded**. Mr. Gorski stated that he is very happy to know that Finance Director Nogalo will be spending more time in the city. He believes that Ms. Jones, the chairman of the finance committee would agree, we have a lot of confidence in him as a Council. Ms. Jones indicated that Mr. Nogalo is very cooperative. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Miscellaneous New Business - None

Such other business that may come before Council

Ms. Jones stated that Chie Gluss mentioned the matching grant is that like when you find out you have a certain timeline and you have to get it in quick do we have to approve the matching part. Chief Gluss replied yes but we have 90 days to complete. Mayor Graven indicated that legislation will be presented to Council at their next meeting.

Mr. Gorski asked if Council should approve or acknowledge receipt of the monthly financial reports. Mr. Stibich asked if this could be completed at the next Council meeting which is next week in order to review the entire packet presented.

Mr. Gorski moved to **adjourn**; Ms. Duncan **seconded**. Poll: 6 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

James Graven, Mayor

Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council