

SPECIAL COUNCIL AND WORKSHOP MEETING

March 25, 2014

Mayor Coate called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Coate; *Councilmembers:* Fred Francis, Susan Willis, Jason Tinnerman, Scott Fogle, Ora Ashley, and Anthony Miller. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Law Director Brosh, Ben Herron, Tim Swartztrauber, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* None.

Dated: March 25, 2014

Signed: Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

GENERAL UPDATES

Ben Herron stated the Municipality would be doing their brush chipper project soon and he needs to purchase a chipper. He stated he wants to get the right size for the right amount of money. Mr. Herron gave information on pricing for some of the different chippers he looked at to purchase. He stated Vandalia Rental has a BC1000XL that only has six hundred seventy (670) hours on it and that it looks like new. He stated it has a safety rack and good safety features. Mr. Herron stated the unit is in immaculate condition and that he expects the unit would last for twenty-five plus (25+) years. He stated the cost of the unit would be twenty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven (\$24,767.00) dollars. Manager Kline stated anything over fifteen (\$15,000.00) dollars has to be approved by Council. He stated he would have a Resolution prepared for the April 8, 2014, meeting of Council. Mr. Herron stated Dustie is doing clean-up and then would be starting on other projects.

Tim Swartztrauber stated the Municipality would be flushing hydrants between April 14 and April 18, 2014. He stated the Municipality would be doing the leak detection project between April 28 and April 30, 2014. Mr. Swartztrauber stated they would be doing the leak detection project at night and would be checking for smaller leaks this time. Mr. Swartztrauber stated he would be looking at a camera on Friday. He stated it looks like the camera would come in under budget. Mr. Swartztrauber stated twenty-six thousand (\$26,000.00) has been budgeted for the camera.

Manager Kline stated the meters are starting to be installed. He stated they installed his today. Mr. Kline stated the individuals installing the meters are very friendly and competent. He stated this would probably be the last time Mr. Swartztrauber would have to walk the entire town to read the meters. Manager Kline stated everyone is caught up from the arrears. Manager Kline stated the Municipality is waiting on the drive motor for the WWTP.

Manager Kline stated the yearly letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding renewal of liquor licenses came in and there are two (2) businesses needing to renew their licenses – Skippers and the Brick House Café. There were no objections from Council regarding the renewal of the liquor licenses.

Manager Kline stated the Safe Routes to School project is on target. He stated the Wion's have signed off letting their property be used for sidewalks. Mr. Kline stated the Municipality is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks for twenty (20) years. He stated the project should be finished by the end of October 2014.

Manager Kline stated he would like to hire a gentleman to work on getting economic grants for the Municipality. He stated the USDA gives economic grants not loans from one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) to two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars. Manager Kline stated the cost to hire the gentleman would be five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars. The gentleman would be paid two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars up front and two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) upon completion of the project. This gentleman would work on getting economic development grants and help put together a board that would award grants to local businesses to help them purchase equipment which would allow them to retain jobs or hire other individuals. The monies would be loaned out, interest would be charged, and monthly payments would be required. Manager Kline stated administrative costs could be taken out of the interest received. Mr. Kline stated the grant application has to be submitted by October and then in January of 2015 the Municipality would know whether grant money would be given to West Milton.

Manager Kline stated the Municipality joined eCivis, a national grant company that goes out and helps get grants. He stated this company e-mails

companies to let them know what you need a grant for and they send you daily information on grants that are available.

Scott Fogle stated the Park Board Meeting held on March 18, 2014, was a good meeting. He stated one (1) person from the public attended the meeting. Mr. Fogle stated nothing has been set in stone regarding the design of the old school park. He stated he suggested having a singles tennis court. Mr. Fogle stated Jackson Design would be checking on doing a skating area. He stated there would be a Park Board Meeting on April 16, 2014. He stated they would be meeting to finalize the Master Plan. Mr. Fogle stated the Park Board would like to bring the Master Plan to Council at the May 2014 Council Meeting. Tim Swartztrauber stated he would talk to some of the skateboarders and see if he could get them to come in and give their input. Mr. Fogle stated the Master Plan would give ideas as to what could be done in each area and the cost. Jason Tinnerman stated maybe there could be some other things done in the park while we are waiting on monies to do some of the bigger projects in the park. Susan Willis stated basketball hoops have been ordered.

STILLWATER DAM

Manager Kline gave each Councilmember a copy of an article written by Joyell Nevins of the *Record Herald* titled "Should this dam be saved?" for their review. He also gave them a copy of an e-mail from David R. Snyder of Falling Waters LLC dated Tuesday, March 25, 2014, confirming he would be attending the April 8, 2014, Council Meeting.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to go into a Special Meeting of Council. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to adjourn into an Executive Session as provided by Section 4.12(5)(a) to consider the employment of a public employee. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: None.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to reconvene out of Executive Session. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain: None. Absent: None.*

Council came back into session at 8:44 p.m.

General discussion followed regarding the Stillwater Dam and an e-mail request from David Snyder of Falling Waters to present at the April 8, 2014, Council Meeting. It was suggested they would be permitted as anyone would be to speak during the Citizens' Comments section of the regular agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Ora Ashley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Michael Coate II
Mayor