

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

April 22, 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, Ben Herron, Jill Grise, and Clerk Cantrell.
Absent: None.

Dated: April 22, 2014

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

GENERAL UPDATES

Jill Grise stated in May Council would need to approve a Resolution to submit the Tax Budget to the County Auditor. She stated the Municipality uses the alternative tax budget method. Manager Kline explained the process of doing the tax budget.

Jill Grise stated due to the hard winter and sewer plant problems the Street and Sewer Departments have been working a lot of overtime. She stated they are running over the budgeted amount for overtime. Ms. Grise asked Council if they wanted to change the appropriations now or wait until later in the year. She stated they are not going over their budget funds but will need to fix the appropriations by the end of the year. Manager Kline stated when the Municipality got the big rain and the freeze someone had to be at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for twenty-four (24) hours to watch the plant during each of these events. It was the consensus of Council to do an Emergency Ordinance to do the re-appropriations now. Jill Grise stated she believes the Street Department will need an additional six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars to cover overtime; the Sewer Department will need an additional six thousand five hundred (\$6,500.00) dollars to cover overtime; the Water Department will need one to two thousand (\$1,000.00 - \$2,000.00) dollars. Scott Fogle asked if the Police Department was doing okay with overtime since losing a Police Officer. Jill Grise stated they are doing okay right now. Manager Kline stated the Police Department has lost two (2) police officers. He stated he has accepted applications and is in the review process now.

Ora Ashley asked if this would cut into the 2015 Budget and stated the 2014 budget would have a greater deficit.

Discussion took place regarding not allowing the one percent (1%) credit on Municipal taxes to the citizens. Discussion also took place regarding asking for the one-half percent (½%) fire and police levy to become permanent instead of every five (5) years. Council discussed when it would be the best time to put this on the ballot.

Ora Ashley asked Jill Grise to see what the figures would be if no new Police Officers were hired; if one (1) officer was hired; and if overtime was paid vs. hiring another officer.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding health insurance for the Municipal employees. Manager Kline stated they are getting a quote from a health care consortium. He stated they say it would be two and one-half percent (2 ½%) less than what we pay for the first year. Mr. Kline stated they would have to be there three (3) years – would be covered until January 1, 2016. Fred Francis stated he would get them in touch with BW Employee Benefits out of Dayton.

Manager Kline stated Jill Grise had a clean audit. Ms. Grise stated the last two (2) audits were AUP audits; but the next time it would have to be a full audit. She stated the Ohio Revised Code states we need to appropriate down to personal services – needs to be a more detailed budget.

STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT

Bob Stallman gave each Councilmember a handout regarding the Street Lighting Contract for their review. Mr. Stallman stated Miami Valley Lighting has been around forty plus (40+) years and is an affiliate of DPL Inc. He stated Miami Valley Lighting has between one hundred and eighty and one hundred ninety (180-190) customers with seventy thousand and eleven (70,011) full service lights and poles and about two hundred (200) commercial customers. Mr. Stallman stated they own and maintain the assets and provide them to the customers. He gave information regarding the current street lighting contract that expires on May 31, 2014, and the new street lighting contract that would expire on December 31, 2019. Ben Herron stated they do their own decorative lighting downtown. Manager Kline stated he would have a Resolution ready for the Street Lighting Contract at the May 13, 2014, Council Meeting.

OTHER

Ben Herron stated forty-five percent of the fund to purchase salt is still available. He stated it is enough money to stock the salt bins for next year.

Ben Herron stated the mock accident is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the southwest corner of the Milton-Union High School. He stated they would be doing texting and driving as a theme.

Ben Herron stated Student Government Days would be May 8 and 9, 2014.

Manager Kline stated four (4) basketball hoops are up.

Scott Fogle stated he thinks Council needs to pass a Resolution to approve alcohol being used in the park during the Fall Fling. Manager Kline stated it is a motion not a Resolution.

Scott Fogle asked Manager Kline if Mr. Snyder from Falling Waters LLC contacted him or Lenee Brosh. Manager Kline stated he had not been contacted and did not think Lenee had been contacted either. Manager Kline stated Gary Brambell, Electrical Engineer for DP&L, looked into producing power on the great Miami River. He stated the cost would be much more to produce power from the dam.

Scott Fogle asked if there is an update on Hoke Plat. Manager Kline stated no.

Susan Willis stated any Councilmember needing a car and driver for the Fourth of July Parade needs to let her know by June 24, 2014.

Manager Kline stated Dave Allen owns property on Horseshoe Bend Road. He stated Mr. Allen gave him a copy of a study for a five (5) star campground. Manager Kline stated Mr. Allen wants to do a Phase 1 project that would include two hundred and fifty (250) lots for RVs to camp. Manager Kline showed Council a drawing of the proposed Phase 1 project. Manager Kline stated he thinks it is going to be like a time-share offering. He stated it is suppose to have a clubhouse, bathhouses, and the developer would like to have a trail built to connect with the Englewood bike trail. Manager Kline stated it is their intentions to employ between twenty and thirty (20-30) individuals during the camping season (April to December) and five (5) off-season. Manager Kline stated they need water and sewer. He stated Mr. Allen wants the Municipality to provide sewer lines to the Mertensia Springs RV Resort and they would give the Municipality ten percent (10%) of the company. Manager Kline stated he wants to talk to both the OEPA and ODOT regarding this project.

Manager Kline stated Mark Kiser, President of the Park Board, would be presenting the Park Master Plan at the May 13, 2014, Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Willis made a motion, seconded by Ora Ashley to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Michael Coate II
Mayor