

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

March 24, 2015

Mayor Tinnerman called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Tinnerman; *Councilmembers:* Fred Francis, Susan Willis, Scott Fogle, Don Dohrman, and Anthony Miller. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Ben Herron, Tim Swartztrauber, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* Sarah Copp.

Dated: March 24, 2015

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

SANITARY SEWER

Tim Swartztrauber talked about the different areas where the sanitary sewer needs to be dug up and fixed before the street paving can be done. He stated they have been able to camera about forty (40%) percent of the sanitary sewer. Mr. Swartztrauber stated there is approximately three hundred and fifty (350') feet of sewer lines that need to be replaced. He stated the cost to replace these lines would be in the ballpark of eighty to a hundred thousand (\$80,000 to \$100,000) dollars. Manager Kline stated he called OWDA regarding getting a loan to do the necessary repairs. He stated there is a quick approval process for getting the loan. Manager Kline will have a Resolution ready for the April 14, 2015, Council Meeting. Mr. Swartztrauber stated because it is a replacement of the sanitary sewer lines the Municipality does not have to get EPA approval to replace the lines. Manager Kline stated the replacement of the lines could either be paid for by re-appropriating funds or by financing the project and paying it off within ten (10) years. Don Dohrman asked if the Municipality ever does Municipal Bonds. Manager Kline explained the process of doing Municipal Bonds and stated they can be more costly than it is worth.

WING WALL MAIN STREET

Ben Herron stated the wing wall on Main Street is in need of repair. He explained what caused the damage and what was needed to repair the wall. Mr. Herron showed pictures of the damaged wall to the Councilmembers. He gave information as to the quotes he received to repair the wall. Mr. Herron stated Coate Construction has quoted the cost of repairing the wall at ten thousand nine hundred seventy-five (\$10,975.00) dollars. It was noted Michael Coate, a past Mayor of West Milton, is not the owner of Coate

Construction. Mr. Herron stated he feels it is necessary to do the repairs on the wing wall on Main Street this year. He stated it cannot be put off for another year.

OTHER

Ben Herron gave information regarding switching out items from the old truck his department has been using to the new truck they are getting. He stated he will be over budget on it by four thousand two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy cents (\$4,239.70). Manager Kline stated the bluebook shows the value of the 1995 truck that is being replaced at between six thousand and six thousand five hundred (\$6,000 and \$6,500). He stated if the Municipality could get six thousand (\$6,000) dollars from the sale of the vehicle it would take care of the amount Mr. Herron is over budget on the new vehicle. Manager Kline stated it has to be advertised that the Municipality wants to sell the 1995 truck. He stated then the highest bidder would get the truck.

Manager Kline stated he received a letter from ODOT stating they would be repairing the abutments on the bridge on St. Rt. 571. He stated a Resolution would need to be passed acknowledging that ODOT is going to be doing this work.

Tim Swartztrauber stated he would like to do something with the jeep that is used by the Sewer Plant personnel. Susan Willis suggested it be given to the Fire Department for training. It was the consensus of Council to donate the jeep to the Fire Department.

Manager Kline gave each Councilmember handouts from three (3) other communities showing what they do in their communities regarding the Exterior Property Maintenance Code for their review. He also gave Councilmembers a handout he obtained from Mark Hamler at Hamler Insurance showing guidelines that homeowners need to follow in order to get insurance to cover their homes.

PARK UPDATES

Scott Fogle stated the Park Board has been contacted asking what it would cost to have a cheerleading camp in the park for three days and then later an additional two days. Mr. Fogle explained the Park Board discussed that

usually no one uses the park shelters Monday through Thursday. He stated the Park Board would like to charge the following:

Monday through Thursday - \$10.00 rental fee per day.

Use of Restroom Fee - \$20.00

Friday through Sunday - \$30.00 rental fee per day.

Mr. Fogle stated the Park Board would like to charge these fees across the board to everyone. It was the consensus of Council to implement these fees.

Scott Fogle stated Debra Stewart of Picture Yourself Stronger, LLC would like to start holding Tai Chi classes in the park for four (4) or five (5) Saturdays in a row. He stated these classes would be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for young children. Mr. Fogle stated she is starting these classes for free.

Manager Kline stated PJ Wertz talked to Jim Sarver and asked that Rotary take over Fall Fling. Mr. Kline stated he and Mr. Sarver thinks if Rotary takes over the Fall Fling it would have to be smaller. He stated Rotary is not sure they will spearhead this project. Manager Kline stated the Park Board would like to participate in the Fall Fling.

Scott Fogle stated he attended a recent American Legion meeting and Dennis Albaugh, President of the West Milton American Legion Post 487, discussed participation with the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at the Riverside Cemetery and the Fourth of July Parade. Mr. Fogle stated on Flag Day, June 14, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. there would be a flag burning ceremony and the West Milton American Legion Post 487 is looking into having a dinner where the West Milton American Legion Post 487 would honor West Milton veterans.

Manager Kline stated they have orders for either twenty-nine (29) or thirty-nine (39) banners for Hometown Heroes.

Manager Kline stated he is applying for the Nature Works Grant. He is applying for a seventy-six thousand (\$76,000) dollar grant. This is the amount that Miami County, Ohio, has been allotted for the Nature Works Grant. Mr. Kline stated this would be for new playground equipment at the

West Milton Municipal Park. He stated the grant is a seventy-five (75%) grant. Manager Kline stated he would have a Resolution authorizing him to apply for the grant at the April 14, 2015, Council Meeting.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Manager Kline stated Jim Sarver of Sarver Funeral Home is going to do between three hundred thousand and three hundred and fifty thousand (\$300,000 and \$350,000) dollars worth of improvements to the funeral home. Manager Kline stated Mr. Sarver is requesting a tax abatement.

TAX RATE COMPARISON

Fred Francis gave each Councilmember a handout listing various towns in Ohio, their Tax Rate, and the Tax Credit given or not given by each of these towns for their review. Discussion took place regarding ways to get more of a tax base.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no comments from citizens at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

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

Council came back into session at 10:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Jason Tinnerman
Mayor