

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

July 28, 2015

Mayor Francis called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Francis; *Councilmembers:* Sarah Copp, Scott Fogle, Jason Tinnerman, Anthony Miller, and Karen Grudich. *Also present were:* Manager Kline and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* Don Dohrman.

CHARTER REVIEW

Manager Kline stated he had some recommendations from the Charter Review Board for Council's review and approval. He stated in the Charter it states the Municipality must make all of its announcements in a newspaper of general circulation. Manager Kline stated it has been recommended to add "and other multiple media sources." He stated it has also been recommended that Council should have the authority to waive the residency requirement for the Municipal Manager.

Manager Kline stated the following proposed changes would have to be voted on by the citizens of West Milton:

- 1) Article VII, Section 7.02(A) of the Charter - amend to allow the Municipal Manager to submit a budget for the ensuing fiscal year to Council on or before the first Council Meeting in October of each year, instead of June each year.
- 2) Article IX, Section 9.01 of the Charter – amend from requiring ten (10) signatures to now requiring the signatures of not less than thirty (30) qualified electors on the standard petition forms for the nomination of nonpartisan candidates for elective offices.
- 3) Article IX, Section 9.01 of the Charter – amend to require petitions to be filed with the Board of Elections at least ninety (90) days before the day of election, instead of the current seventy-five (75) days.

Manager Kline stated he is in the process of drafting the report from the Charter Review Board to Council and that he would have it in their Friday, July 31, 2015, Council packet for their review.

Jason Tinnerman asked if the items citizens need to vote on would be put on the ballot as a package or individually. Mayor Francis stated it could be done

as a package or individually. He stated the Charter Review Board would like to have them listed on the ballot separately to keep the issues clear.

Scott Fogle asked about changing the fee that Council is paid per meeting from fifty (\$50.00) dollars per meeting to seventy-five (\$75.00) per meeting. Mayor Francis stated changing the fee per meeting has to be done by Ordinance; but it does not take effect until each Council person's new term starts. Mr. Fogle stated Council does more than what is done at the meetings. He stated Councilmembers serve on other boards and do other things and that Council has not had an increase for about ten (10) years.

Anthony Miller asked if there is enough time to get the proposed changes to the Charter on the ballot for the November 2015 election. Manager Kline stated, "Yes."

HEALTH INSURANCE

Manager Kline gave Council a spreadsheet titled "2015 Healthcare Comparison" for their review. He explained all the healthcare options and how they would affect the employees and what the cost would be to the Municipality. Jason Tinnerman stated he would like to see the employees taken care of. Manager Kline stated he likes the "Renewal Option and Option 2" that is available for healthcare for the Municipality of West Milton employees. Mayor Francis suggested going with the "Renewal Option," "Option 1," and "Option 2;" but if an employee chose "Option 1" the employee would need to pay the difference in the premium. It was the consensus of Council to do as Mayor Francis suggested.

ASSESSEMENTS

Manager Kline stated it is time to certify delinquent water and sewer accounts; costs associated with removal of grass, weeds, and litter; and sewer line repairs to the Miami County Auditor for collection on the property owner's real estate taxes. He stated when the Municipality has to remove grass, weeds, and litter from properties, the property owners are charged seventy-five (\$75.00) per hour and also a two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollar administrative fee. Manager Kline stated the information has to be given to the Miami County Auditor in August. He stated he would have a Resolution prepared for the August 11, 2015, Council Meeting.

INCOME TAX CHANGES

Manager Kline stated the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals is putting together the tax laws that each city in Ohio has to go by. He stated some of the tax language has to be changed. Manager Kline stated the Dayton Branch of the Central Collection Agency (CCA) would be handling the Municipality's income tax collection in 2016. CCA is a division of taxation that administers income tax collection for at least fifty (50) communities in Ohio.

GENERAL UPDATES

Manager Kline stated the work being done on Laurel Lane in West Milton is very slowly coming around. He stated there were no water line breaks this week. Manager Kline stated Choice One is making sure everything is being done correctly.

Ben Herron stated the paving on Milton-Potsdam Road came out nice. He explained changes that had to be done to the area that was being paved.

Scott Fogle stated PJ Wertz of Wertz Hardware in West Milton has gotten in disc for Disc Golf.

Manager Kline asked if anyone saw the article in the *Dayton Daily News* regarding State of Ohio Treasurer, Josh Mandel, wanting to have an open checkbook. Manager Kline stated he is apprehensive about having an open checkbook for West Milton. He expressed that at some point he feels if every city in Ohio has to participate in the program the Municipality would have to pay to be a part of the open checkbook program. Manager Kline stated it is projected to cost approximately 2.7 million dollars over the next two years to set this program up.

Manager Kline stated he would be out of town the week of August 3, 2015. He stated Ben Herron would be in charge during his absence.

Scott Fogle stated the Park Board has been talking about having a movie night in the main park in West Milton. He stated they would be doing a trial run to see how everything would work. Mr. Fogle stated the Park Board is thinking about doing movie night in the park on Saturday, August 22, 2015, or after the Fall Fling September 19, 2015. He stated he would let Council know once the date has been chosen.

Alice Martin of 27 Donna Jane Court, West Milton, stated DP&L had been having someone trim trees on Donna Jane Court. She stated DP&L missed a

few areas – specifically in back of the property owned by Dave and Judy Tipton of 34 Donna Jane Court. Bob Stallman of DPL Energy stated he would check into this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jason Tinnerman made a motion seconded by Anthony Miller to go into a Special Session of Council. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Dohrman.

Resolution CM-15-25

Resolution CM-15-25 was introduced by Council and read by Manager Kline, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to adopt *Resolution CM-15-25*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Dohrman. *Resolution CM-15-25 adopted.*

Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Anthony Miller to adjourn into an Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Dohrman.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

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

Council came back into session at 9:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Copp made a motion, seconded by Anthony Miller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Fred Francis
Mayor