

**PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with De Anna Kuzma, President of Council, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The Lord's Prayer, and a moment of silence for those serving our Country.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Gabe Below, Joel Freedman, Beth Gillman, Roseann Hickman, Margaret Phillips, Lisa Sarty, and Jerry Tarolli.

Mr. Below requested a change to the minutes from March 8th, 2016. In business from the floor for Mr. Below, stated he requested to have the State of the City 2015 available at the next meeting before appropriations are passed. Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Mr. Tarolli to accept the minutes from the March 8th, 2016, meeting as amended. With all those in favor, motion carried.

The chair noted that certification has been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Ms. Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester with the Ohio Department of Forestry States that she came to town to talk about potential of working trees into the downtown landscape. Ask council if there are any questions about recommendations or the information that was provided before the meeting. Mr. Below thanked Ms. Miller for coming tonight. Stated that he asked the special projects coordinator at the last financial meeting what a deadline would be have it built into the plan so it can be approved by ODOT in time and he was told September. He asked Ms. Miller if that was reasonable timeline to work hard at it. Ms. Miller stated that is definitely enough time. A lot of it is figuring out what the options are and beginning to figure out what is the maximum that you can afford to install. Mr. Tarolli stated that Poldimyer is designing it. Ms. Miller stated that she has worked with them on a few projects. Mr. Below asked Mr. Colston about his conversations with downtown business owners in regards to putting trees downtown. Mr. Colston stated that it is about a 2:1 in favor of the trees. Some were concerned about the bird poop, some about the blocking of their signs and some about maintenance of the trees. Mr. Below asked if with proper selection and designed that those problems can be mitigated to where they are not a concern for the business owners. Ms. Miller said that most definitely that would be true. Ms. Miller described what Port Clinton does to become a Tree City USA. Spoke in regards to different tree options that we have.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vince Leone – Distributed the end of year report to Mr. Freedman and Mayor Wheeler. Stated that Mr. Freedman made comment on Between the Lines through the Sandusky Register that because of the past mayor there was only \$42,000 in the carry over. Stated that as he supports what the Mayor state about putting out false information at previous meetings, he also would like to state about how Mr. Freedman continues to bash fellow council members it is very detrimental to not only council but the city as a whole and he thinks that Mr. Freedman needs to be aware of it. Mr. Freedman stated that he response in regarding the carryover was about the general fund and that it the city as a hole should have three times the amount in it at year end.

Rick Noderer – Read a statement on behalf of CORD. Stated that the city is almost evening divided on Issue 1. Mr. Below asked Mr. Noderer how he can you make the claim that it is narrowing divided yet you declared victory on Issue 6 passage with very slim difference in the margin. Why is that different? Mr. Below stated that Issue 6 passed unofficially.

President DeAnna Kuzma stated that we can all have differences. That we all have passion and the one thing that we have passion about is the City of Port Clinton. Being respectful and mindful of everyone is what is important.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wheeler reviewed the Vision of 2016 for the City of Port Clinton. Also passed out the State of the City 2015

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Not present

TREASURER'S REPORT	None
LAW DIRECTOR REPORT	None
SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT	Asked council to pass Ordinance 9-16 so we will be able to go into contract on the Lakeshore sidewalk project. City beach clean-up is April 16, 2016, at 9am meeting at the city park. Brush pick is going to be once a month on the second Monday of the month starting on April 11 th .
POLICE CHIEF REPORT	None
FIRE CHIEF REPORT	Not present
CORRESPONDENCE	Committee meeting minutes from the following: Laws, Rules and Ordinances meeting dated 2/23/2016 Finance meeting dated 3/14/2016 Parks and Rec meeting dated 2/9/2016 & 3/8/2016 Infrastructure meeting dated 2/2/2016 & 3/1/2016 Motion to approve the correspondence as stated by Mr. Below; seconded by Ms. Phillips. With all those in favor, the correspondence was accepted.
THIRD READINGS	
ORDINANCE 6-16	<p>AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.</p> <p>Mr. Below stated that there are numerous places for economic development. He believes that we need an economic development strategy and we need personnel and contractual support to help with this strategy.</p> <p>Mr. Below made a motion to amend Ordinance 6-16 to read Recreation department personnel services zero dollars and Recreation department total \$36,200; seconded by Ms. Gillman.</p> <p>Discussion regarding amendment:</p> <p>Mr. Colston stated that he does not know how we can state that \$20,000 is not significant for our kids. He believes that we have been lacking for years. Believes that it is time to real that back in. Mr. Tarolli states that he believes with both sides. States that we should look into an intern for the economic development. He stated he agrees with Mr. Colston. Mr. Freedman states that he agrees with Mr. Tarolli. Stated that he thought at the last planning meeting bringing in the gentlemen that does Sandusky development to possibly give us some ideas of what we could be doing different to bring people to Port Clinton. Believes that the parks and rec position is the way to go right now. Mrs. Gillman stated that he respects where Mr. Colston is coming from. Stated that there are too many activities for kids. States that she believes that there is just not a place/person to stream line all of them. Stated that financially now where the City is at and what we need as far as economic development she does not believe that parks and rec comes above economic development. Ms. Phillips asked Mr. Below to again state what he is asking to be amended. Mr. Below stated the amendment again. Ms. Phillips stated that she believes that this is the direction we should go until we are more stable. Mr. Below asked for administration to look at current resources for parks and rec or possibly an intern for this position not economic development. Mr. Colston asked what is the job description of the position that he is proposing. Mr. Below stated that he doesn't have a position in mind just asking to dedicate funds to economic development services. Mrs. Sarty asked Mr. Below at this point if he is just asking to remove the money from parks and rec total and place in economic development to bank. Mayor Wheeler stated the money is not really set aside for that position, some of the money actually came from the seasonals because that person was actually going to mow grass and other activities.</p> <p>Results of a voice roll call for amendment of Ordinance 6-16 are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, no; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, no. With those results, Ordinance 6-16 was amended.</p>

Mr. Below made a motion to adjust net appropriations to Ordinance 6-16; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. Results of a voice roll call for net appropriations amendment to Ordinance 6-16 are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, no. With those results, Ordinance 6-16 was amended.

Mr. Below made a motion to adopt Ordinance 6-16; seconded by Ms. Phillips. Results of the roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, no. With those results, Ordinance 6-16 as amended was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

ORDINANCE 8-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF LAND FROM LAKESHORE BEACH, LLC

FIRST READINGS

ORDINANCE 9-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG WEST LAKESHORE DRIVE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below made a motion to waive three readings; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the motion was passed.

Mr. Below made a motion to retain the emergency clause; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the motion was passed.

Mr. Below made a motion to adopt Ordinance 9-16; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips, yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the Ordinance was adopted.

ORDINANCE 10-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 913 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON ENTITLED SANITARY SEWER DISCHARGE

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Phillips thanked everyone for their help at the City Easter Egg Hunt. Tree commission met today and they are looking at updating the entire tree commission works. Started last month and will continue into the next two to three months.

Mr. Below spoke in regards to Mr. Freedman's video on election night. Spoke in regards to Mr. Freedman stating that he tried to get the wording changed on Issue 1. Stated Mr. Freedman stated the rest of council does not care about the financials reported regarding Mr. Rose. Stated Mr. Freedman said to ask council what is in it for them. Mr. Below stated Mr. Freedman's comments about payoffs, tricking voters with ballot language, and a surprise ordinance contributes to conspiracy theories and makes him sound more like Elizabeth Baumgartner than an elected official of this council. Mr. Below thanked everyone for the help with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mrs. Gillman also thanked everyone for their help with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Tarolli wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mrs. Hickman wished everyone a Happy Easter and to enjoy the time with your families.

Mr. Freedman responded about Mr. Roses financials. Stated that every statement put out about Mr. Roses financials have been provided and back up. Stated when he says "ask your council member what is in it for them" , that is not saying you are getting bribed that is asking why do you not look at these numbers and find them troubling. In regards to the dollar amounts for the elections, every time he was given an updated amount he posted that accurate information.

Mrs. Sarty stated that the next infrastructure meeting is April 5th, 2016, at 6:30pm. The next parks and rec meeting will be April 12th, 2016, at 6:30pm. Stated that she helped with the egg hunt for the fourth year and this year was the biggest year for donations. Thanked everyone that helped and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

April Pipoly
Clerk of Council

De Anna Kuzma
President of Council