

**President Kevin Hardman called the regular council meeting of December 13, 2005 to order at 6:34 p.m.** Bill Lewis led Council in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Taylor followed the prayer.

### **ROLL CALL**

In attendance for Roll Call were Council Members: Kerry Rabe, Bill Lewis, Jim Dygert, Bill Breyer, Janey Kattelman, Rob Tankersley and Bob Taylor.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes from the previous meeting of November 29, 2005 were approved as distributed.

### **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **MAYOR – VIRGIL LOVITT**

**MAYOR'S COURT REVENUE** - Revenue collected for the month of November included \$46,869.69 in fines and \$8,418.00 in State costs for a total of \$55,287.69.

#### **SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR - AL LEDBETTER**

**I-275 / MOSTELLER / KEMPER** – The Administration was notified that a grant in the amount of \$725,000 for improvements to the I-275 exit ramps as well as Mosteller and Kemper Roads. The total project is estimated at \$4.5 million with the City of Sharonville responsible for about \$700,000 of the total. The remainder will be covered by other grants.

**SHARON ROAD BRIDGE** – Bids have been requested on two occasions for the resurfacing of the bridge on Sharon Road. Both times the bids submitted were dramatically in excess of the estimates. The Hamilton County Engineer's Department has been contacted and the County has agreed to include the resurfacing in the County's 2006 resurfacing program. The \$95,000 that was received from the County earlier this year for the project will be used to defray the City's portion of the cost.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Chief Schappa completed a voluntary two-year course provided by the Ohio Municipal League that deals with leadership, laws and the way municipalities should operate in the State of Ohio.

**ADMINISTRATION** – Christine Thompson has been selected to participate in a Masters Degree program at Northern Kentucky University beginning in January.

**FIRE STATION** – Bids are currently being reviewed on the construction of the new fire station. Amounts are being totaled, quantities verified and alternates that might be considered are being reviewed. The architect has yet to make a recommendation on the lowest and/or best bidders.

**LEGISLATION** – Several ordinances have been prepared for Council's approval this evening. The legislation is to allow for the City to begin operations in the 2006 until the budget is approved.

#### **ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR – CHRISTINE THOMPSON**

**NEWSLETTER** – Residents will receive the new edition of the Recreation Guide / City newsletter prior to the end of the year. The Publications Committee that has been formed to serve as editors includes: Kim Flamm, Sue Koetz, Christine Thompson, Katrina Biscay, Amy Moore and Debbie O'Toole. Kim Flamm also handles the in-house design of the guide. Submissions from the Elected Officials will be accepted for guest articles for future editions on items of interest to the residents of

Sharonville. The next edition will cover information pertinent for April through June with mid-February as the deadline for submissions.

DOWNTOWN – Following a recent meeting, the downtown businesses have requested budget and other information on the Cruisin' on the Loop program for consideration to continue the event in 2006.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – KEVIN HARDMAN**

THANK YOU CARD – The Hazel Brown / David Dennis families expressed their appreciation to the Elected Officials and Clerk of Council for their expressions of sympathy as well as the contribution to the American Cancer Society made in remembrance of Dan Brown Sr.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING – There will be no need for a second meeting in December as the end of year legislation has been prepared for this meeting. This evening's meeting is the last official meeting for Council Members Bill Lewis and Bob Taylor as well as for Auditor Janet North.

OKI APPOINTMENT – A representative needs to be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. Jim Dygert has filled that job the past year. Mayor Lovitt has requested Council's consideration to serve as the representative for 2006. The motion to appoint Mayor Lovitt as the representative to OKI by Mr. Breyer was seconded. A Voice Vote was called and the motion was approved unanimously.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL – MARTHA CROSS FUNK** – No Report

**AUDITOR - JANET NORTH**

The Auditor's report for the month of November was submitted to Council. Janet North submitted her official letter of resignation to Council this evening. Janet North is working part-time during the day as the Deputy Auditor had moved on in anticipation of Janet's retirement. Janet North expressed appreciation to all for her many years with the City. Kevin Hardman thanked Janet North for her many years of service to the City of Sharonville.

**TREASURER - MARK PIEPMEIER**

The Treasurer's report for the month of November was submitted to Council. Mark Piepmeier expressed appreciation to Janet North for all she has done for the City and for her assistance. He also expressed appreciation to Bob Taylor and Bill Lewis noting that they have served with a lot of grace handling everything very professionally.

**LAW DIRECTOR – TOM KEATING**

PROPERTY TAX – The Tax Equalization Board notified the City last week that fourteen of the properties are exempt from taxes. There is a delay on the notice regarding the Convention Center.

APPRECIATION – Tom Keating expressed appreciation to Janet North, Bob Taylor and Bill Lewis. A Council Member retired several years ago and Tom Keating brought him a six-pack of beer called Old Peculiar. Carrying on that tradition, Tom Keating presented a wine called Red Truck for Bob Taylor who has been very involved in the Fire Department and a wine called Seven Heavenly Chards for Bill Lewis who is moving on to more of a full-time minister.

**RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL** - None

**CITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - KERRY RABE**

- Kerry Rabe expressed appreciation to Bob Taylor for his passion for the Fire and Police Departments; to Bill Lewis for the historical information shared as well as his involvement in Patriot Pointe; and to Janet North for her many years of service.

### **PLANNING & ZONING - BILL LEWIS**

- The Planning & Zoning Department was successful in assisting Loth MBI to acquire a Jobs Creation Tax Credit from the State Of Ohio. This means that Loth MBI should stay in Sharonville maintaining their 130 jobs and creating an additional 30 to 40 jobs over the next three years.
- The Department continues to work with several corporate office users to attract them to Sharonville.
- The Sheraton will have a soft opening this month and a grand opening after the first of the year.
- Jim Dandy's Restaurant is open.
- The Drury Inn's superstructure is about 90% complete.
- The foundation permit has been issued for Summit Woods III project that will house the corporate offices of Multi-Color. The completion of the offices is expected by October 2006.
- Ruby Tuesday's interior mechanical and electrical work is now under way.
- TSS Aviation has received a temporary Certificate of Occupancy.
- Permits issued are up 9% from last year's level. The construction evaluation is now up 216% over last year at this time. Fees generated are up about 125% over last year.
- Bill Lewis noted that it had been a short ten years. He expressed that he has enjoyed working with everyone here and serving the community that is so dear to his heart. Bill Lewis thanked everyone and the community for this privilege.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS – JIM DYGERT**

- Jim Dygert expressed his respect for Bill Lewis and Bob Taylor noting that he was impressed with how dedicated their distinguished service to the community has been.

### **LAW – BILL BREYER**

- Bill Breyer expressed his appreciation to Bill Lewis, Bob Taylor and Janet North for their many years of service.

### **RECREATION - JANEY KATTELMAN**

- Janey Kattelman reported that Sue Koetz expressed her regrets for being unable to attend this evening due to a family commitment as well as her thanks for all the work that Bill Lewis and Bob Taylor have done for the Recreation Department.
- Janey Kattelman noted how much she would miss Bill Lewis, Bob Taylor and Janet North. Janey Kattelman presented Bill Lewis with *The Book of Total Useless Information* because he likes to read and because she felt that every politician, whether retired or not, should have one. Janey Kattelman noted that, as with herself and Virgil Lovitt, Bob Taylor cares about the community as well as the people in it. They do not run as politicians but as human beings who care about this community. Janey Kattelman presented her friend Bob Taylor with a book called *So Now You Know - A Compendium of Completely Useless Information*.

### **FINANCE – ROB TANKERSLEY**

- As the newest member of Council, Rob Tankersley expressed appreciation to Bob Taylor and Bill Lewis for their advice.

### **FIRE & POLICE - BOB TAYLOR**

- The Sharonville Fire Department rescue squad has been practicing cold-water rescue at the pond at Mosteller and Kemper Roads.
- The City's architect as well as Al Ledbetter and the Fire Chief are working on the bids for the new fire station.
- A letter was received from West Chester Police Chief John Bruce thanking the Sharonville Police Department for their help in the apprehension of two persons wanted for the robbery of the US Bank in West Chester. Officer Wilson and Officer Broenner did a great job.
- Appreciation was also expressed to Officer Baarlaer, Officer Davis and Sgt. Healey for the Meth bust at the Motel 6 in Sharonville as well as to Officer Kellum for his actions in recovering a stolen vehicle and apprehension of the thief.
- Bob Taylor expressed appreciation for the friendships that were acquired over all these years noting that it has been a pleasure working with everyone. Bob Taylor also expressed his appreciation to all of the Elected Officials, the Safety Service Director and Clerk of Council individually for all of their service.

### **RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS**

A motion to allow Late Delivery of Ordinance 2005-62E by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Voice Vote called. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion to allow Late Delivery of Resolution 2005-R-19 by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. A motion to excuse Mr. Lewis from the vote by Mrs. Kattelman was approved by Voice Vote. The Voice Vote called on the Late Delivery was approved unanimously.

A motion to allow Late Delivery of Resolution 2005-R-20 by Mr. Breyer was seconded. A motion to excuse Mr. Taylor from the vote by Mrs. Kattelman was approved. The Voice Vote called on the Late Delivery was approved unanimously.

A motion to allow three readings of Ordinances 2005-58E, 2005-59E, 2005-60E, 2005-61E and 2005-62E by Mr. Lewis was seconded. Voice Vote Called. Motion approved unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2005-58-E** – An Ordinance Relating To Administrative, Police, Fire, Public Works, Convention Center, And Recreation Departments: Regulations Relating Thereto And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk gave the three readings of the ordinance. The motion for passage of the ordinance by Mr. Taylor was seconded. Discussion: Bill Lewis questioned whether the \$25 per hour per meeting for Board of Zoning Appeals also included the Planning Commission. Mayor Lovitt noted that this has been researched before and state law does not allow payment to Planning Commission members. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2005-59-E** – An Ordinance To Make Temporary Appropriations For The Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Sharonville, State Of Ohio. During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006 And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk gave the three readings of the ordinance. The motion for passage of the ordinance by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2005-60-E** – Transfer Of Funds And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk gave the three readings of the ordinance. The motion for passage of the ordinance by Mr. Lewis was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2005-61-E** – Establishing New Fund And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk gave the three readings of the ordinance. The motion for passage of the ordinance by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Discussion: In response to a question by Bill Breyer, Janet North clarified that the motor vehicle license fees have previously been received into the State Highway and SCMR funds. However, per the Ohio Revised Code, these fees are to be received into their own fund and then distributed out to the other funds. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2005-62-E** – An Ordinance To Make Adjustments To The 2005 Appropriations To Determine Final Appropriations And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk gave the three readings of the ordinance. The motion for passage of the ordinance by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2005-R-19** – Honoring William K. Lewis For His Service To The Residents Of Sharonville. The Clerk read the resolution in its entirety. The motion for passage of the resolution by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously by the six members of Council voting with an abstention by Mr. Lewis.

**RESOLUTION 2005-R-20** – Honoring Robert G. Taylor For His Service To The Residents Of Sharonville. The Clerk read the resolution in its entirety. The motion for passage of the resolution by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously by the six members of Council voting with an abstention by Mr. Taylor.

**RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL** - None

**OTHER MATTERS TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Kevin Hardman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Martha Cross Funk, Clerk of Council

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Kevin Hardman, President of Council

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