

**President Kevin Hardman called the regular Council meeting of July 11, 2006 to order at 7:05 p.m. following a Public Hearing on the 2007 Tax Budget.** Janey Kattelman led Council in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Duerler followed the prayer.

### **ROLL CALL**

In attendance for Roll Call were Council Members: Kerry Rabe, Jim Dygert, Greg Pugh, Rob Tankersley, Vicki Hoppe, Bob Duerler and Janey Kattelman. Bill Breyer was absent with notice.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes from the previous meeting of June 13, 2006 were approved as distributed.

### **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **MAYOR – VIRGIL LOVITT**

**MAYOR'S COURT REVENUE** - Revenue collected for the month of June included \$35,012.84 in fines, \$1,450.00 in bond forfeitures, \$6,984.00 in State costs for a total of \$43,446.84.

**FOURTH OF JULY** – Mayor Lovitt expressed appreciation to the Recreation Department for the wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and fireworks.

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

**TRAFFIC SIGNALS** – Notice has been received from O.K.I. that the City's application to replace traffic signals in the downtown area will be recommended for funding in the 2008 – 2011 funding cycle. If approved, the grant will be approximately \$959,000. The City's financial responsibility for the project would be approximately \$190,000.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** – The composition of the Strategic Planning Committees is being finalized and the list will be distributed by the end of the week. Monthly progress reports will be expected from each committee.

**TRAFFIC FLOW** – The City will modify the traffic light sequence on southbound Route 42 at Cornell Road. Currently, traffic may turn left only on an arrow. Signals will be installed permitting left turns on the arrow and, after yielding, on a green signal. Notices will be posted prior to the changes.

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

**MILLCREEK MEETING** – The first Board Meeting of the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District will be held on Thursday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m. at the Metropolitan Sewer District.

**I-75 MEETING** – A public meeting to discuss the proposed widening and reconstruction of I-75 from I-275 to Paddock Road will be held at the Sharonville Convention Center on Wednesday, July 19 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**RAILROAD OVERPASS STATUS** – The right-of-way plans for the railroad grade separation project are expected to be completed July 2007. The construction project is expected to be awarded early in 2009.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – KEVIN HARDMAN**

NEWS – Kevin Hardman announced that he is the proud father of second child, Matthew Bryant, who was born on July 7. He and his family have also recently moved so it has been a busy month.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL – MARTHA CROSS FUNK**

BIRTHDAY - Happy Birthday wishes to Janey Kattelman today and to Bob Duerler on Friday, July 21.

**AUDITOR – MARK PIEPMEIER**

The Auditor's report for the month of May was submitted to Council. Mark Piepmeier noted that the expenses are on track. Most of Council attended the post audit meeting. Mark Piepmeier reminded Council that the information discussed in the meeting with the State Auditors is considered confidential until the report is released. Resolution 2006-R-13 is regarding the foregoing of the inside property tax millage. The City of Sharonville remains one of the few cities in the state to not collect the city property tax.

**TREASURER – BILL BREYER** – Absent with notice.

The Treasurer's report for the month of May was distributed to Council.

**LAW DIRECTOR – TOM KEATING**

LEGISLATION – In relation to the ordinance for the codification contract and on a historical note, Tom Keating identified that the City of Sharonville is one of the Walter Drane Company's oldest clients dating back to the 1960's.

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

**BUILDING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KERRY RABE**

- The new owner of the Comfort Inn and Suites on Chester Road has plans to extensively renovate the current facility. Up to \$40,000 per unit may be spent in renovations. The operations at the facility have closed at this time and all of the existing furnishings are being removed. The schedule for the renovations has yet to be announced.
- Concept plans have been submitted for an indoor water park on Chester Road for the July 12 Planning Commission meeting.
- The windows are being installed in Summit Woods II and the interior framing of the corridors has begun.
- The Drury Inn has some delay in their progress while working out issues with the swimming pool. It is expected that the opening will be delayed.
- Permits issued are down overall 15% from this time last year. Fees collected are up 10% and the evaluation of work-to-date is up 30%. There are 214 active commercial projects at this time.

**NORTHERN LIGHTS CORRIDOR – JIM DYGERT**

- The Northern Cincinnati hotels had their best month of May since 1998. According to Smith Travel Research, May's occupancy rate for Northern Cincinnati was 62.3% compared to last year's 61% and the best since 1998's 66.4%. The demand for rooms in Northern Cincinnati was up 8.6% over 2005, the highest gain in the Cincinnati region.

- According to Mark Schutte, Executive Director of the Northern Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau, Northern Cincinnati continues to go in the right direction. With the addition of the new Sheraton and the Drury Inn & Suites in Sharonville, business travelers and visitors are rediscovering the quality hotel product Northern Cincinnati has as well as its prime location to all that Cincinnati offers. The growth is expected to continue as the effort to expand the Sharonville Convention Center moves to the next level with the under-budget completion of the Duke Energy Center. Excess tax dollars have been earmarked for the expansion from the Hamilton County lodging tax dollars. Northern Cincinnati is poised to once again be the leader within Cincinnati for people to stay with the Sharonville's "Northern Lights" project to revitalize Chester Road, Blue Ash's future Contemporary Arts Center, a reinvigorated Tri-County Mall and future tourism developments.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – GREG PUGH**

- Creek Road and Hill Street have been completed by Jurgensen.
- The street painting program contract with Kneisel is 99% complete.
- The curb and sidewalk repair contract with Prus Construction is complete.
- Kurt Baughman was been selected for the Probationary Maintenance / Equipment Operator position. His first day of work was on Monday, July 10. The Public Works Department would like to take this opportunity to welcome him in the service of the Sharonville community.
- A storm water drainage catch basin at 1791 Crescentville Road was damaged on June 30. A tractor trailer separated and collided into the concrete basin. The impact into the catch basin stopped the forward motion of the trailer but almost totally fractured the concrete catch basin structure. The department is coordinating with a contractor to repair the catch basin which will be reimbursed by the insurance of the truck driver.
- Bid openings were conducted on Thursday, June 29, on the City's parking lot lighting replacement project behind Cliff's Hardware. The City had four bidders for this project. The apparent low bidder was Northern Kentucky Electric Service with a bid of \$75,700.
- The State bid contract procurement of a new Schwartz street sweeper is on order through Southeastern Equipment and will take six to eight weeks for delivery.
- The State bid contract procurement of a new Case backhoe will be finalized as soon as the lease agreement is approved. The Public Works Department did a considerable amount of evaluation and comparison of competing equipment models in an effort to obtain the best value for the money. The equipment models were compared for operational capabilities as well as for equipment maintenance and repair characteristics.
- Mike Carlson missed the last two weeks of work due to surgery. He returned to work on Monday, July 10.

### **FINANCE & LAW – ROB TANKERSLEY** – No Report

### **RECREATION – VICKI HOPPE**

- This year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was wonderful. Living in a location where the fireworks from both Sharonville and Evendale could be seen, Vicki Hoppe expressed her opinion that Sharonville's fireworks were far superior.

- On Monday, July 17, and Tuesday, July 18, Sharonville will be hosting the 2006 Swim Team Championships which will bring thousands of swimmers and spectators to this area.
- The annual Ladies Day at the Pool will be held on Wednesday, July 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration and fees associated with this event are due by July 25.
- Redesigned landscaping at the Thornview entrance of the Community Center has been installed over the last two weeks and is fabulous. Pat Schehr and his crew, especially Scott Lindner, have done all of this landscape design.
- The World's Largest Garage Sale will be held on August 5. There is a fee involved for booth space at a cost of \$5 for residents and \$8 for non-residents. Those interested should contact the Community Center for details.
- The Recreation Committee has been meeting and Sue Koetz will be contacting Tom Keating for proposed ordinance changes. Cost savings this year in the Recreation Department this year have been over \$100,000.
- Darrin Upp has cleaned the Historic Society building and it is now open to the public at least two Sundays a month as well as when he is working at the building. A website is being developed and an Open House is being planned in September.

#### **HEALTH – BOB DUERLER**

- Public health nurse Glenda Gajus is a member of the Regional Medical Reserve Corps and will commence disaster training on July 22. This volunteer Corps of credentialed individuals is being assembled to offer supplemental medical assistance during emergency events.
- The summer student intern has been inspecting and collecting samples of all the household sewage disposal systems in the City.
- Properties that are in violation of the City's weed/grass ordinance are being monitored. Notices have been sent for at least 35 violations.
- All four bird specimens found in Sharonville have tested negative for the West Nile virus. Only one bird from Lake County has tested positive for the West Nile virus in the State of Ohio.

#### **FIRE & POLICE – JANEY KATTELMAN**

- St. Michaels Festival was held June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
- During this three day event, officers handled one fight run, a domestic case and attended to three children who fell off of the inflatable slide. The Ohio Department of Agriculture will be handling the investigation as they are responsible for festival rides. It was learned that one of the juveniles suffered a fractured skull from the fall.
- On June 16<sup>th</sup>, a female Hispanic was assaulted by a male subject at the Harmony Grove Apartments.
- On June 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Harmony Grove Apartments, a female resident observed a male Hispanic who appeared to have been injured. He approached her car and stole some items from her. The suspect was later apprehended by another male and was transported to the hospital where he was treated for a broken back.
- On June 28<sup>th</sup>, detectives responded to Caldwell Preserve Park, located on North Bend Road in the City of Cincinnati. Detectives met with Cincinnati Police in reference to a subject claiming to have been kidnapped in the area of I-75 and Sharon Rd. Police were called by a passing motorist who observed a man bound and gagged trying to get out of his vehicle. During the course of this investigation it was determined that the victim, a 47 year old Springdale man, had filed a false police report and that he did so because he did

not want his wife to leave him. The victim has a crack cocaine problem and had not been home for a few days.

- On July 4<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to 5572 Oliver Court due to a report of shots fired. As the officers were responding, the dispatcher continued to update them on the situation and informed them that there were two individuals shooting at the residence. Upon Police Officer Menth's arrival, he observed a bullet hole in the front door and observed the resident sitting on the couch. Police Officer Menth began talking with the victim who claimed he was being held by two individuals. The subject was armed, but no one else was present. The subject was taken into custody after a short struggle and is now at Christ Hospital for evaluation. This individual, who was having a problem with a diabetic reaction, thought that someone was shooting at him. He sat in front of his door and blew out his front door as well as storm door with a deer rifle. The police officers confiscated all of the weapons in his home. Some of the shots that he fired went into the grass over by the pool. Janey Kattleman's granddaughter happened to be walking home from the pool at the time, heard the shots and took off running.
- Officers Dorsey and Rose completed their work as School Resource Officers and have been assigned to the Road Patrol for the summer.
- The Fire Department has received notification from F.E.M.A. / D.H.S. that it will be receiving a grant for fire prevention and public education in the amount of \$82,500. This program will buy some equipment for presentations as well as a new smoke detector project for the residents of the City.
- Events attended by Fire Department personnel this month include: Cruisin the Loop, Touch-a-Truck, and special events for both PNC and Huntington Banks.
- The Fire Department Club Golf Outing held June 21 was a success.
- The annual ladder testing has been completed.
- There are several fire hydrants within the City that are being repaired.
- Brian Carlson and Lt. Johann are working with Shadow Hill to look into alternatives to get better water pressure and gallons per minute at this complex.
- Fire Department personnel are touring the new schools as they are being built.
- A Safety Committee meeting was held with Administration to discuss a personnel issue.

### **RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS**

The motion for suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow Late Delivery on Ordinance 2006-38-E by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

The motion for suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow three readings on Ordinances 2006-37 and 2006-38-E by Mr. Dygert was seconded. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2006-37** – Authorizing Safety/Service Director To Enter Into A Contract With Walter Drane Company For Ordinance Codification For Five Years. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2006-38-E** – Participate in OPWC Grant And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mrs. Hoppe was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2006-R-11** – Supporting D.A.R.E. Program And Authorizing Police Department To Apply To Ohio Attorney General’s Office For Funding To Continue D.A.R.E. Program. The Clerk of Council read this resolution. The motion for passage by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2006-R-12** – A Resolution Authorizing The Safety Service Director To Enter Into A Master Lease-Purchase Agreement By And Between Fifth Third Bank And The City Of Sharonville (“City”) For The Financing Of Case 580 SM II Loader Backhoe, To Execute Various Documents Related To Such Master Lease-Purchase Agreement, And Making Certain Designations Regarding Such Master Lease-Purchase Agreement. The Clerk of Council read this resolution. The motion for passage by Mr. Pugh was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2006-R-13** – Adopting 2007 Tax Budget. The Clerk of Council read this resolution. The motion for passage by Mr. Dygert was seconded. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. President Kevin Hardman adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**ATTEST**

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Martha Cross Funk, Clerk of Council    Date

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Kevin Hardman, President of Council    Date