

President Kevin Hardman called the Council meeting of September 11, 2007 to order at 8:14 p.m. following the dedication of the Struggle Against Terrorism monument feature at Patriot Pointe. 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. Safety/Service Director Al Ledbetter was absent with notice.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the previous meeting of August 28, 2007 were approved as distributed.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR – VIRGIL LOVITT

PATRIOT POINTE – Mayor Lovitt expressed appreciation to the Sharonville Police Association and Christine Thompson for their work in coordinating the Struggle Against Terrorism Memorial dedication ceremony that was held this evening

R.E.L.I.S. PROPERTY – Mayor Lovitt reported that he had been made aware of a comment by a Princeton School District Board member at the Board's June meeting. Apparently, the Board Member identified that a Sharonville Zoning Commission member had been approached regarding Princeton's plans for the R.E.L.I.S. property and was supportive of the plans. Mayor Lovitt clarified that no one in the City had given their proxy vote on these plans and that this would be an objective process.

MAYOR'S COURT REVENUE - Revenue collected for the month of August included \$37,205.23 in fines, \$2,105.00 in bond forfeitures and \$6,001.00 in State costs for a total of \$45,311.23.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR – AL LEDBETTER – Absent with notice

DEPUTY SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR – TED MACK

EXECUTIVE SESSION - An Executive Session of Council is requested this evening to discuss potential acquisition of property.

VOICE VOTE – A Voice Vote of Council is requested this evening to approve the use of \$12,000 from an existing capital account of Fire Hydrants Relocation for installation of a Traffic Pre-Emption System at the intersection of Chester Road and Kemper Road. The objective of this system is to make responses by emergency vehicles safer and timelier through this intersection. This type system is currently in use along Route 42.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – The Sharonville Police Department responded to a business on Kemper Road on September 6 at approximately 1:30 a.m. for a reported intrusion alarm. Police Officer Hugentobler confronted a person fleeing from the building. The individual was detained, questioned and identified. It was learned that he was an employee of the company and had gained entry in an attempt to take petty cash from the office. The individual was transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center after his arrest on a breaking and entering charge. All

property that was removed from the business was recovered. Ted Mack recognized Officer Hugentobler for a job well done.

CHESTER ROAD – Documents for the Northern Lights Master Plan were distributed to Council this evening. This plan will be presented to Council Members and the Planning Commission at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m.

DEPUTY SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR – CHRISTINE THOMPSON

BATTLE STARS – Scott Lofland and Adrien Gertz were in attendance and were the top stars on Sharonville's Battle of the Business Bulge team. Scott Lofland lost 60 pounds and Adrien Gertz lost 30 pounds with Kathy Brady coming in close at 28 pounds. Fifty employees within the City participated and as a group lost 430 pounds. Ten employees lost over 11 pounds apiece including Council Members Vicki Hoppe and Janey Kattelman. Scott Lofland and Adrien Gertz accompanied Christine Thompson to Cincinnati's Fountain Square to accept a Spirit Award for the wellness program implemented by Sharonville. This program included diet diaries, fitness goals, blood pressure monitoring, body mass indexing and body fat percentage monitoring. Scott Lofland, Adrien Gertz and Christine Thompson expressed appreciation to the Elected Officials and the Administration for their support of the program. They also encouraged the City to continue providing a wellness program.

PATRIOT POINTE – Christine Thompson noted the Struggle Against Terrorism Monument and program was all due to Lt. John Cook and the Sharonville Police Association. She expressed appreciation for all of their hard work and the event which was one of the best that has been held at Patriot Pointe.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – KEVIN HARDMAN

PATRIOT POINTE – Kevin Hardman noted that this evening's presentation was an excellent way to memorialize this day and expressed appreciation to all who participated.

CLERK OF COUNCIL – MARTHA CROSS FUNK

BIRTHDAY - Happy Birthday wishes to Christine Thompson on September 24.

AUDITOR – MARK PIEPMEIER

The Auditor's report for the month of August was submitted to Council. Mark Piepmeier noted that the spending is in line with the budget. With 67% of the year gone by, 68% of the budget has been spent.

TREASURER – BILL BREYER

The Treasurer's report for the month of August was submitted to Council. Bill Breyer noted that 70 % of the receipts budgeted have been collected.

LAW DIRECTOR – TOM KEATING

LAWSUIT – A lawsuit was filed a few weeks ago against the Northern Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau. Tom Keating was requested to review this lawsuit by the Law Committee. Two taxpayers, one of whom is an elected official, want to deny the ability of Hamilton County to fund things like the Film Commission. Tom Keating's concern when he studied the complaint was that it also refers to funding convention centers other than the Duke Energy Center.

Following correspondence to the attorney for the taxpayers, the attorney confirmed in reply that they do mean that no convention center other than the Duke Energy Center should be getting the money. While the lawsuit does not include the City of Sharonville as a defendant, Tom Keating believes the City may want to become involved due to the issue of the ability to receive the funding from the motel tax that has been promised. Kevin Hardman requested Law Committee to consider the issue of the City joining in this lawsuit.

ANNEXATION – Mr. Kirkwood, the owner of the property at the northern edge of Sharonville on the west side of Route 42, would like for his property to be annexed into Sharonville. The City has been asked to agree to a pre-annexation agreement. This agreement has stalled among different members of the City Administration in regard to details of the agreement. Answers will be needed to respond to Mr. Kirkwood and Council Members may want to be involved as no one may annex into any City unless the City Council ultimately agrees to it. Tom Keating will provide a summary of the issues to the Council Members. Tom Keating identified that the issues are primarily related to the status of the existing home on the property. The property owner wants to keep the house until the property is sold and developed because it is a source of income. Mr. Kirkwood would agree that it would be maintained, painted white and would be kept up to the City of Sharonville residential property maintenance standards.

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL - None

BUILDING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KERRY RABE

- Jim Dygert, Greg Pugh and Kerry Rabe met on site with Nick Noel from Butler County last evening for a walk through of the complete site regarding the easements for the proposed sewer project.
- The Building Department continues to work with businesses both to relocate from outside the City into the Sharonville community as well as to retain existing businesses.
- Fisher Homes has submitted a Planned Unit Development pre-application packet for the RELIS property. This item is on the docket for September 12 Planning Commission meeting.
- There will be a joint session of Council and the Planning Commission for a presentation of the Master Plan and Zoning Overlay proposal of the Northern Lights District.
- A second developer has expressed interest in working with the City to develop the G.S.A. property. Any development of this property will likely involve the Greater Cincinnati Port Authority to help facilitate the process.
- Permits issued to date are up 13.5% over last year. The fees collected are down 28.7% and the evaluation of work to date is down 37.5% from last year. There are 267 active project permits open at this time.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CORRIDOR – JIM DYGERT – No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – GREG PUGH

- The Street Program is 95% complete with most of the final paving being done Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week. Creek, Creekview, Lemarie, School, Conrey, Walnut and Creek from Cliff's to Main all have new surfaces.
- The larger parts of the Curb and Sidewalk Program are complete with the exception of some touch-ups to be done on the Creek Road sidewalk. The residents are pleased with the results and happy to have it.

- Prus Construction has done some call-in sidewalk repairs in different spots around town including Cottingham, Allenhurst, and the downtown areas. The company has left town for about a month to work on other projects but will be back to work on additional sidewalks needing repair.
- The air conditioning failed again at the Police Department. The unit made it through the month of August but the problems in the past are causing the unit to break down again. A new compressor is needed. The unit is currently running at minimal power and is on borrowed time. Tom Losekamp is obtaining pricing on new and rebuilt units. The difference is projected at approximately \$2,500.
- The Princeton pedestrian bridge received repairs August 23 through August 25. Part of the supporting metal was reinforced and the floor had new metal welded in where holes had developed. The work was done by Superior Steel Service for \$8,550 which was under the initial estimate of \$8,950.
- The pedestrian signal heads have been ordered for the crosswalks at Dunkin Donuts and Route 42. The installation will be done by Wagner-Smith. The crosswalk will be painted soon. The stop bar, which is too close to the crosswalk, will be removed and repainted.
- A new guardrail was installed on Fields Ertel between 4617 and 4651. The next phase is to have a Fortress Rock wall installed about 4 feet high and 45 feet long. Geo-grid and rebar will be used to stabilize it and concrete will be poured in the cores of the blocks. The purpose of the wall is to help reinforce the banks along the side of the roadway.
- CDS representatives Mark Kluesener and Don Shevegza as well as Christine Thompson and Tom Losekamp toured the downtown area on August 30 looking at ways to renovate and improve the looks of the downtown. Pavers, sidewalks, electric, trees and benches will be considered. CDS will prepare a concept plan to be presented to Council later this year.
- The Chesterdale Bridge will be closed overnight for six hours on September 17 or 18. Emergency vehicles will be able to use the bridge. The reason for the closure is to flip traffic to the new completed side and begin work on the other deck.
- The bridge on Route 42 over I-275 is on schedule and is due to open to all traffic on September 30. This date information was provided by Kokosing's project manager.
- The express lane on I-275 from Sharonville to Route 4 is going to open on or about September 14.

FIRE & POLICE – ROB TANKERSLEY

- Officers Davis (Princeton) and Dudleson (Scarlet Oaks) have begun their respective assignments as School Resource Officers.
- Officer Baarlaer in her new role has been active with several community relations programs. She has visited schools and businesses with information about Terrorism Preparedness.
- Incidents handled by the Department during the month of August included the following:
 - 92 auto accidents
 - 28 theft cases
 - 14 drug related investigations
 - 9 burglary / breaking and entering related offenses,
 - 3 robberies and 1 attempted aggravated robbery
- Interviews for two replacement officers are scheduled for the first two weeks of October.
- Lt. Preuss has fully recovered from his back surgery and will return to third shift starting September 12. Appreciation was expressed for the office and support work that he completed while on light duty.

RECREATION – VICKI HOPPE

- The funeral for the mother of Rick Hamm was held today.
- Linda Reynolds and her staff were complimented as being professional, accommodating and easy to work with by the Red Cross Aquatics Coordinator of the Cincinnati Area Chapter. Linda Reynolds had quickly made arrangements for a Red Cross lifesaving class when problems arose at another facility.
- Appreciation was expressed to those who have participated in the past two Town Meetings. Janey Kattelman expressed appreciation to Vicki Hoppe for working on these events. Upcoming Town Meetings will be held as follows:
 - September 13 in the Meeting Room at the Community Center (Ward 3)
 - September 17 at the Lovitt Building (Ward 4)

HEALTH – BOB DUERLER

- Adrien Gertz, RN, will be attending a three day school nurse symposium in Columbus. Information will be provided on updated rules and regulations for elementary school screenings concerning hearing, vision, and scoliosis.
- Jarod's Law is a sweeping state mandate requiring annual inspections of all public and nonpublic schools for health, safety and sanitation conditions. Dennis Propes, Registered Sanitarian, will be attending an education program about the new inspection rules and working with schools in our area to insure student safety.
- Glenda Gajus, RN, will be attending the 2007 Ohio Public Health Officials Conference in September. This will include communicable disease reporting changes and pandemic planning success among many other public health promotions.

FINANCE & LAW – JANEY KATTELMAN

- The next Law Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19 at 4:30 p.m.
- In regard to the Fine Arts Council building, the construction crew took down the wooden façade on the front of the building this morning and discovered the original brick in extremely good condition. The brick will only need to be cleaned. A window and a huge archway were also uncovered. These were tremendous and exciting discoveries that will save work as well as money.
- Mayor Lovitt complimented Janey Kattelman on the work she has been doing as the point person and conduit of information on the construction coordination with the various companies working on the project. Mayor Lovitt noted that the budget on this project had kept changing as the assessments were being done. The rear foundation had moved some and would cost \$30,000 for repairs. The roof had asbestos at a cost of approximately \$35,000. In order to utilize the upstairs for the artist studios as envisioned an elevator was needed at a cost of \$45,000. Until those numbers were determined it did not seem appropriate to approach businesses requesting monetary assistance. This project was estimated at \$1.4 million three years ago. Council donated the land making it a private non-profit project. Donations of architectural time, structural engineering time and a general contractor have been received. This is now a \$725,000 project. \$160,000 has been raised in the last three weeks. With the \$300,000 from the Cit, an additional \$260,000 needs to be raised.

RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2007-43 – Authorizing The Safety/Service Director To Enter Into A Contract For The Purchase Of Police Uniforms. The Clerk of Council gave the third reading of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2007-46 – Accepting Completed Streets In The City Of Sharonville Currently Listed As “Dedicated But Not Accepted” (DBNA). The Clerk of Council gave the second reading of this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2007-47 – Authorizing The Safety Service Director To Enter Into A Contract With Morton Salt For The Purchase Of Highway Rock Salt. The Clerk of Council gave the first reading of this ordinance.

President Hardman called for a Voice Vote requesting Council’s approval to use \$12,000 from an existing capital account of Fire Hydrants Relocation for installation of a Traffic Pre-Emption System at the intersection of Chester Road and Kemper Road. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. Voice Vote called. Motion approved unanimously.

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL – None

OTHER MATTERS TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:53 p.m. the motion by Mr. Rabe to move to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property was seconded. Roll Call Vote to move into Executive Session. Motion approved unanimously. At 9:47 p.m. the motion by Mr. Tankersley to reconvene was seconded. Voice Vote Called. Motion approved unanimously.

Kevin Hardman announced a Special Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. for the presentation and discussion of the Northern Lights Corridor Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. President of Council Kevin Hardman adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

ATTEST

Martha Cross Funk, Clerk of Council

Kevin Hardman, President of Council

Date

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