

President Kevin Hardman called the Council meeting of December 11, 2007 to order at 7:00 p.m. Bob Duerler led Council in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Janey Kattelman 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. Tom Keating was absent with notice.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the previous meeting of November 27, 2007 were approved as distributed.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR – VIRGIL LOVITT

- Mayor's Court revenue collected for the month of November included \$26,929.02 in fines, \$670.00 in bond forfeitures and \$4,620.00 in State costs for a total of \$32,219.02.
- The Sharonville Chamber of Commerce has a Business-After-Hours Social scheduled for tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at the LivInn Suites on Chester Road.
- The major construction/renovation program at Scarlet Oaks will be concluded tomorrow with a ribbon-cutting at 4:30 p.m.
- The Board of Health meeting tomorrow night will continue to deal with other issues related to the Harmony Grove apartments.
- On tomorrow night's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) agenda there is a food service operation (barbecue trailer) that wants to set up at Crescentville and Cincinnati Dayton. This request was turned down previously, went to court and was turned down by the court as well. The court said the process had not been followed. The ZBA had denied the request on two issues. The court requested separate decisions on each of the two issues. The ZBA will need to clarify their decisions. This food service operation would have no restroom facilities, no actual connection to water/sewer and only four parking spaces. This is not as similar to the barbecue trailer location Jim Dandy had as they want to imply. Jim Dandy had restroom facilities inside the store with which he shared the parking lot and there was black top parking for a large number of cars. Additionally, the ZBA gave Jim Dandy a one year variance on the condition that he would build a permanent building. An extension was given because the building was under construction. This food service operation has no intention of ever being permanent. Mayor Lovitt noted that he is being supportive of the existing restaurants who have invested in permanent structures that this business would be competing against and believes that this is not the right use for this location.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR – AL LEDBETTER

- Several Sharonville police officers were involved in arresting the suspect in a homicide at Motel 6 who is currently being held in Atlanta, GA. The officers involved were Detective Aaron Blasky, Police Officer Tamm, Police Officer Broenner and Detective Sgt. Nesbit. Clerk Pam Schoonover did a lot of the computer work and organization on this case. The Enquirer did a good spread on the homicide but a very small story on arresting the suspect and taking him into custody.
- The rental rates for Golden View Acres that will be in effect from 2008 to 2011 were distributed to Council. Years ago the rates were behind and the rates were gradually

increased. Once the resident moves in the rent does not increase. The deposit is two months rent for those with pets and one month rent for those without pets. There is also an additional monthly fee for pets. These rents are about 86% of the going rate in today's market.

- A voice vote is requested this evening to approve the donation from the Fire Department of 18 pagers to the Seven Hills Fire Department and 24 digital radios to Scarlet Oaks. Neither of the two items have trade or sale value. Additionally, approval is requested to allow the Police Department to donate two bicycles to the Health Department for the Christmas Fund. Both bicycles are in average condition with limited value.

DEPUTY SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR – TED MACK

- Ted Mack recognized the Sharonville Police Department for receiving the Platinum Award from AAA for community traffic safety. This is the third consecutive year the City has won this award. There are four levels of this award. Platinum is the highest (points are received from programs such as DARE, School Resource Officer, STEP program and the Citizen Police Academy).
- Ted Mack also recognized the Building and Planning Department. At this time there should not be anymore Dedicated But Not Accepted (DBNA) designations on the streets in Sharonville. All of these streets have now been officially recorded at the Auditors Office that they have been accepted.
- Council will have a Public Hearing on January 8 for the overlay district design standards and guidelines as well as zoning text amendments for Chester Road. Tomorrow evening the Planning Commission will review the master plan for the corridor. This plan is a futuristic blue print of how the corridor could redevelop. This is a tool for future developers interested in the corridor as well as for Planning Commission when reviewing future redevelopment projects. This master plan will be coming to Council for approval by resolution. There is no public hearing required for the review and approval of this element of the process.

DEPUTY SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR – CHRISTINE THOMPSON – No Report

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – KEVIN HARDMAN

- An organizational meeting for Council Members was held prior to Council this evening at 6:00 p.m. The Council Committees will remain the same for 2008 with the exception that Rob Tankersley will move from the Public Works Committee to the Health Committee and Jim Dygert will move from the Health Committee to the Public Works Committee. Also discussed was a swearing in ceremony at 5:45 p.m. on January 8 prior to the 6:00 p.m. Public Hearings.
- A representative for the Executive Committee of the OKI Regional Council of Governments is needed. The motion by Janey Kattelman to re-appoint Mayor Lovitt was seconded. Voice Vote called. Motion approved unanimously.
- This will be the only Council meeting in December.

CLERK OF COUNCIL – MARTHA CROSS FUNK

- A letter was received from Duke Energy Ohio ("DE-Ohio") informing the City that Duke Energy will file an application for an increase in rates with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in 2008. This increase will result in an additional charge of \$1.15 per month for residential customers.

- Happy Birthday wishes to Jim Dygert on Wednesday, December 19.

AUDITOR – MARK PIEPMEIER

- The Auditor's report for the month of November was submitted to Council. 88% of what was budgeted for the year has been spent or is committed to be spent with 91.67% of the year gone by and no other appropriation ordinances should be needed this year.

TREASURER – BILL BREYER

- The Treasurer's report for the month of November was submitted to Council. Bill Breyer noted the City of Sharonville is well within the statutory debt limit with the bond debt of \$19.5 million and the notes of \$5.25 million shown on the debt schedule.

LAW DIRECTOR – TOM KEATING – Absent with notice

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL - None

BUILDING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KERRY RABE

- The Planning Commission denied the Fischer Homes application for a zone change of the R.E.L.I.S. property at the November 14 meeting. The Planning Commission also denied the Fischer Homes application for a Planned Unit Development. These issues have been forwarded to Council for a Public Hearing.
- The Building Department was involved with the walk through of the Harmony Grove apartment complex on Friday, November 23 with the owner and architect. The following week Judge Winkler ordered the complex to be vacated and boarded by Wednesday, December 5.
- The new Waffle House on Lebanon Road has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy.
- Coco Key Water Park had a Grand Opening on Wednesday, November 14.
- The SPCA on Conrey Road has broken ground on a new addition.
- The Max and Erma's restaurant has been issued an interior alteration permit for the new location at the Holiday Inn on Hauck Road.
- A mortgage company with 60 employees has moved into 200 Crown Point Place.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CORRIDOR – JIM DYGERT

- 30 organizations convened at the Convention Center during the month of November. These groups generated \$64,820 in revenue for the Center. With year-to-date revenues of \$933,861, the Center is currently \$39,135 ahead of last year.
- A new rate schedule for 2008 has been completed. The schedule will include optional per person package rates for meetings. The package price will include the room rental, refreshment breaks, lunch, a specified audio/visual package, an instructor meeting supply case, service charges and tax. The price breaks will be based on the planned attendance of each program.
- The Convention Center staff has been working aggressively on short-term business for 2008 as well as long-term business for 2010 and beyond based on the assumption that the majority of the Convention Center expansion construction will be taking place in 2009. A lot of concern is being expressed about the construction schedules for the Center as well as the street. Many current and prospective groups have indicated they will not convene at the Center during these construction periods.

- To date, 270 responses have been received to an e-mail survey regarding the proposed expansion. 74.6% of the respondents have indicated Sharonville is a viable location for their events. 54.3% have indicated the expanded facility will better suit their needs. Many good comments and suggestions have been received from the respondents as to what they would like to see included in the expansion.

PUBLIC WORKS – GREG PUGH

- The Street and Curb Programs are winding down for the 2007 year. Executive Park Drive had the street ground and milled. The curbs and sidewalks were replaced in early November. The final paving was done on Saturday, November 17. A letter of appreciation was sent to the City from Kathie Currier, Property Manager, thanking Public Works and Scott Lofland for getting the work done so quickly and efficiently.
- The other side of Creekview should be completed by December 14. The street was ground and milled. The curbs and sidewalks were replaced. The final paving is scheduled for this week. Scott Lofland took pictures of the aprons in advance of the curb work.
- The Sidewalk Program has ended for the year with \$495.76 left over.
- The Main Street waterline repairs took longer than estimated due to soil conditions and an inspection by Hamilton County of the culvert running under the street. The County wanted to insure no damage occurred to the culvert. A casing was installed under the culvert and the pipe pushed through the casing to make repairs easier in the future.
- Tom Losekamp received notice from Tammy Campbell, Traffic Engineer with ODOT, that the State will reimburse the Public Works Department for the removal and re-installation of the fiber optic cable in the Route 42 Bridge. The cable controls the traffic signals on Route 42 and removal was necessary due to the reconstruction of the bridge. ODOT acknowledged overlooking the cable being in conduit in the bridge during the planning stages and should have included it in the construction bid. An invoice for approximately \$4,600 was sent on November 16.
- The Public Works Department has been in the process of preparing the trucks and equipment for the winter snow season. Over 900 tons of salt have been ordered and delivered. The large salt barn and smaller bins are full. The first snow of the season went smoothly with no major problems.
- The new truck has been delivered to Kaffenbarger but the bed and snow equipment still need to be installed.
- A contractor has been contacted and will have an estimated cost for remodeling the server/file room by December 18 or 19.
- The signal changes for Reading Road at Cornell have been delayed until the CMAQ Project begins in 2009. The cost (\$5,000-\$6,000), current location of the ramps from the sidewalks to the street and the risk of a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle were too great to justify a change at present. The CMAQ Project will begin in about 18 months and will address the signal issues on both Main Street and Reading Road.

FIRE & POLICE – ROB TANKERSLEY

- Three 6th grade students at Princeton Community Middle School were arrested and charged with telephone harassment after leaving threatening messages on the telephones of two teachers.
- There has been an increase in thefts from vehicles at daycares on Chester and Kemper Roads. When the parents take their children into the schools, the suspects remove purses

from the vehicles. Crime Prevention Officer (Cheryl Baarlaer) is working with the centers to take preventive measures.

- Police Officer Mike Armstrong broke his back while snowboarding in Colorado. He will be off for six to eight weeks recovering from this injury.
- Lt. Mark Preuss will be attending the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. He will be gone from January to the end of March.
- Police Officer Derek Broenner is the proud father of a baby boy, "Caden Broenner". Mother and child are both home and doing great.
- The Shop with a Cop program took place at the Meijer store in West Chester. The store made donations of \$25 gift cards to the 30 children involved with the project. The GM Parts warehouse in West Chester that used to be in Sharonville donated \$3,000 to the program and provided a party following the shopping program.

RECREATION – VICKI HOPPE

- The 16th Annual Holiday Craft Show was held on Saturday, November 24 from 9:00 to 3:30 p.m. 50 crafters had booths to sell homemade items to shoppers. The Sharonville Teen Group ran the concession stands to raise money for Kids Café, a soup kitchen for children in downtown Cincinnati. Other groups that participated for charitable giving included the John Riley local chapter of the DAR, which helps to provide scholarships and lends support to veterans overseas, as well as Pet Rescue. Half of the proceeds of the raffle were given to the Sharonville Christmas Fund.
- The Annual Fantastic Toy Shop was a great success on Saturday, December 1 with over 300 children and adults joining in the fun of building toys and painting them for Christmas. Special thanks to the many sponsors and volunteers helping make this a successful event. Michael Blomer and Rhonda Adamson were the lead programmers.
- The 38th Annual Breakfast with Santa was held on Saturday, December 8 with 362 participants. Thanks to the generosity of Princeton and Watson's, the meeting room was transformed into a beautiful living room setting for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus complete with giant toy soldiers, elves and decorated fireplace. Many thanks to lead programmer Michael Blomer and his many volunteers who include: Janey Kattelman, the Princeton Key Club, the Recreation staff and other volunteers who helped serve at the tables.
- The Recreation Department has assisted this year with the spirit of Christmas with community giving. Several programs including the Craft Show raffle and Twelve Days of Fitness assisted in giving to the Sharonville Christmas Fund. Ornaments were sold at the Toy Shop and Webkinz were raffled. Over \$200 raised from those sales will be used to purchase art supplies requested by Children's Hospital.
- The Annual Carriage Ride at Depot Square will be held on Saturday, December 15 from noon to 5:00 p.m. The carriage rides are free. Local churches and non-profit groups will provide holiday entertainment, food sales and crafts for fundraising.
- Tickets can still be purchased for the Sanders Family Christmas. The dinner theater sponsored by the Sharonville Fine Arts Council is scheduled for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Sharonville Elementary School.

HEALTH – BOB DUERLER

- 42 Smoke Free Workplace complaints have been received year-to-date. Warning letters were sent on six determined to be valid and one resulted in a fine. All complaints are investigated.

- Harmony Grove apartments have been vacated and boarded up. The Health Department expressed appreciation to the Fire, Police, Building and Public Works Departments for their assistance.
- The Waffle House on Route 42 has re-opened after being re-built.
- The Health Department passed the State of Ohio survey from OEPA on the infectious waste program.
- 30 families are receiving assistance from the Sharonville Christmas Fund "Christmas program". The pick-up for these families is scheduled for Monday, December 17. Appreciation is expressed to Debbie O'Toole for her assistance and organization.
- Glenda Gajus, RN, Health Commissioner has been recommended to join the Lincoln Heights Health Center Board and will attend her first meeting this Friday.
- The Ohio Department of Health has not released the second shipment of flu medication to the Sharonville Health Department. The second shipment should arrive within the next two weeks. Any seniors who have not received their annual flu shot along with employees and residents will be vaccinated.

FINANCE & LAW – JANEY KATTELMAN

- Law Committee was held on December 5.
- 2008 Budget Hearings will be held on the following Tuesdays and Thursdays in January with food to be brought by those as noted: January 17 (Hoppe and Kattelman), January 22 (Piepmeier, Breyer and Tankersley), January 24 (Rabe, Dygert and Pugh) and January 31 (Lovitt, Hardman and Duerler). The Administration will provide soft drinks and coffee for all hearings.

RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS

The motion for suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow three readings on Ordinance 2007-68, 2007-69-E, 2007-70-E and 2007-71-E by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2007-61 – Authorizing The Safety Service Director To Enter Into A Contract For The Purchase Of Four Police Cruisers. 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 2007-64 – Enacting Sharonville Codified Ordinance Chapter 755 Massage Establishments And Practitioners. The Clerk of Council gave the second reading of this ordinance.

RESOLUTION 2007-R-27 – Affirming The Denial Of A Residential Planned Unit Development At The Current Site Of The Robert E. Lucas Intermediate School By The Planning Commission Of The City Of Sharonville. This resolution was tabled until the February 12, 2008 Council meeting on November 27, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2007-66 – Granting Re-Zoning From Public Facility (Approximately 67 Acres) To Residential Single Family R1-B (Approximately 31.5 Acres) And Residential Multi-Family RM-D (Approximately 35.4 Acres) At The Current Site Of Robert E. Lucas Intermediate School (RELIS) At The End Of Cottingham Drive. This ordinance has been scheduled for a Public Hearing on January 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2007-67 – Amending Zoning For The Sharonville Northern Lights District By Implementing New Codified Ordinance 1147, Known As Northern Lights Overlay District (NLO). This ordinance has been scheduled for a Public Hearing on January 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2007-68 – Amending 2007 Appropriations In Multiple Funds. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Dygert was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2007-69-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, 2008 And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2007-70-E – An Ordinance Relating To Administrative, Police, Fire, Public Works, Convention Center, And Recreation Departments: Regulations Relating Thereto And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2007-71-E – An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of \$2,000,000 Of Notes By The City Of Sharonville, Ohio, In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, For The Purpose Of Financing Costs Of Constructing Road Improvements To Chester Road And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Dygert was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2007-R-28 – A Resolution Consenting To The Execution Of An Amendment Between The Board Of County Commissioners Of Hamilton County, Ohio And Ford Motor Company For An Economic Development Project Which Will Expand The Business Base In The City Of Sharonville And Create Employment Opportunities Within An Enterprise Zone Of Hamilton County. The Clerk of Council read this resolution. The motion for passage by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

President Hardman called for a Voice Vote requesting Council's approval to allow the donation from the Fire Department of 18 Minitor II pagers to the Seven Hills Fire Department. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. Voice Vote called. Motion approved unanimously.

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RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL - None

OTHER MATTERS TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL

Ted Mack noted that the first draft of the budget is expected to be in the Council mailboxes by the end of this week.

Al Ledbetter congratulated Christine Thompson who will receive her Masters in Public Administration this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Dygert was seconded. President of Council Kevin Hardman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST

Martha Cross Funk, Clerk of Council

Kevin Hardman, President of Council

Date

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