

President Kevin Hardman called the regular Sharonville Council meeting of October 12, 2010 to order at 7:03 p.m. Virgil Lovitt led Council in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Kevin Hardman followed the prayer.

ROLL CALL

In attendance for Roll Call were Council Members: Kerry Rabe, Paul Schmidt, Greg Pugh, Rob Tankersley, Vicki Hoppe, Ed Cunningham and Janey Kattelman.

MINUTES

- ◆ The Minutes from the regular meeting of September 28 were approved as written and distributed.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR – VIRGIL LOVITT

- ◆ Mayor's Court revenue collected for the month of September included \$28,897.67 in fines, \$375.00 in bond forfeitures and \$12,223.50 in State costs for a total of \$41,496.17.
- ◆ The Department Managers have submitted Capital requests for 2011. These have been reviewed by Administration and the Capital summary has been distributed.
 - For the Fire Fund, the \$467,000 proposed to be allocated from the General Fund would be invested into Capital.
 - For the Streets, there is more than one fund. The Street Fund covers both Operating and Capital costs. Use of this fund is proposed for some of the subdivision streets because most of the grant money is usually for the primary streets. \$500,000 of the projected \$1 million balance in the Street Fund at year end is proposed to be used. The Convention Center Fund has a minor computer replacement request.
 - For the General Fund, if 15% of the projected 2011 revenue is used for Capital and Debt, the portion available for Capital is \$1,009,000. The requests are lower at \$773,500. With the dollars from both the Street Fund and the General Fund, \$930,000 is proposed for roads next year.
 - President Hardman requested a five-year Capital summary for all of the departments for the budget hearings.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – TED MACK

- ◆ Megen Construction provided an estimate for the projected labor costs associated with the Convention Center expansion of \$4.5 million for 2011.
- ◆ The summaries for all of the department budgets for Council and the full detail of the department expenses for the corresponding Committee Chairpersons will be distributed on October 26.

DEPUTY SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – CHRISTINE THOMPSON

- ◆ The EPA has released the funding for the Confluence project and work is expected to begin this month.
- ◆ Year-to-date revenue for Mayor's Court obtained by the collection agency is \$28,194.
- ◆ The Administration has been busy answering employees questions and concerns as well as reviewing department budgets that were submitted last week.

DEPUTY SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – ROBERT FISHER – No Report

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – KEVIN HARDMAN

- ◆ President Hardman explained the intent of the Voice Vote identified on the agenda. At the last meeting, Mayor Lovitt requested some type of direction from Council as to reductions proposed for 2011. This is not a final, binding decision. The decisions will not totally and formally be made until the budget is passed. However, what the Administration needs and what the employees deserve as well is some direction. If things stay exactly as they are right now, will Council make the modifications currently put forth by the Administration? That is the intent of the language of the Voice Vote. This assumes Council sticks with and needs 15% for Capital and Debt in the General Fund, assumes only \$260,000 is made from the separation incentives and assumes the income projected remains the same. If things fluctuate, which they probably will to some degree and hopefully for the better, everything is back on the table and open for discussion. The elimination of part-time benefits for 2011 has been removed. Those benefits were actually earned this year to be payable in 2011. The updated sick-time buyback provision modifications proposed are also not part of this Voice Vote. These provisions will be further discussed during the first budget meeting. Council will need to act on those for the passage of the employee manual where that information will be codified.

CLERK OF COUNCIL – MARTHA CROSS FUNK – No Report

AUDITOR – MARK PIEPMEIER

- ◆ The Auditor's report for the month of September was submitted to Council.
- ◆ Spending is on track. With 75% of the year completed, fund budget expenditures include 75% of the Fire, 76% of Senior Housing, 78% of Convention Center and 73% of General.
- ◆ The year was budgeted to be down 2.7% in receipts from 2009. As a result, a \$1.5 million deficit was budgeted. Back in March, the receipts were actually closer to 5% down. Since then things have improved. Now the receipts are actually up 1.4% above 2009 and 4.1% above budget. The year is not over and who knows what it will be like in six months. However, the revenues are significantly better than six months ago.

TREASURER – AL LEDBETTER

- ◆ The Treasurer's report for the month of September was submitted to Council.
- ◆ The interest for the month of September was 0.14%.
- ◆ Other revenue received in September included:
 - \$653,000 in TIF funds for the road work improvements on Chester Road that may only be used on Chester Road.
 - \$70,000 in special assessments for storm water.
 - \$288,000 of inheritance tax. For the year, the inheritance tax total is \$430,000.

LAW DIRECTOR – TOM KEATING

- ◆ Tom Keating has provided two opinions on economics and Civil Service laws that have come about as a result of discussions between the Administration and Civil Service Commission. They deal with economic realities and the possibility of layoffs or pay reductions. One also dealt with the order of layoffs, part-time vs. full-time employees in different departments. These opinions will be made available to the public upon request.
- ◆ The hearing for the Garage Bar liquor license case is scheduled for tomorrow in Columbus. There was no settlement meeting. It is hoped this hearing will finalize the attempt by the Garage Bar to operate in Sharonville.

- ◆ There is information provided by Tammy Riddle regarding the GSA property and the way assessments will be levied in the future. Bond Counsel, the Building Department and Tom Keating agree that Ted Mack would be able to sign those change documents. The documents just have to do with how assessments get put on the record. The old bond documents say the assessments would be put on every single deed. This says it will be recorded in order to notify everyone in the future that the assessments are there. It is a mere technicality of real estate and does not need an ordinance or resolution. President Hardman noted that a Voice Vote will be added to the agenda this evening to recognize the Declaration of Assessments.
- ◆ In response to a question from Janey Kattelman regarding the Voice Vote on the benefit reductions, Tom Keating clarified that it would be binding as to what Council believes today based upon the realities of today. Council Members may change their minds in the future about these issues spelled out in the Voice Vote.
- ◆ Mayor Lovitt questioned if the Voice Vote identified on the agenda accurately spells out what the items are. Tom Keating noted that he would have preferred that the written summary of the components of the package would be included in the Voice Vote. The Voice Vote as typed says “prepared a preliminary list of proposals”. The preliminary list is what Tom Keating believed Council could look at and discuss.
- ◆ President Hardman asked if anyone did not know what was included in the preliminary list that the Administration had prepared, printed and distributed. Tom Keating agreed that nothing was legally inappropriate about what President Hardman had already explained. Tom Keating noted he felt strongly that if there is a preliminary list out there and if everyone knows what it says then the public is informed of what Council is Voice Voting on. President Hardman noted that he had explained very clearly in his earlier comments that it is only those items recommended by the Administration and eliminates the part-time benefits. If the seven members of Council understand the Voice Vote, then they are in good shape.
- ◆ In response to a question from Janey Kattelman, Tom Keating clarified that if someone on Council says they do not want to pass it as written then they have the right to amend it.

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL - None

BUILDING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KERRY RABE

- ◆ The Convention Center as well as the Building and Planning Department reports were provided and are attached to the minutes.

HEALTH – PAUL SCHMIDT

- ◆ The Health Department report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS – GREG PUGH

- ◆ The Public Works Department report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

FIRE & POLICE – ROB TANKERSLEY

- ◆ The Police and Fire Department reports were provided and are attached to the minutes.
- ◆ Vicki Hoppe expressed appreciation to the Police department for their assistance with the Princeton High School Homecoming Parade.

RECREATION – VICKI HOPPE

- ◆ The Recreation Department report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – ED CUNNINGHAM

- ◆ The Community Relations report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

FINANCE & LAW – JANEY KATTELMAN

- ◆ The next Law Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19 at 5:15 p.m.
- ◆ Janey Kattelman will be meeting with Ted Mack and Amy Moore this week to discuss the Budget Committee. President Hardman clarified that the Budget Hearings are Special Council meetings, not Finance Committee meetings. President Hardman noted that he would look at the proposals in order to lead those meetings. He has some ideas on agenda items for those meetings as well. Janey Kattelman identified that every year she meets with Ted Mack to pre-plan days and times. Amy Moore has been invited to attend the meeting this year. Ted Mack noted that they will also look at budgets that would typically go to the Finance Chairperson for review.
- ◆ Vicki Hoppe and Janey Kattelman represented the City of Sharonville at Princeton's City Officials Night.
- ◆ The Tax Department report is attached to the minutes.

RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2010-35 – Approving 6th Edition Of The City Of Sharonville Employee Policy Manual. This ordinance has been tabled until the December 14 Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2010-48 – Enacting The Codified Ordinance Changes Provided By The Walter Drane Company. The Clerk of Council gave the third reading of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2010-52 – An Ordinance Declaring The Improvement To Certain Parcels Of Real Property In The City's Downtown To Be A Public Purpose And Exempt From Taxation; Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund And Providing For The Collection And Deposit Of Service Payments Into That Fund; Specifying The Public Infrastructure Improvements Directly Benefiting The Parcels; And Approving And Authorizing The Execution Of A Revenue Sharing Agreement With The Princeton City School District. The Clerk of Council gave the first reading of this ordinance.

President Hardman called for a Voice Vote identifying that it is the intent of the Sharonville City Council to pass a General Fund budget in 2011 where (1) projected 2011 expenses do not exceed projected 2011 revenues and (2) Capital and Debt expenditures would approximate 15% of total expenses. In order to meet that goal Council deems it necessary to make modifications to personnel expenses. The Administration has prepared a preliminary list of proposals to meet these goals. Those proposals were presented to Council in a public meeting on September 21, 2010. It is Council's current intent to effectuate the parts of that proposal that directly impact 2011 finances when enacting the 2011 budget in December. The motion for passage by Mr. Pugh was seconded by Mr. Rabe. Discussion:

- ◆ Rob Tankersley: Requested that the health insurance increase from 10% to 20% be considered more gradually.
- ◆ Janey Kattelman: Stated that she would be voting no. She did request the addition of a statement at the end, such as: "This Voice Vote is not binding on the final budgetary decision of Council as a whole or any individual member".
- ◆ Greg Pugh: 1) Expressed appreciation to all of the employees who have taken time to share some correspondence with member of Council. It has been helpful getting feedback and perspective on the issues that face the employees. 2) Noted that the overwhelming request at the presentation by the Department Managers was to not leave them out of the discussions and formulation of the plans. He expressed hope that the Department Managers were being included. 3) Affirmed his support for the split of 85% for Operating and 15% for Capital & Debt in the General Fund. Whether Council chooses to go forward with additional revenue with taxes or fee increases, the increase has to come with clearly defined guidelines on how it would be spent. 4) Lots of feedback has been received that favors phasing in some of these changes so that everyone is not slapped in the face on January 2nd with situations that have very frankly been going on for a long time. This is a culture where some of these benefits have existed for a long time and Council needs to be sensitive to some of those changes. 5) Stated that he cannot support the issue of charging trash collection for mobile home parks. 6) Council needs to discuss further the three holidays vs. three personal days approach. There are a lot of comments that have been brought up by others on this issue. Not knowing the history, Greg Pugh felt there should be some kind of give and take that can happen there.
- ◆ Vicki Hoppe: 1) Expressed opposition to the 85% for Operating and 15% for Capital & Debt noting that if people are going to be forced to live within the revenues brought in a lot is being asked of the Department Managers. 2) Clarified that a yes vote is agreeing to everything on the list.
- ◆ President Hardman: Clarified that if 1) Projected income remains at \$14.8 million. 2) Assumes that Council deems it necessary to have a split of 85% for Operating and 15% for Capital & Debt after reviewing the final Capital numbers. 3) Assumes that only \$260,000 in savings is made from the separation incentive program and other contingencies. 4) Then the Administration and Council as a whole can expect to support these decisions. 5) There is likely to be some modifications in all of those things.
- ◆ Vicki Hoppe: Questioned why Council would vote on this if changes will be made?
- ◆ President Hardman: This was based upon a request for direction from the Mayor. The question is whether Council feels that the method presented is appropriate and if all the contingencies lined up the way they are right now ... is that a trigger Council would be willing to pull in December. That is the kind of direction President Hardman tried to draw up in the Voice Vote wording. Things are fluctuating. The direction Council is giving, though, is that there will be some rather significant personnel cuts regardless of how those numbers change. The direction Council wants to give to the employees is that there is support on this Council for looking at some of those personnel modifications in order to get to where we want to be.
- ◆ Kerry Rabe: This has been a tough process with critical issues affecting the employees and residents of Sharonville. It is important to look at the whole picture. The unencumbered balance going into 2011 will be the lowest in the past five years. Going back to 2005 it was up to \$2.7 million. As it is forecasted right now, the balance would be \$2.417 million.
- ◆ Mayor Lovitt: 1) Direction was requested to help give the employees some idea of where Council would go. Items presented are not recommendations from Administration but what

was needed to be recommended to meet the new criteria the Administration was asked to meet by Council. In doing so, the Mayor noted he was looking for guidance on specific pay and benefit cuts on personnel issues. The Mayor noted that he did not feel this Voice Vote provides it. 2) The first Capital summary was approximately \$500,000 but was increased to the \$773,500 to satisfy the Capital needs of the City. It is still \$235,500 of money not allocated to Capital. If this model is kept, Council will be requiring the City to spend money on Capital that is not being requested and then cut benefits or actually layoff people. The projected deficit from the last chart was \$234,000. The City would have almost that much if the split was 87% for Operating and 13% for Capital & Debt. 3) Council has decisions yet to be made and the issues are not yet fully discussed.

- ◆ Paul Schmidt: 1) The City has lost almost \$2 million in revenue and almost three quarters of the budget is personnel costs, so it is necessary to look at personnel costs. 2) These proposals are a guideline. He does not like layoffs and is looking for some wiggle room in Capital which has been provided. 3) Assumes that the Department Managers have had great input on this because in business he relied heavily on department managers who knew the operation far better than those who are removed from it. 4) There are some issues with which he is not comfortable and would be a topic of discussion when these funds move around. He would like to see flu shots given out at Gorman and some Saturday programs at Gorman to provide more services to those on the west side. Some employees could be moved from the Community Center to Gorman for those programs at no additional cost. The Gorman center does not need to open the whole time. The swimming pool is another issue, how much capital and things like that. Garbage collection at the mobile homes is a concern because that is the poorest segment of the population. 5) The City was 5% down earlier in the year, which would have been disastrous. The responsible thing is to prepare for the worst and hope for the best. It looks like things do appear to be changing. 6) He will support the overall motion, but understands that it may change down the road. No one is trying to be hurtful or retaliatory. Council Members have to be responsible and cannot betray the principles they have been taught and have used.
- ◆ Ed Cunningham: 1) He has also been looking for some wiggle room and the Capital summary provides some. The Voice Vote wording identifies the 15% for Capital & Debt as approximate. 2) He is not opposed to the inclusion of wording that says the Voice Vote is not binding. 3) Overall he agrees with this and is a yes vote. But there are some changes that can be made. If Council is going to vote on this, it needs to be right. Council is heading in the right direction and this is not easy for anyone.
- ◆ Rob Tankersley: 1) Council cannot keep going around in a circle. This is difficult on the morale of the employees. 2) He does not want to see any employees lose their job or get hit on furlough days. 3) Things are tight but there are other ways to look at things. Monitor 2011 by using some of the additional money and to determine the stability of the economy. At least the employees will have one year to save up some money if it gets to the point of job cuts.
- ◆ President Hardman: Council has heard repeatedly that the Administration is not really recommending anything. It is tough to make decisions and put together votes when the Administration is not really recommending anything, but recommending something. It does not make any sense. This is frustrating to Council, the President of Council and to the employees. Council Members have been very clear repeatedly as to the direction they want to go in the 2011 budget as it involves expenses and income. There never seems to be a proposal to come before Council to officially vote on or to consider as a whole to reach those goals. Until what was received on September 21st and now we do not. That is what was put together for Council's review and what Council is looking at voting on tonight.

- ◆ Paul Schmidt: Council has been told for some time that they would have difficult decisions. Perhaps there is a communications issue. There is so much going on in the world and so many things going wrong that there had to be the sense that at sometime it is going to catch us. There is nothing that says if things get better the furlough days or other things cannot go away. This is not set in stone, just the worst case. There has to be a structure where revenues are aligned with expenditures.
- ◆ Kerry Rabe: The problem is ongoing and needs to be addressed in a fiscally responsible manner. The Capital budget provides a glimmer of hope. But Council cannot wait through 2011 to gauge how to solve the problem and to give employees a chance to prepare for layoffs.
- ◆ President Hardman: Layoffs have come up in discussion twice tonight. The proposal before Council put forward by the Administration that is part of this statement does not call for layoffs. Combined with the addition of the Capital summary expenditures received this evening, it is even clearer that layoffs of employees would not be needed if it is accepted that those Capital expenditures are all that is needed. If no one takes advantage of the separation program and everything else on the proposal is done, the difference in the Capital will take care of the deficit. Council is not looking at layoffs. Council is looking at some substantial reductions in salaries, benefits and changes as opposed to layoffs. That is the goal.
- ◆ Janey Kattelman: 1) The statement says: "In order to meet that goal, Council deems it necessary to make modifications to personnel expenses." She feels this constitutes layoffs. 2) Changes have been seen that she does not like including in behavior. Budgets used to be done in a congenial manner but it continues to get worse. Budgets are being done too quickly. 3) Budget is playing games with the lives of people and the way they live. It is not just the construction of a street or the pick up of garbage in the trailer parks. It is the people who work and live in this City. Most of Council gets elected for what the employees who work here do for this City. The employees are the ones who are getting all the work done and deserve the thank you. 4) She is not willing to lay anyone off when the City has over \$2.4 million in reserve and the extra money in reserve funds. The basic amount of money the City has put aside for years was only 10% and layoffs should only ever occur if that basic amount cannot be met. The City has reached the time for a rainy day and extra money should not be put in reserves.
- ◆ President Hardman: It was reiterated that no layoffs are contemplated under the current proposal presented by the Administration which is part of the Voice Vote. The proposal includes the following: 1) 5% reduction in salaries accomplished through a 2% reduction in salary and eight furlough days for 2011. 2) Increasing premiums from 10% to 20%. 3) Eliminating three holiday days and exchanging them for three personal days. 4) Reduction in the contribution to a medical reimbursement plan from \$1,000 per employee to \$500 per employee. This is the total list that was presented. That is what reductions in personnel expenses means at least as it relates to the Administration proposal that was given to this Council and shared in public meeting on September 21.
- ◆ Mayor Lovitt: It was said earlier that the Administration gives a recommendation that is not a recommendation and it is hard to vote on something when the Administration is not giving Council something clear. What was presented two weeks ago was how to make the budget work within the parameters given by Council. Those parameters are not something the Administration has ever bought into. For that reason, Council does not have a recommendation and the Administration was not a part of drafting the Voice Vote as put on the agenda. The Administration does not recommend it. The City is under careful watch for its revenues and its budget, but this City is not in crisis. This City has revenues and money

in the reserves. The Administration is very comfortable in operating next year without doing many of the things on that list.

Voice Vote called. Motion approved by vote of four (Rabe, Schmidt, Pugh, Cunningham) to three (Tankersley, Hoppe, Kattelman).

President Hardman called for a Voice Vote to recognize a Declaration of Assessments on land, known as the GSA Depot, shall be construed as covenants running with record of the land in addition to being held within Deed. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded by Mrs. Hoppe. Voice Vote called. 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 by Mrs. Hoppe. President of Council Kevin Hardman adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST

Martha Cross Funk, Clerk of Council Date

Kevin Hardman, President of Council Date

2011 CAPITAL SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND

Administration

CMI Docuscan System	\$10,000.00
IT Capital items	\$115,300.00

Building and Planning

Replace vehicle	\$15,000.00
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Health

none	\$0.00
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Police

3 Cruisers	\$65,400.00
1 Expedition	\$27,100.00
2 County Radios	\$8,000.00
5 City Band Radios	\$5,000.00

P/W - Building and Lands

Water heater for PD	\$8,000.00
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Recreation

Polyurethane gym floor	\$4,800.00
Electric basketball hoist	\$27,000.00
Replacement mower	\$8,500.00
Seal upper parking lot	\$5,700.00
Replace leg press machine	\$6,500.00
Replace tread mill motor	\$1,200.00
Pool work	\$12,000.00

Tax

Replace computers	\$4,000.00
CMI Docuscan System	\$20,000.00

Road Projects

Reading Rd - Engineering	\$150,000.00
Fields Ertel	\$230,000.00
Additional road work	\$50,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$773,500.00
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FIRE

Hose Replacement	\$5,000.00
Hydrant Relocation	\$15,000.00
Repair parking lot at Station 87	\$35,000.00
Remount EMS Unit	\$185,000.00
Replace 2 computers	\$4,000.00
Remount Engine 86 - 3 yr lease	\$120,000.00
Replace HVAC at Station 88	\$16,000.00
Replace air monitoring equipment	\$10,000.00
Replace large diameter hose	\$24,000.00
Replace boiler at Station 87	\$23,000.00
Replace 2 Inspector Cars	\$30,000.00

TOTAL FIRE	\$467,000.00
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SCM&R - Streets (201 Fund)

Replace Truck 4	\$75,000.00
Streets	\$300,000.00
Curb and Sidewalk	\$75,000.00
Storm Drainage	\$50,000.00

TOTAL SCM&R - STREETS	\$500,000.00
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CONVENTION

Replace computer	\$1,600.00
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TOTAL CONVENTION	\$1,600.00
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Department News for September 2010

- General Mills is going forward with a multi-million dollar investment in the Sharonville plant. A permit was issued on September 22 for the bulk of the work. As part of the Economic Development Agreement the Building Department waived \$50,000 of the permit fee. More permits to follow.
- The Code Enforcement Task Force made another drive in September of the Yorktowne Trailer Park. In total, four rides were conducted in the park. This resulted in a large number of property maintenance and other code violations. Building/Planning, Health, Police, Fire and Public Works are working together to resolve all issues. Many of these are already being resolved.
- Xtra Lease has begun demolition of the former Keidel Supply buildings at 11910 Enterprise. They will construct a new trailer leasing facility at that location.
- Rudd Equipment was issued a permit for Phase II of their work at the former Weyerhaeuser facility on Enterprise Drive. They continue to invest heavily in the property where they will conduct construction equipment leasing.
- During our meeting of the Downtown Master Plan Implementation Committee we discussed changes to the zoning code, the proposed TIF, and other related items. A second committee was formed to discuss and investigate marketing and operational issues for the central business district and downtown neighborhood as a whole. .
- Tammy received her Forty-Under-Forty award at the annual meeting of the Cincinnati Business Courier on September 23. Richard regrets he was unable to attend because he was on holiday in England, but Mayor Lovitt, Christine Thompson and Sue Koetz represented the City at the event.
- Soup 'n Scoop is taking over Anton's Ice Cream at Depot Square in downtown Sharonville. A permit was issued in September for a kitchen hood. In addition to ice cream and coffee, Soup 'n Scoop will offer soup and sandwiches. They plan to open in early October.

Building, Planning & Economic Development

September 2009 Report

Development Activity:

Total fees collected for the month of September are up 301% from those collected for the same period last year. Total deposits for the Month of September = \$25,136.33. Year-to-date deposits for 2010 are up 47% from that of 2009. Total deposits year-to-date (2010) = \$211,608.89. Total deposits year-to-date (2009) = \$143,486.56. A comparison of permit deposits is as follows

Permit Activity:

	2010	2009	Difference
Total # Permits Report Month	56	49	+14%
Total # Permits Year to Date	493	465	+6%
Valuation of Construction Report Month	\$5,180,778.00	\$741,581.00	+599%
Valuation of Construction Year to Date	\$42,259,357.00	\$11,666,104.00	+262%
Permit Fees Collected Report Month	\$24,574.78	\$5,926.30	+314%
Permit Fees Collected Year to Date	\$169,844.24	\$143,484.16	+18%

CONVENTION CENTER

Monthly Report

September, 2010

19 organizations convened at the Convention Center during the month of September. These organizations generated \$78,620 in revenue for the Center. Two of the groups, alone, booked 1,050 hotel room nights into Sharonville hotels.

23 contracts were issued during the month for future events, bringing the total number issued year-to-date to 231. This compares to 227 issued during the first nine months of last year.

The Cincinnati Antiques Festival will take place October 14 – 17. This year's event will feature 33 antique dealers from around the country. Reservations are required for the Opening on Thursday evening and for the Luncheon on Friday. Information is available at www.cincinnatiantiquesfestival.com

**SHARONVILLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER REPORT 2010**

This month we help provide hearing screenings to the Sharonville Seniors group. Over 20 seniors took advantage of this opportunity for a free hearing exam.

To date we have held 3 Seasonal Flu Clinics, during those clinics we administered over 400 doses of vaccine. We will continue to offer the vaccine and may schedule more clinics, please check the information line at 588-3973 for current information. The cost for the shot is \$10 for Sharonville Residents and \$20 for Non Sharonville Residents, Children and seniors may qualify for the flu shot at no cost. Also, if you know of a person who is homebound and needs the flu shot, please let us know, we can make arraignments. Please be aware that all seasonal flu vaccine is the same no matter where you receive it. Our Vaccine is the same as the place that is advertising the “Triple Protection” shot and everywhere else.

With the change in weather everyone beings to think of Christmas and so have we. We will soon begin The Sharonville Christmas Funds Annual fund raiser and Adopt-a-Family program, we are already working with area schools and churches to identify families in Sharonville that could use help for Christmas this year. Please think of us when you think about your year end charitable giving.

We have had several food establishments that, open for business, expand or submitted plans this month; Sankalp a new Indian Restaurant, Acroiris Food Market a Hispanic grocery, a new Subway at Micro Center and Todd’s Sandwich shop opened its dining room.

We are seeing another increase in the number of bed bug complaints. This is a wide spread and difficult issue to combat, we are working with a number of different entities in dealing with this problem. Unlike other “bug” problems, Bed Bugs don’t discriminate on any level (clean vs. dirty, etc) we are all just as likely to face this issue as anyone else.

Council/Staff Report

October 12, 2010

The signals at Mosteller and Kemper seem to be causing trouble. Three times in September they have gone to flash for no reason. The signals haven't been turned over to Sharonville from ODOT. The contractor for the State project was called each time to reset the signals. Bright Street has no idea why the signals go to flash but are monitoring them to try and find an answer.

Another signal in that area, Mosteller Road at the I-275 westbound exit ramp has a cycling problem. At times the signal will give Mosteller Road a green light three times before it changes at the ramp. Bright Street is working on figuring out this problem too.

Bids were advertised in the local papers for the 2010 Street Painting Project and for the removal of the railroad tracks and repaving of Commerce Drive. The bids were opened on October 6th. We hope to have contractors selected and contracts signed today, October 12, and work can begin as soon as possible. Fall weather is setting in and time is running out to get these projects completed.

Two employees from Public Works spent some time in the hospital near the end of the month. Chad Meadows experienced a heart arrhythmia on the 28th. Chad was kept overnight, had some tests run and released the next day. He was permitted to return to full duty with no restrictions. The doctors didn't have an answer as to why the condition occurred.

Rick Ostendorf suffered an injury to his right index finger while working on an air brake chamber from Truck 15. Rick will be off work until at least October 15th, at which time his doctor will determine if he is able to return to work. We wish both employees well and a speedy recovery.

Council Report for October

- 1) The hydrant painting and Fall Checks are winding down throughout the city and should be completed by the end of the month.
- 2) There was a small stove fire at Waterstone Apartments on Lippleman Rd with about 50,000.00 in fire loss in a 5 million dollar building.
- 3) Working with Princeton on the Firefighters assisting with tutoring at Sharonville Elementary this would be for an hour a day three days a week.
- 4) Continue to work with Citizens on Smoke detector and car seat installs.
- 5) Have had several combined trainings with Ford Motor Company emergency response team as well as staff from General Mills.

Fire runs for the year are up 10% over last year. 952 for 2010 compared to 856 for 2009

EMS runs are almost even for the year at 1631 for 2010 compared to 1634 for 2009.

Police Department

October, 2010

On September 1st, 2010 third shift officers arrested two individuals that were breaking into cars. The subjects targeted Woodsvew and Julienne Drive off of Kemper. The individuals that were arrested were from the Colerain Township area.

On Monday September 13th, Third shift officers investigated an armed robbery at the Shadow Hill Apartment complex. Three subjects were standing in the lot talking when they were confronted by three males, one of which was armed with a shotgun. The suspects demanded money and cell phones and fled the scene in a suburban style vehicle.

On Tuesday, September 14th, third shift officers responded to the area of the Sharondale Woods Apartments for a robbery that had taken place with shots fired. Victim reports being confronted by several males. The victim handed over his cell phone and the suspects fled. A description of the vehicle was put out and Officer Wong and Hermes stopped the vehicle in Evendale. Four suspects residing in the Lincoln Heights area were taken into custody without further incident. The suspects cooperated with the investigation and admitted to committing the robbery Monday morning at the Shadow Hill Apartment complex where three individuals were robbed at gun point.

On September 17th, 2010, the Sharonville Police Association held its annual get together for the retirees at Lake Side Lodge. The meal was catered by the Village Pantry and well attended by the retirees.

P/O Baarlaer passed out car seat/booster seat information to parents dropping their kids off at Sharonville Elementary school after complaints of unrestrained children were made. She also conducted a safety program at Stewart Elementary on 9/29/10.

P/O Davis gave two presentations to the ROTC program regarding drug abuse, and a presentation to the Middle School on the dangers of "sexting."

Sgt. Blasky has been working on the Attempt Murder/ Attempt Felonious Assault shooting with P.O. Hugentobler. He also has performed 4 forensic computer examinations for various officers on our department concerning criminal investigations.

Sgt. Blasky has been filling in where needed in Katrina Biscay's absence.

The final meeting for the 2010 OVI Task Force was held in Blue Ash on 9/28/10. Chief Schappa accepted a gold award for our participation during the year. Alcohol related fatalities are down in Hamilton Co. To date there have been 24 in 2010. This is down from 56 in 2009.

Chief Schappa attended the Blue Mass at St. Peter in Chains in remembrance of Officers Haas, Brockman and Sims, Jr., on behalf of the City of Sharonville and the Police Department.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS
Council Meeting October 12, 2010

FOLLOW-UP STATISTICS FROM POOL SEASON

- There was an increase of 184 patrons at Community Center Pool in 2010 over 2009. In 2010 there 21,654 patrons at the Community Center Pool
- There was an increase of 654 patrons at Gorman Pool in 2010 over 2009. This brought Gorman Pool's average from 19 patrons a day to 25 patrons per day. Their total patrons in 2010 was 1,829.
- In 2010 there were 4,594 Guests which was an increase of 1,355 patrons over 2009. This was record revenue at \$18,376
- In Pool concessions in 2010 there was total revenue of \$22,464 which was an increase of approximately \$8,000 over 2009.
- Special thanks to all the efforts of Linda Reynolds and her staff.

Kiwanis After-Trick-or-Treat Party

Will be held on Sunday October 31 from 8-10 pm. Regular Trick-or-Treat will be held from 6-8 p.m. The doors of the Community Center will open at 7:45 pm for this annual costume contest and treats. This party is free and open to the public.

PRE-SCHOOL PUMPKIN PARTY – Ages 0-5

Will be held on Thursday October 28 from 11:00-1:00 pm. The cost is \$2 in advance and \$4 at the door. Guests will enjoy snacks from trick-or-treating, crafts and lots of fun.

BREAKFAST OUT & MINIATURE GOLF – Senior Adult (50 & Over)

Join us on October 5th from 8:30-11:30 am.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS – 11-15 Years

Sharonville Community center will be the host site for the Red Cross Babysitting course. It will be held Saturday October 16 & Oct 23 from Noon – 4:00 pm. The fee is \$63 for residents and \$66 for non-residents.

ADVANCED KNITTING CLASS Oct 14 – Nov 4 – Adult 18 & Over

By request, Sharonville Recreation has begun offering an advanced knitting class at the Community Center. Six 4-week sessions will be held through April of 2011. The classes are held on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am. The cost is \$28 for members and \$31 for non-members.

GREETING CARD MAKING CLASS – October 13 – Adult 18 & Over

Join Sharonville Recreation for a class for handmade, personalized greeting cards. The theme for this class will be Halloween. This class is for Adults 18 & Over and will be held from 6:30-7:30 pm. This is a free class but please call and register in advance.

YOUTH SPORTS CORNER

SYO Basketball and Youth Volleyball Signups

The SYO basketball signups will be held on Saturday September 18 from 10-1 pm and Tuesday September 21 from 6-8 pm in the Community Center Meeting Room.

Community Relations report 10/12/10

Sharonville Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Wednesday, October 13th 5-7 pm

LOCATION:

Gilky Windows

3625 Hauck Rd.

Sharonville, OH 45241

BUSINESS Connection Luncheon

Thursday, October 21st 11:30-1:15pm

LOCATION: Elements Conference Center

Topic: *What goes on inside Cincy Magazine*

Young Leaders of Northern Cincinnati

Wednesday, October 15th 5:30-7:30

Location: Bar 71

Happy Halloween Social Event – best country Western Costume will win a prize

BUSINESS Enrichment Series

Tuesday, October 26th 11:30-1:15

Location: Elements Conference Center

Based on the Best Seller, “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” Bob Pautke the speaker talks about “Seven Habits of Soaring Success.”

Other Community Events

Holiday in Lights 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, November 20th 2010

Location: Sharon Woods

Register at www.holidayinlights.com

Pre-registration is \$26, \$21 for kids 12 and under

TAX DEPARTMENT - MARTHA CROSS FUNK

Monthly for September 2010:

Hotel Tax Revenue:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 1,629.32	\$ 1,808.69	-\$ 179.37	-9.92%

Net Profits & Withholding Revenue:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 1,445,996.79	\$ 1,396,950.20	\$ 49,046.59	3.51%

Year-to-date as of September 30, 2010:

Hotel Tax Revenue:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 653,841.52	\$ 717,354.45	-\$ 63,512.93	-8.85%

A. Penalty & Interest:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 1,689.54	\$ 3,503.31	-\$ 1,813.77	-51.77%

Net Profits & Withholding Revenue:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 14,328,455.89	\$ 14,154,033.03	\$ 174,422.86	1.23%

A. Business Revenue:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 1,926,151.88	\$ 1,537,310.54	\$ 388,841.34	25.29%

B. Residential Revenue:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 975,916.34	\$ 962,125.18	\$ 13,791.16	1.43%

C. Withholding Revenue:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 11,336,634.14	\$ 11,596,430.96	-\$ 259,796.82	-2.24%

D. Penalty & Interest:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 89,753.53	\$ 58,166.35	\$ 31,587.18	54.30%

Total Tax Revenue:

<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$ 14,982,297.41	\$ 14,871,387.48	\$ 110,909.93	0.75%

- The earnings tax receipts for the month of September were up (3.51%) over September 2009 leaving the year-to-date receipts up (1.23%) in the amount of \$174,422.86 compared to year-to-date 2009. While the withholding receipts are down, the revenue has been offset with increased emphasis and collections on delinquent accounts in all revenue areas.
- In relation to the 2010 budget (\$18,140,622), the earnings tax receipts are 78.99% of the amount budgeted for the year with 75% of the year completed.
- Due to the 2009 downturn, the earnings tax revenue for 2010 was actually budgeted down (\$536,778) from the 2009 actual (\$18,677,400).
- Based upon the current 1.23% change over 2009, the projection for year end earnings tax revenues would be \$18,907,461. This would be up \$230,061 over 2009 and up \$766,839 over the 2010 budgeted receipts.
- The hotel tax Y-T-D receipts are down (-8.85%) over 2009. Based upon the percentages that each hotel is currently up or down from 2009, the projection for year end hotel tax revenues would be \$924,450.