

MINUTES LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

8:10 p.m.

May 6, 2008

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Section 111.01 (17) and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on May 2, 2008.

Council Present: Mr. Ranally, Mr. Harrold, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Carr, Mr. Fiala, Mr. Woodin, Mr. Black

Others: Mayor Anderson, Law Director Wiles, City Engineer Sayles, Service Supt. Pinkney, Fire Chief Zwegat, Police Chief Straube, Parks and Recreation Director Katz, Finance Director Rogowski, Clerk Radebaugh, South High Students

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-53

An Ordinance authorizing Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 2008-31, the Manning & Payroll Ordinance, relative to the Department of Parks & Recreation, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Katz explained that Council approved additional funds for a second part time secretary, but the manning table only allows one part time secretary. This position will be changed to a pool type position to allow for more than one person as long as it doesn't go over 40 hours. The position of Holistic Coordinator will be changed to Assistant Program Coordinator.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-54

An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of an Agreement for Wastewater Conveyance Treatment and Disposal between the City of Eastlake and the Village of Timberlake.

Mr. Wiles explained that the contract between Willoughby and Eastlake for running the wastewater treatment plant requires that any agreements entered into with other communities by Eastlake or Willoughby has to be approved by both Councils. This ordinance approves the agreement between Eastlake and Timberlake. Eastlake will pass a similar ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-55

An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance by the City of Willoughby of a gift of real property located on Erie Street, Willoughby, Lake County, Ohio, and further identified as Permanent Parcel No. 27B-042-0-00-004-0.

Council President Ranally explained that this is the property formerly owned by Sue Bole (Joe Bole's Estate). Mayor Anderson said this property is located across from the court house and has no value to anyone else. It has value to the city because of the possibility of a stabilization project in that area some time in the future.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-56

An Ordinance establishing a procedure for selling or leasing real estate owned by the City of Willoughby under the home rule provisions of the Charter of the City of Willoughby and superseding Section 721.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Wiles commented that, in the short term, this ordinance is being done to consider putting a gas well on the wastewater treatment plant property. In the long term, this is adopting a procedure where the city does not have to follow getting an appraisal or getting bids to sell, lease or buy property. He said that a few years ago the city lost a case in court over this issue. Mr. Wiles took the Court of Appeals decision and drafted this ordinance, following line by line what they wanted done. This gives the city permission to control our own real estate, determine the kind of drillers we want for a gas well or who we want to sell property to. This procedure does not have to be used in every case.

Mr. Fiala asked if we did not need to appraise property any more to negotiate a land deal. Mr. Wiles said we will have to pass an ordinance for every parcel of land and the procedures will be put in that ordinance. For practical purposes, the city should get an appraisal, but it is not mandatory.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-57

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a two (2) year agreement with American Messaging, Inc. dba American Messaging for paging services necessary to the operation of the city-wide paging program.

Mr. Rogowski said this agreement will continue the city’s ongoing contract with this company. The rates will stay the same.

Councilman Black asked if the pagers are used on a regular basis. Mr. Rogowski said they are used, especially by the firemen and policemen who are not assigned cell phones.

The Legislative Caucus meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date approved_____

Jerome P. Ranally, Chairman

Clerk of Council