

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

September 16, 2008

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Section 111.01 (17) and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on September 12, 2008:

Council Present: Council members Ranally, Harrold, Manning, Woodin, Carr, Black, Fiala (7:40 p.m.)

Others: Mayor Anderson, Law Director Wiles, City Engineer Sayles, Service Director Tomaselli, Fire Chief Zwegat, Police Chief Straube, Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Katz, Finance Director Rogowski, WPCC Supt. Gorka, Clerk Radebaugh

GAS WELL PROPOSALS

Law Director Wiles said he received two proposals, one from John D and one from Petro, for drilling a gas/oil well on the WPCC property. Mr. Wiles and Mr. Gorka reviewed the proposals and are recommending Petro based on the fact that it is a better financial benefit to the city for the free gas. Supt. Gorka said there is no way to know how much dollars the city will make, but it basically comes down to the annual value to the city. He commented that the location for the well will be a mutual agreement.

Mr. Black commented that he likes the fact that Petro will be bonded to assure proper plugging whereas John D was not.

Mrs. Manning asked if Mr. Wiles had anything to back up the information which shows Petro's state of financial strength as excellent. Mr. Wiles said he will verify this. He said that Petro has done a lot of drilling in Ohio and they have been around for 25 years.

The Committee agreed with the recommendation to lease with Petro to drill a gas well on WPCC property. Mr. Wiles will have a lease ready for the next meeting.

HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION PLAN

Mr. Sayles explained that Council requested him to estimate the cost of getting federal funding from NOACA and ODOT to reconstruct some of the city's key roads. Also being considered is a bike path on SOM Center which the city is hoping to do with Willoughby Hills.

Mr. Sayles prioritized the roads as follows:

1. Hodgson Road has no drainage and an old road base. The city has spent quite a bit of money on it this year in the road program.
2. Stevens Blvd. because of the heavy industrial traffic. The residential area is a short cut that parallels Vine Street.

3. Adkins Road is third because Stevens Blvd. will be an expensive project, so for the next year, money wise, Adkins would be less expensive than Kirtland Road.
4. Kirtland Road.

Mr. Sayles said he is sure that all the projects are eligible for funding, but it will depend on how much money is available.

Mr. Ranally asked if these were all concrete roads. Mr. Sayles said they are all figured as concrete. The cost estimates do not include water mains or sanitary sewers. It will be five or six years before construction of the roads, therefore there would be time to coordinate a water main or sanitary sewer project.

Mr. Ranally said that Mr. Fiala (who was not present at this time) is concerned about upgrading the storm sewers in the Kirtland Road area. Mr. Sayles said that, except for Hodgson Road, all the streets have storm sewers but they are undersized. They are nowhere near the current ten year storm standards. The estimate for the projects includes upgrading the drainage.

Mr. Ranally asked Mr. Rogowski about the funding of these projects. Mr. Rogowski said that with the Hodgson Road project, the city could look at using the Road Fund and possibly some capital funds. We are potentially looking at debt with the other projects. Issue 2 funds are also a possibility.

Mr. Carr asked about the bike path. Mr. Sayles said that Willoughby Hills should actually be the applicant because they have a bigger portion of the project. The Mayor and city engineer from both cities will discuss this project further.

Mr. Carr also asked if there could be some discussion regarding sidewalks on SOM Center and other parts of the city. Mr. Ranally suggested discussing this at a Service Committee.

The Committee was in agreement with the priority of the four projects as proposed by Mr. Sayles. Mr. Sayles will discuss a long term program for the projects with NOACA .

AMENDMENT TO C.O. SEC. 1327.13 - HOMEOWNER'S EXCEPTION

Mr. Smith explained that the Service Department does inspections for right of way work. Currently the ordinances allow a homeowner to pull a permit to do the work with the assistance of a member of his family. There have been problems with a homeowner pulling a permit, but in fact he is not doing the work. Also, smaller businesses have the homeowner pull the permit rather than their company getting the permit.

With the proposed amendment, the homeowner will be able to pull a permit, but they will be asked how much of the work they will be doing and how much will be done by others.

Mr. Smith provided copies of ordinances from other cities which are similar to his proposed amendment. Council agreed with the amendment.

Mr. Woodin asked if there could be discussion at a future meeting regarding the appeals process with the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Ranally said this will go on the agenda for discussion

Committee of Full Council Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Date approved_____

Jerome P. Ranally, Chairman

Clerk of Council