

City of Olmsted Falls
Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at Olmsted Falls City Hall
26100 Bagley Road – Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor James Graven called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was conducted. Councilmen Paul Stibich, Jim Haviland, Ed Gorski, Lee Fenrich, and Terry Duncan were present. Lori Jones and Denise Nicolay were excused.

Also, in attendance: Andy Bemer, Law Director, Vic Nogalo, Finance Director, Odis Rogers, Police Chief, Joe Borczuch, Service Director, Chad Gluss, Fire Chief, and Paula Accordino, Economic Development Director. Audience: 0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fenrich moved to **approve** the minutes from the Regular Council meeting of November 13, 2018; Ms. Duncan **seconded**. Ms. Duncan indicated grammatical and typographical errors; Mr. Gorski indicated a typographical error; Mr. Stibich indicated grammatical and typographical errors. Poll as amended: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstain (Haviland). **Motion carried.**

Consideration of Amendment to the Agenda - None

Mayor's Report and Appointments

Mayor Graven stated that the city's report to the community was sent out approximately one week ago and we have received a great deal of positive feedback from the residents. They have indicated that they do appreciate receiving the periodic updates. He would like to thank all of the directors and chief's for contributing to the report. We provided updates concerning finances, insurance, the three-alarm fire, police promotions, community contacts initiatives with the police department, community policing, new police cruisers, property tax allocations and grant awards. The report also described the zoning legislation, revitalization district, community reinvestment area, and also our Main Street organization. We also recently received additional positive press on Cleveland.com concerning our new engineering service contract which saved the city \$10,000. The article also mentioned that the administration has been able to reduce its outside legal expenses and highlighted the fact that last year \$168,000 was spent on outside legal expenses and this year we spent approximately \$33,000. Our residents seem to be happy with the positive press for the city.

He would also like to inform Council that early next year the administration will be working on a Vietnam Veterans War Memorial to be installed at the Village Green Park. We would like to honor Gary Martel from Olmsted Falls Class of 66 who was killed in action during the Vietnam War. Over the next few months we will attempt to sell bumper magnets to raise the money for the plaque. He indicated that Ms. Accordino will give more specifics during her report.

Finally, we just learned this afternoon that our city has been awarded another grant that will cover 75% of the cost for three new body camera's and also three new in-car cameras for the police department. The grant is in the amount of \$15,405.00, we received the award from the Edward Byrne

Justice Assistance Grant through the Ohio Attorney General's office. He stated that Edward Byrne was an NYPD officer killed in the line of duty. This is an important grant as it will help the department eliminate any discrepancy or uncertainties where contact with the police department is concerned. The technology on the body cam will automatically download events from officer's shift the moment he or she walks into the station. The new technology will provide audio and video recordings from the officer's body cam and the in-car camera perspectives which will provide a full picture of what happened during the incident. This will help with citizen trust and also eliminate any false claims regarding police conduct. He would like to congratulate Chief Rogers and Economic Development Director Accordino as they did a good job obtaining the grant.

Communications from Residents - None

Approval of Bills:

Mr. Stibich moved to **approve** Pay Ordinance 2018-18; Mr. Gorski **seconded**. Poll: 5 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried.**

Officials Reports:

Odis Rogers, Police Chief – No Report

Joe Borczuch, Service Director

Mr. Borczuch indicated that the department is completing its fifth trip through the city and are now in the Flair Development and will work our way east to complete the fifth cycle. We will then begin our sixth and final trip through the city. Obviously, the snow is making it difficult as the employees have to jump in between trucks.

Chad Gluss, Fire Chief – No Report

Vic Nogalo, Finance Director

Mr. Nogalo indicated that this evening he distributed the budget to Council. He stated that Report 52 is a summary of revenue expenditures per fund. Our budget has increased overall from \$11 million to \$19 million due to the Phase V sewer project. The city will be budgeting almost \$8 million in the fund because most of the project will take place in 2019. Also, the ending balances for 2019 will not be accurate until the year is over, so, he utilized the figures that were budgeted to end the year. For example, the beginning balance for 2019 is \$120,000 which is the budgeted balance for 2018, the end of October cash balance in the fund is \$906,000. Also attached is a detailed revenue report that ties into Report 52, along with the detailed expenditures. We also have the detailed payroll and fringe benefits for every employee. We have assumed a 2% increase with no additional employees added.

Paula Accordino, Economic Development Director

Ms. Accordino stated that she is in the process of organizing a committee for the Vietnam War Memorial, which will be made up of several local Vietnam Veterans, Rick Adler, she hopes will chair the committee and has been extremely instrumental. He was the individual who discovered Gary Martel's name and elected to honor him. We will be printing the bumper magnets and will offer them for sale as a fundraiser to help support this initiative. If there are any members of Council interested in being on the committee, please contact her.

Councilman Lee Fenrich, Ward IV

Mr. Fenrich stated that Chandlers Lane Management Company are getting bids for demolition. A meeting will be held at City Hall on December 3rd with the residents and board members at 6:00 p.m. Their legal team is working on formally disputing the insurance carrier's position on the rebuilding.

He received a thank you note from the Township Trustees thanking the City for our donation to their Christmas Tree lighting. The thank you note states "good things happen when civic minded organizations and people like you work together to make a difference." He also attended the tree lighting ceremony.

He stated that he did receive phone calls from residents regarding the East River Bridge. He spoke with Ruby Hahn and explained that there was nothing the city could do with the accessway as it is not a road. She stated that she did not have the money to pay the assessment but wants the city to fix the access road. Mayor Graven asked if standing water in the access road would hinder emergency fire vehicles from accessing the residents. Chief Gluss indicated that he went to the area and his department has complete access. Mayor Graven asked the same question of the Police Chief. Chief Rogers replied there would be no detriment. Ms. Duncan asked if Ms. Hahn's residence was over 50 years old. Mr. Fenrich indicated that she has lived in the home since 1959. Ms. Duncan indicated that there are low interest loans for homes of that age. Mr. Fenrich indicated that he did point out to Ms. Hahn, Colleen McGreevey and Mary School that the city cannot do anything due to pending litigation.

Councilman Ed Gorski, Ward I

Mr. Gorski indicated that the insurance committee met prior to tonight's Council meeting to discuss the health insurance legislation which is on third reading this evening. He would request that Council consider adopting the legislation this evening.

He also thanked Mr. Borczuch for the leaf pick up update as the residents in Ward I will be happy to hear the update.

Council President Paul Stibich

Mr. Stibich would like to remind Council that the December 11th Council meeting was cancelled but Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. for a finance committee meeting in order to discuss the budget with the department heads.

Council Pro-Tempore Jim Haviland

Mr. Haviland indicated that the JEDD Board met last Tuesday and at that meeting a new Chairman of the Board was elected. The Board has been without a chairman since Fran Migliorino resigned. He stated that Dryck Bennett was elected as Chairman. He has 21 years of economic development experience and will bring a lot of that experience to the board. The board can now begin regular meetings and will be scheduling a work session in the near future in order to determine what the hinderance has been to advancing the JEDD district.

Councilwoman Terry Duncan, Ward III

Ms. Duncan would like to remind Council that the Tree Lighting will take place Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Green. She thanked Mr. Borczuch and his department for placing the tree in the Gazebo and placing the garland on the fence posts.

Mayor Graven indicated that there was an article on Cleveland.com today regarding the tree lighting event.

Andy Bemer Law Director

Mr. Bemer stated that when the Graven administration came in last January we were faced with five collective bargaining agreements that expired at the end of 2017. In order to get a better handle on the finances we approached these unions and asked that they defer the collective bargaining process until the fall, which they all graciously agreed to do. In the last two months the administration has been quite diligent in attempting to address the agreements that would be in effect for 2018, 2019 and 2020 and we are getting optimistic responses from all the unions and hopefully will have a recommendation to City Council for the December 18th meeting.

Old Business

Resolution 63-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDER(S) IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Third Reading**

Mr. Stibich moved to **adopt**; Mr. Fenrich **seconded**. Poll: 5 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Ordinance 70-2018

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018. REPEALING ORDINANCE 21-2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Second Reading**

Ordinance 71-2018

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **Second Reading**

New Business - *None*

Miscellaneous New Business - *None*

Such other business that may come before Council - *None*

Mr. Gorski moved to **adjourn into executive session** to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(4); Mr. Haviland **seconded**. Poll: 5 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

Mr. Stibich moved to **adjourn into regular session**; Mr. Gorski **seconded**. Poll: 5 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

The meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

Mr. Stibich moved to **adjourn**; Mr. Gorski **seconded**. Poll: 5 ayes; 0 nays. **Motion carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

James P. Graven, Mayor

Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council