

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – January 7, 2016 – GATEWAY – 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Ladd Wendelin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**Roll Call of the Members of the City Council** - Josh Williby, Rusty Addleman, Marilyn Horn and Brandon Oien.  
**Majority of the Body Present.**

**Absent** – Jim Marchello

**Others Present** – City Administrator Pete Kampfer, City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Treasurer Steve Zodrow, City Foreman David Sporn, David Blau with Miller & Associates, Nick Oliver with the Oberlin Herald, Laurie Wasson, Mary Henzel, Ardith Louderback, Gary Anderson, Marilyn Black, Jim & Ruth Miesner, Mike Dempewolf and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

**PROCLAMATIONS** - none

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Sappa Park Appointments** - – Addleman moved, second by Oien to appoint the recommended, Councilman Williby; to be on the board which includes Gary Anderson, Alex Heeger, Rick Pauls, Jeremy Tally and Steve Zodrow. Term to end in 2019. **Motion carried.**

**Arts & Humanities Commission** - Williby moved, second by Oien to approve the recommendations made by the Arts & Humanities Commission. **Motion carried.**

They are:

- Reappoint Eloise Smith and Rusty Addleman for another two years; term to end in 2017.
- Tom Mullen for one more year; term to end in 2016.
- Mirla Coleman to complete the term of Anita Hirsch; ending July, 2016.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

### **CONSENT AGENDA** –

Approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2015 regular Council meeting.

Appropriations Ordinance – Payment of Bills

Williby moved, second by Horn to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried.**

### **Board Reports**

Oberlin Housing Authority – Ardith Louderback presented a report on the accomplishments from the last several years, such as new pavement for the parking. Also gave an update on the current occupancy of the two Housing Authorities; Sappa Valley Manor and Section 8. She explained the five year plan the commission has in place for the housing units.

The plan includes:

- 2016/2017 – new carpet
- 2018 - water softener replacements
- 2019 - Shower upgrades
- 2020 - Garbage Disposals

Convention and Visitor Bureau – Gary Anderson gave details of some of the events that the committee is involved and help with. He said they are looking for a paid part time helper to assist them in their promotions to be paid by the Bed Tax collected by the motels.

Oberlin Arts & Humanities – Mary Henzel, Program Director, explained the history of the commission and the funding challenges. Both the Federal and State have cut funding for the arts and limits how much they can pay each

performer or group. Mrs. Henzel thanked the City for the \$8,000 per year they receive and the use of paper, paper cutter and copy machine. She also passed on the compliments that the performers have made on the excellent facilities we have here at the Gateway.

**Council Workshop/Discussion** – Administrator Kampfer briefly presented his suggestion for a different approach to code enforcement and provided a written draft of a booklet for the Council to consider for the change in approach.

### **New Business**

Consider Resolution No. 699 - Oien moved second by Addleman to approve Resolution No. 699 accepting GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) accounting. **Motion carried.**

Consider Designation of annual Bank Depositories for City Funds – Horn moved, second by Williby to designate The Bank, Farmer's Bank & Trust and First National Bank as depository banks for the City of Oberlin. **Motion carried** with Oien abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Consider Myers Construction Pay Request #7 for \$223,509.19 (Water Main Project) – Williby moved, second by Oien to approve the Pay Request from Myers, subject to the approval of Dave Barber with USDA. **Motion carried.** David Blau reported on the progress and near completion of the water main project to be done in February 2016; to include a one year warranty. Mr. Blau also explained the change order to be presented to KDHE for approval regarding the bridge on South Highway 83. KDOT is requiring the water main be moved at an angle south of the bridge at a cost of \$69,000, to be reimbursed by KDOT.

Consider Barn Art Proposal: Placement of Barn Art at Sappa Park Entry – Laurie Wasson asked for approval from the Council for a barn art piece to be hung at the Sappa Park Entry. Administrator Kampfer explained that KDOT does have rules regarding their right of way and he would be willing to contact them and get the requirements needed if the Council approved. After a discussion, they all agreed to have a piece of barn art hung if approved by KDOT but they would like to see a new design that would depict Kansas more.

Ratify Acquisition of 212 N Rodehaver property for the sum of \$30.00 – Addleman moved, second by Oien to ratify the payment made for land acquisition. **Motion carried.**

**Administrator Report** – Administrator Kampfer reported the next meeting would be held January 21, 2017 and results from the city survey would be reported. He updated the Council on the three properties that had been demolished and clarified that in the future the City would look at deconstruction projects on properties that had potential for reuse. Kampfer gave a presentation on the proposed Community Wayfinding signs that will be funded for by a Hansen Grant. All of the hotel utilities have been connected and ready for use according to Kampfer. Attached is the cash flow report from City Treasurer Steve Zodrow. No questions were asked.

**Electric Department** – City Foreman David Sporn reported to the Council that the Christmas lights were all down. New wiring at the city park and baseball park had been installed. Sporn informed the Council that the new emergency generator for the Power Plant had been installed. The wastewater improvements were complete and the test results were better than expected. He said the City's easement on the south part of Sappa Valley Housing was scheduled to be cleaned in early spring. The alley's from Cass, west to Neil and Adam, south to Washington was washed out bad and was also scheduled to be redone in early spring.

**Water Department** – City Foreman David Sporn also reported on the water department saying they had been repairing damages on York. Water usage was averaging 150,000 gal/day. The water tower interior painting was complete.

**Miscellaneous** – The City has been awarded a Gold Star for the 2015 Loss Prevention Certification Program in recognition of the dedication to safety in the workplace.

**ADJOURNMENT** -At 8:50 pm Addleman moved, second by Williby the meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

