

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –March 16, 2017 - GATEWAY- 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Ladd Wendelin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Roll Call of the Members of the City Council - Brandon Oien, Deb Lohofener, Rusty Addleman and Jim Marchello by phone. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent: Josh Williby

Others Present: City Administrator Troy Haas, City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Foreman David Sporn, Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Cynthia Haynes with the Oberlin Herald, Brice Meitl, Marilyn Black, LaVerne Rippe, Ruth & Jim Miesner, Candi Ketterl, Deb Klima, Kris & Harper Mathews, Brad Uehlin, David Bose and City Clerk Sandy Rush

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – for March 2, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

Addleman moved, second by Lohofener, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Airport Ditch Discussion – Airport business owner; Brad Uehlin presented a proposal for filling in the ditch on the east side of the Airport Runway from David Bose with Dust Cloud Construction. He explained that the ditch was created from the last airport project by the contractors and he felt it was unsafe. The quote was for an estimated cost, but not to exceed \$3750. Mr. Uehlin has offered to pay for the dirt work done, seed and reseed. This would be at no cost to the city. Airport Manager Brice Meitl commented he did not feel the ditch was unsafe or necessary to be filled. Concern was expressed that since the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had approved the ditch originally, the council question if the city would be violating the grant agreement or if they would be endangering any future funding. After a long discussion, they asked for a signed letter from Olsson Engineer Diane Hofer and FAA stating that there is no problem if the ditch is filled in.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Committee – Candi Ketterl with the Park & Playground committee presented a request to proceed with both a Dane G. Hansen and Greater Community NW Ks Grant for the purpose of replacing the City Park playground equipment and for the professional installation of that equipment. Oien moved, second by Lohofener to approve the request to proceed. **Motion carried.**

Airport 17-30 Runway Extension Close Out and Final Bills – Oien moved, second by Addleman to authorize the payment of \$8,981.79 to Olsson & Associates and \$62,735.78 to Smokey Hill for the final payout for the Airport Runway Extension Project. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Mayor Report – Wendelin reported

- Twenty five years ago in 1992, the ground was broken for the construction of the Gateway.

Administrators Report – Haas reported

- Next Council Meeting April 6, 2017
- Police Report Available for Discussion
- Next Agenda they will have an Alley Vacate Hearing
- A clean-up day is being scheduled to coincide with the week the county is providing free dump day.

Public Works Report - City Foreman Sporn reported

- The last of the damaged radiators has been returned and set back on its rack. The damage to one complete radiator and half of another one was the result of a freeze which was discovered on January 7, 2015.
- The Power Plant tank abandonment has been scheduled for March 23, 2017.
- Water meters will be read before this weekend so lawn irrigation can begin without affecting sewer rates.

Treasurers Report

- The 2016 Audit information has been transmitted as requested by Varney & Associates CPA's and he expects them to be in Oberlin the last week of April.
- Next item will be budget work.

Other Reports – Councilman Addleman reported he had visited with the county commissioners as requested to inquire about the ownership of the community fireworks. One commissioner had to leave so no decision was made. He has four individuals interested in becoming certified.

Councilman Marchello asked Sporn the status of the boom truck and was informed it was being built now and should be completed by June or July.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:40 PM Addleman moved, second by Lohofener to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor