

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING –January 19, 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 – Josh Williby, Jim Marchello, Brandon Oien, Rusty Addleman and Deb Lohoefer. Majority of the Body Present.

Others Present: City Administrator Troy Haas, City Foreman David Sporn, Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Airport Manager Brice Meitl, Cynthia Haynes with the Oberlin Herald, Marilyn Black, LaVerne Rippe, and City Clerk Sandy Rush

Absent – City Attorney Steve Hirsch

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes – for January 5, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance - Payment of Bills.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session – At 5:03 pm, Marchello moved, seconded by Addleman to have a ten minute executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to include the City Administrator, Mayor and Council. **Motion carried.**

Back in session at 5:13 pm, Williby moved, second by Oien to approve the budgeted 3% wage increase for all full time employees. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Mayor Report – Wendelin stated he would like the Street Options that was presented at the last meeting by City Foreman David Sporn, to be on an agenda in the future.

Administrator Report – Haas reported

- The GROW Decatur County Foundation continues to work on ideas for projects.
- There will be a meeting tonight at the Sunflower Cinema for a discussion on the next step of the 1st Impressions group.
- Asked for input and ideas on the City website for improvements.
- Will be looking for a Pool Manager for this summer.
- Jeanette Diederich will be retiring the 2nd week of June from the Gateway and a replacement will need to be hired.
- Good turnout for Cover Your Acres held at the Gateway January 16 and 17.
- Police Report was available.

Public Works Report - City Foreman David Sporn's report was available. Discussed grants that might be available to assist in paying for the removal of the underground tanks at the Power Plant. He will look into it and report back to the Council.

Treasurer's Report – December Cash Flow statement was available for discussion. In reviewing the end of the year, City Treasurer Steve Zodrow reported the Airport Operating fund cash carryover was short due to AWOS expenses and the Airport Project fund was short due to no revenue as hoped for from the county. He recommends transferring from the General Fund to both Airport funds. Zodrow also said the Library fund will have more cash than planned for carryover into 2017 which will cause the 2018 tax levy to go down. Library State grants require the City to fund

what they did in at least the same amount as the year before or it will not receive money from the state and possibly regional grants. He recommends creating a new fund that is allowed to finance public improvements according to City Ordinance No. 641, to be called the Multi Year Capital Improvements Fund. Funds from the Library could be transferred to this fund, thus lowering the cash carryover and allowing state and regional grants to be awarded. This would also help in the future if building improvements needed to be made at the Library.

Zodrow also recommended using the electric reserve for the purchase of a bucket truck for the electric department, in 2017. This would free up the equipment reserve to help with a start for the funding of street equipment if so desired.

After a long discussion, Addleman moved, second by Marchello to transfer \$2500 from the General Fund to the Airport Operating Fund and \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Airport Project Fund as of December 31, 2013. **Motion carried.**

Williby moved, second by Addleman to transfer from the Library Fund \$5,500 to a newly funded Multi Year Capital Improvement Fund. **Motion carried.**

Airport Report – Brice Meitl reported they are still waiting to hear if the State Grant for land acquisition could be used for other projects instead. Marchello said the next capital improvement was a parking ramp instead of a taxiway since it was not needed at this time. Haas reported that they were still waiting on a title search for the airport. Haas also told the council that new hangar and land leases had been invoiced and mailed out.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:50 PM Williby moved, second by Oien the meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor