

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, January 8, 2018 - 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 – Jim Marchello, Brandon Oien, Deb Lohofener and Josh Williby. Majority of the Body Present.

Absent: Rusty Addleman, Council Member Elect Jim Garner

Others Present: City Attorney Steve Hirsch, City Administrator Halley Roberson, City Foreman David Sporn, Police Chief Brad Burmaster, Treasurer Steve Zodrow, Cynthia Haynes with the Oberlin Herald, Brice Meitl, Ruth Miesner, Marilyn Black, Heather McDougal, Troy Haas, Scott Gawith, Bernita and Mike Gawith and City Clerk Sandy Rush.

Approval of Minutes - Oien moved, second by Marchello, to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2017 regular Council meeting. **Motion carried.**

Farewell – Administrator Halley Roberson presented a plaque to Councilman Josh Williby in honor of his years of dedicated service to the city. Councilman Rusty Addleman was absent, but will also receive a plaque.

Oath of Office – Mayor Ladd Wendelin administered the oath of office to the newly elected Councilman, Scott Gawith and re-elected Councilwoman Deb Lohofener. Newly elected Councilman Jim Garner was absent and the mayor administered the oath to him earlier in the day.

Council Reorganization – Mayor Ladd Wendelin opened the floor to nominations, Lohofener moved, second by Gawith to nominate Oien for Council President. Hearing no other nominations, the mayor declared the floor closed. Marchello moved, second by Lohofener to approve Oien for Council President. **Motion carried.**

Payment of Bills - Oien moved, second by Marchello, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Credit Card Rebate – Administrator Roberson discussed again the UMB Commercial Credit Card rebate program. The program is used by state entities to pay vendors and is offered to municipalities also. Treasurer Zodrow explained instead of printing checks, a council approval report would be created to be sent to UMB for processing. The rebate level proposal would be at a rate of 1% – 1.5%, depending on the annual volume. After a discussion, Oien requested more quotes to compare before the council decides.

Gateway Strategic Doing – Ruth Miesner with the Gateway Improvements Strategic Doing group explained a grant through a Hanson Foundation had been submitted for interior work on sound and acoustical improvements. They are proposing improvements to the exterior by moving the flag to the east island and replacing it with a taller pole to provide more general lighting to the area. It would be lit

with a spot light, mounted at the base of the existing light standard and eliminate the safety hazard of the light shining directly in your face as you exit. The group proposes ground level lighting installed along the driveway to the end of the walk and the slopped walkway be painted safety yellow to highlight it. They also recommend in the future installing two additional flag poles, displaying the Kansas and Gateway flags. Foreman Sporn agreed the crew could do this using city resources. Councilman Gawith suggested an overall plan be presented. Marchello moved, second by Lohofener to approve the city crew completing the Gateway flag and sidewalk lighting improvements. **Motion carried.**

Designation of Depository Institutions – Lohofener moved, Marchello second to designate The Bank, Farmer’s Bank & Trust and First National as Depository Banks for City of Oberlin Funds. **Motion carried** with Oien abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Resolution #706 GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) – Marchello moved, seconded by Oien to approve Resolution #706 waiving preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP. **Motion carried.**

Electric Subsidy for 2018 – Oien moved, second by Marchello to provide an electric subsidy of \$1200 a year for the Sunflower Cinema, \$3500 to Last Indian Museum and \$3500 to the Oberlin Golf Course. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Administrators Report – Roberson reported

- Next Council meeting is January 18, 2018 and a Planning meeting is scheduled at 4 pm as requested by James Long.
- Chris Miller with Miller and Associates is looking at different options and into making the wastewater lagoons into wetlands.
- Airport Terminal bidding is still open and the city is accepting bids until January 31, 2018.
- Police will be advertising for sealed bids for a re-loader.
- Midlands GIS has provided remote training for the crew to become familiar with the tablets.
- Gateway sound update – the community has been very receptive and the CVB, Chamber and Bargain Box have all made donations. An application for a grant through the Hanson Foundation has been made also. Thanks to Jess Randel for installing the online ticketing.

Public Works Report

- Engine No. 6 at the Power Plant has been started with a heavy load and is back up to capacity.
- City Foreman report is attached.

Treasurers Report

- Pool Sales Tax Report.

Police Report

- Police Report attached.

.ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 PM Addleman moved, second by Lohofener to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Sandy Rush, City Clerk

Ladd Wendelin, Mayor