

President Vicki Hoppe called the regular Sharonville Council meeting of September 8, 2020 to order at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was held followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rob Tankersley.

ROLL CALL

- ◆ In attendance for Roll Call were Council Members: Rob Tankersley, Mike Wilson, Charles Lippert, Shayok Dutta, Dave Koch, Sue Knight and Paul Schmidt. Also in attendance were Mayor Kevin Hardman, President Vicki Hoppe, Safety Service Director Jim Lukas, Law Director Mark Piepmeier, Auditor Ed Cunningham, Treasurer Kurt Irey, and Department Heads: Finance Director Scott McKeehan, Community Development Director John Creech, Human Resources Director Noah Powers, and Police Chief Steve Vanover.

MINUTES

- ◆ The Minutes from the regular council meeting of August 25, 2020 were approved as written and distributed.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

◆ MAYOR – KEVIN HARDMAN

- Appreciation offered to partners at Swim Safe and entire Recreation Department as the swim season comes to a close. Although a very different season, it went well and so glad the community was able to use the facility. Looking forward to next season.
- C.I.C. met and discussed the options of the vacant Depot Square building. The city is actively pursuing entities interested in a year-round business to set up inside that building.
- Progress on the Fire Department renovation is going splendidly well and on target with their move-in date to be towards the end of October. Only small hiccups with the renovation with delivery issues due to Covid-19.
- Progress moving along with new Police Department and is on target with their move-in date by end of October. Excited for the Grand Opening for that great new facility.
- A couple interested parties of the Hauck Road project are in attendance this evening. Mayor Hardman noted there is not a planned discussion on for tonight however there is one piece of legislation authorizing Mr. Lukas to approve any contracts for the right-of-way purchases needed for this project. Suggestion made to contact Community Development Director John Creech with specific questions as to if and how your property will be affected.

◆ SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – JIM LUKAS

- Explanation of Legislation:
 - 2020-R-16: Supports the Sharonville 2030 Comprehensive Plan update. A public hearing was held on August 11th on this issue. The document relates to land use, development, parks & recreation and more. The document is extremely helpful to have when applying for grant funding that has council approval and city approval. Process was started in January 2019 with five steering committee meetings, several public hearings for input, a meeting at the library and it has been approved by the Planning Commission. Explanation provided by John Creech and afterward the floor was opened up for questions.
 - Councilmember Lippert stated he is not in agreement with the priority of the items listed in the Plan however is in support of having a Comprehensive Plan for the financial benefits it brings.
 - 2020-28: The city was eligible to receive an allocation of Federal CAREs Act funds. The grant allocation received to date is \$189,195.40 which approximates our annual Local Government Fund allocation. These funds can only be used to cover expenses that are

incurred due to public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019; were not in the budget as of March 27, 2020; and were incurred during March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020. The expenditures planned include reallocating personnel costs for Convention Center staff's time spent sanitizing other city buildings; PPE; cleaning supplies and equipment; Plexiglas installed as a buffer at public counters; zoom stations in the tax office, electrostatic sprayers; and tents and heaters to accommodate outdoor seating for the restaurants in the downtown loop. Late delivery was requested due to the last minute additions made to the appropriations. Explanation provided by Scott McKeehan and afterward the floor was opened up for questions, however none were raised.

- 2020-29-E: authorizes the Safety/Service Director to be able to move forward in the right-of-way acquisition of land needed for the Hauck Road Project.
 - Chief Vanover expressed his concern with the current state of Hauck Road and the congestion that develops during rush hour. This congestion presents a major safety issue by blocking emergency vehicles attempting to respond to calls. Having an extra lane added to Hauck Road would alleviate that problem. Chief Mousa shares this concern.
 - Mr. Piepmeier further explained that this process is a little unusual by going out of order by normal procedure. The first step is to send letters to property owners, then letter of intent to appropriate land and then finally the ordinance authorizing the appropriation and once all that is done, contracts can be entered by the individuals. The issue here is the time frame put on this project by the State and by allowing the City to move forward with the last part of the process prior to the first two steps is unusual but necessary to complete it within the time frame. It was mentioned by Mr. Piepmeier that it would not make sense to approve the third step if there was not an intention to approve the first two, later down the line.
 - President Hoppe mentioned there is already one agreement from a property owner on Hauck Road, however it could not be signed prior to Council approving this step in the process.
 - Mr. Wilson asked how many properties does this affect and the answer was 35.

◆ **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – VICKI HOPPE**

- Commended the Police Department for their remarkable piece on Channel 5 News.

◆ **CLERK OF COUNCIL – TERI BUCHEIT**

- No report.

◆ **LAW DIRECTOR – MARK PIEPMEIER**

- No report.

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL

- ◆ None.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

◆ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ROB TANKERSLEY**

- No report.

◆ **COMMUNITY SERVICES – CHARLES LIPPERT**

- The Community Development Committee met and a summary of that meeting was provided. The Recreation Department Committee Report is attached to the Minutes; no Public Works report.

◆ **BUDGET & FINANCE – DAVE KOCH**

- The next Budget & Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

◆ **PROJECT OVERSIGHT – DAVE KOCH**

- The next Budget & Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

◆ **HONORED CITIZENS – SUE KNIGHT**

- Honored the Police Department for doing such a wonderful job handling the motel incident.

◆ **LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY – PAUL SCHMIDT**

- The next Law & Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.

LATE DELIVERY

- ◆ The motion by Mr. Lippert to accept late delivery on Ordinance 2020-28 was seconded by Mr. Koch. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS

- ◆ The motion by Mr. Schmidt for the suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow for a first and only reading on Ordinance 2020-28 and 2020-29-E was seconded by Mr. Dutta. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ **RESOLUTION 2020 – R – 16**, Resolution Supporting and Approving the City of Sharonville 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Clerk of Council gave the third reading of the resolution. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded by Mr. Dutta. Mayor Hardman urged everyone to look at www.Sharonville2030.com which is a blueprint of what Sharonville will look like in the future. The Clerk proceeded with a Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **ORDINANCE 2020 – 28**, Amending 2020 Appropriations for the 249 Coronavirus Relief Fund. Clerk of Council gave the first and only reading of the ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Lippert was seconded by Mrs. Knight. There being no discussion, the Clerk proceeded with a Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.
- ◆ **ORDINANCE 2020 – 29 – E**, Authorizing the Safety Service Director to Enter Into Right of Way Purchase Contracts and Declaring an Emergency. The Clerk of Council gave the first and only reading of the resolution. The motion for passage by Mr. Schmidt was seconded by Mr. Koch. Mr. Wilson noted he is not comfortable with rushing through this project and going out of order with this Ordinance, he does however agree whole heartedly with the project due to the recklessness and impatience drivers consistently display when traffic is backed up on Hauck Road

and the safety concern with those sharing that road. The Clerk proceeded with a Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

- ◆ **VOICE VOTE** – President Hoppe called for a Voice Vote requesting Council’s approval to appoint Dianne Rabe and Mike Moyer to the Tax Review Board. The motion for consideration by Mrs. Knight was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Voice Vote called. Motion approved unanimously.

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL

- ◆ None.

OTHER MATTERS TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL

- ◆ Mayor Hardman gave a big thanks to John Creech, Sarah Dircks and the entire team who worked on the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.
- ◆ Mr. Tankersley recognized the Fire Department on the outstanding job they do every day.

ADJOURNMENT

- ◆ The motion by Mr. Tankersley to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mr. Lippert. President of Council Vicki Hoppe adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST

Teresa Bucheit, Clerk of Council Date

Vicki Hoppe, President of Council Date

Community Services Meeting Recreation Report

September 2, 2020

- SYO
 - Fall soccer games begin on Saturday, September 12th
 - SYO will not be hosting instructional soccer.
 - Basketball registration will begin in September. Start of games will be January 2021.
 - SYO will not be hosting instructional basketball.
 - Basketball league rules will be stringent.
- Fitness, Track, Front Desk, Multipurpose Room, Gymnasium open
 - There have been no issues of COVID among guests or staff
 - Beginning September 8, the center will begin an updated time slot schedule (attached)
 - Participation is down considerably compared to this time last year.
 - Snapshot – Fitness Center Stats:
 - June 2020 usage was 1,350 (down 1,171 from June 2019)
 - July 2020 usage was 1,417 (down 1,301 from July 2019)
 - August 2020 usage was 1,352 (down 1,214 from August 2019)
- Aquatics Center continues to go smoothly
 - There have been no issues of COVID among guests or staff
 - The additional afternoon hours have seen moderate participation.
 - Afternoon participation (200 total slots per afternoon):
 - 8/20 – 72 | 8/21 – 128 | 8/24 – 81 | 8/25 – 112
 - 8/26 – 116 | 8/27 – 49 | 8/28 – 63 | 8/31 – 44
 - 9/1 – 68 | 9/2 – 28* | 9/3 – 28* | 9/4 – 58* (*pre-registered)
 - Pool final day is Labor Day (9/7)
- Gorman Update
 - Spoke with George Glover regarding capital funding. George is optimistic that the funding may be still available but doesn't expect an update until later in the fall.
 - Public Works will begin removing some old baseball fencing when grass/landscaping begins to slow
- Pickleball details
 - Aaron has worked with multiple vendors and the Pickleball folks to come up with the best pricing/options
 - Court lines (2 per tennis court; 2 tennis courts; total of 4 Pickleball courts) will cost \$1,000.00. Line color will be yellow.
 - Portable Nets (4 total) will cost \$5,896.00 (\$1,474.00 per net). This is where we need to spend our money.
 - 2-3 week lead time for completion/shipping
 - *2 Pickleball courts per tennis court will result in only 8' of space from back line of Pickleball court to the fences. We have worked with the Pickleball folks to ensure that this is acceptable, and they have assured us that it is.

- 2021 Budget Sneak Peak
 - Will have full details in October
 - Community Center Boiler project holdover from 2020
 - New Gym floor recoating
 - Running track refinishing holdover from 2020
 - Gorman park