

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 25, 2002

Or Immediately Following Previous Committees

8:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Finance Committee

Debra A. Payne, Chair

Karen J. Angelou

L. Nicholas Hogan

Robert W. Kelley

John McAlister

David B. Thom

Michael O'Brien, ex officio

W. Jerome Isler, ex officio

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, L. Nicholas Hogan, Michael O'Brien, Karen J. Angelou, Robert W. Kelley, John McAlister and David B. Thom

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Jernigan, Mayor, Liskay, Franey, Murdock, Chief Murphy, Mumma, White, Gen. Williams, Weber, Mitchell, Col. Hall, Collins, Treadway, and Mrs. Jan Volker, resident at 232 Dunbarton Road.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0220-2002

TO ACCEPT A CONTRIBUTION BY ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CHURCH TOWARD THE WIDENING OF HAVENS CORNER ROAD

Angelou stated that she spoke with Weber regarding this issue; we can't allow this to happen again, yet we have this agreement; there needs to be some form of language incorporated in the code. Weber commented that Section 2 would now become Section 3 and the verbiage for Section 2 would now be as follows:

Acceptance of this contribution does not serve as a precedent for future negotiations and transactions of a like or similar nature. Angelou reiterated that this is a one time acceptance. Weber commented that putting this type of language in the Code would help the Clerks tracks matters such as this.

Recommended for Substitution and Adoption

ISSEUS - From Director of Finance:

Supp. App. - Hunter's Ridge Pool

Angelou asked what does the City get for the price of paying off the loan. Isler commented that the City of Gahanna will actually own the pool. Kelley asked will you be coming back to us with anything else. Weber commented that Hunter's Ridge has to be reorganized; their Corporate Charter has lapsed; at the present time they are no longer a legal entity; went down and got the forms for them to be reinstated, it would be almost impossible for them to transfer the land to the City; they are going to do new articles that will make it easy for them to transfer the land to the City; right now they can't transfer anything; gave them the necessary forms at their last meeting.

Payne asked since we are paying this loan off, will the City make the final decisions as to what happens. Weber replied yes. Payne asked are they willing to go through with the reconstruction of their board. Weber replied yes they are, Mayor stated that the turning point started around a month ago, when their treasurer showed them a five year plan and on this plan it showed how they could break even; the current board has done a good job at trying to pay off debts; one of the things that we will have to do is determine is what is the next step; we ought to open it up for bids to companies that would like to operate the pool; don't feel that we are in the position to have our City employees run the pool; time is of the essence right now because they are going to want to get some marketing and advertising done.

Angelou asked how much land is there. Collins replied 11 acres. Mayor stated that the Fleetrunk Park is not attached to the National City property; the board has been very understanding and they trying to keep membership going; there is an outstanding water bill; the treasurer loaned payroll \$8000 to help payroll. Weber commented that we are

not responsible for that action legally. O'Brien stated that he would consider that to be a debt just like the water bill. Angelou asked how long has the water bill been outstanding. Isler replied for \$2000. Payne confirmed all together they are \$10,000 in debt (this includes \$2000 water bill and \$8000 loan to Mr. Cox). Isler replied that is correct.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent Agenda, Come back to Finance Committee.

Bad Check Charges

Isle remarked that when a check is written to the City, as payee, and it is returned from the bank because of insufficient funds, closed account, or other reason, the direct cause thereof was the fault of the signee of the check, there shall be a thirty-five dollar (\$35.00) charge to the signee of the check in addition to the liability of making the check good and any other penalties assessed by law. In addition, where an ACH (Automated Clearing House) payment has been authorized as payment to the City and returned unpaid the same as above, there shall be a twenty-five (\$25.00) charge. Kelley asked do we get a lot bad checks. Isler replied yes we do.

Recommendation: 1st Reading. No need to come back.

Franklin County Public Defender Contract

Isler commented that there is enough in appropriations to cover this.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, No need to come back.

ISSUES - For Discussion Prior to Appropriations:

5 Year Capital Improvements Road Projects

Payne stated that if there is any additional information that you need from the Administration or have questions or concerns about, to have them ready for the next appropriations meeting which will be December 9th.

Wetherholt distributed a Engineering Department - Capital Improvement Projection Grid which listed projects broken down by year and approximate amount to be spent on the project. Mayor commented that she asked Wetherholt to project out various capital improvement projects; based on the suggestion of the Finance Director, we needed to take another look and prioritize where we could; it is important for us to be as conservative as possible. Payne asked Wetherholt to explain the Capital Improvement Projection Grid. Wetherholt explained that for the Morse/U.S. 62 Project the amount is based on planned grants during 2004; regarding the North Hamilton Rd. - Local Share/OPWC Grant Project, the amount is based on grants during 2005, regarding the South Hamilton Road)Clark State - U.S. 62) R/W project, the amount is based on grants during 2006; the Hermitage Rebuild and Dunbarton Rebuild could be re-paved and possibly get 7 - 8 more years; the 1-270/Tech Center Drive - Bridge was planned to help reduce congestion at Morrison & Hamilton Road; the Tech Center area is not developing as quickly as expected. O'Brien commented that the Tech Center Drive project has been pushed out further; in addition knows that Shepherd Church is going to do an expansion project in the future; don't see anything for the Morrison Rd/Hamilton Rd area which is a highly congested area. Mayor replied that for right now we are planning conservatively; right now it really depends upon the economy if projects need to be a priority. Angelou stated that Hermitage and Dunbarton need to be rebuilt; those particular roads were down to having no base. Wetherholt stated that we consider the total rebuilds of the street to be mill and overlay; it is a nice project to be able to do rebuilds.

Jan Volker, 232 Dunbarton stated that she is interested in a lot of the projects in her neighborhood; the traffic in the area is highly congested and crazy; have heard several persons say they want the area revitalized.

Mayor stated we tried to prioritize the projects and what need to be done; we are facing possible cuts in local government,

Payne stated as part of the appropriations we could revisit these grids under Capital Improvement Road projects.

Recommendation: Revisit the grids under Capital Improvement Road projects.

**Tanya Word, Reporting
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