

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 27, 1999

7:45 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Finance Committee

Karen J. Angelou, Chairman

L. Nicholas Hogan

Sherie James-Arnold

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

Michael O'Brien

Thomas R. Kneeland

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

ADDITIONAL ATENDEES:

Becky Kneeland, Mike O'Brien, Bob Thurman, Ellen Murphy, Frank Treadway, Raleigh Mitchell, Sadicka White, Chief Murphy, Sharon Wigal; Press.

PRESENTATION - Veteran's Memorial Committee

Becky Kneeland gave a presentation of the Veteran's Memorial at Discovery Park and brief history. There are 850 engraved bricks in the memorial and about 100 more coming. The Committee had estimates prepared for a monolith. Columbus Art Memorial was the most competitive supplier; proposing a 14 foot, solid black granite monument, 5 bronze medallions to represent the five branches of service and an eternal flame at an approximate cost of \$42,500, installed. The committee proceeded to request financial assistance from local business, and Becky Kneeland and Ellen Murphy said they learned just how hard fund raising is. All of the larger businesses have their monies committed for 1999 and 2000. They would like to have the monolith completed and dedicate it on Memorial Day 2000. The Committee by hopes that Council will fund the project.

Angelou took a poll and all members agreed that Council should fund. Each Council member congratulated those on the committee for the fine work they had done and said it fits in perfectly with our focus on the center city; great addition to Creekside and for our renovation of the west side of Gahanna; proud to support.

Recommend for Introduction

PENDING LEGISLATION

Members Present: Karen J. Angelou, L. Nicholas Hogan, Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Debra A. Payne and Robert W. Kelley

990440

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Police Overtime

Recommended for Adoption to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

990441

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Law Enforcement Overtime Grant

Recommended for Adoption, Consent to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

ISSUES**Audit of Our Utilities**

Isler has spoken with representative of Utilities Reduction Specialists, Inc., and presented Council with information explaining what their services are. Their services are on a contingency basis; no errors/savings, no fees for the audit; no up front fees; agreement is for a 24 month period and the City would pay 50% of our cost reductions on a monthly basis; do not have to accept their recommendations. Areas that they will audit are as follows: telephone bills, phone traffic analysis, date line review, long distance analysis, cellular bills, energy audit and changes in service.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, to enter into contract with Utilities Reduction Specialists, Inc.

Recommend for Introduction

Hiring of Police Officer - Memo Mayor 8/26/99

Kelley said he had spoken to the Mayor about this and everyone realizes that there were two officers budgeted for 2000, and this is one of the two; Council agreed. Murphy said he will not realize the new officer Shafi Saiduddin on the road until April of next year with school and field training.

Legislation Authorizing Class Change - Rob Wendling

This matter should not have been on the agenda and will be discussed in Executive Session at the October 18th Council meeting.

Supplemental Appropriation - Police Special Investigations - Memo from Isler

Recommend for Introduction

COTA Resolution

Council will support resolution for COTA; not on top of other levies this is replacing several existing.

Kneeland and James-Arnold questioned service to the Stygler Village area; very important to that area and the people living there; hope funding will help them be able to extend service to this area.

Recommend for Approval to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

Float for Holiday Lights Parade

Approximate cost for float is \$1,250. Kelley said he really liked "On Frozen Pond"; saw a picture of it and thinks it would be perfect. It was agreed to waive the second reading.

Recommend for Introduction

Red Ribbon Week

Kelley requested a resolution for Red Ribbon week and will ask Chief Murphy to ask Officer Tribbie to bring in several students to present ribbons to Council members.

Recommend for Approval to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC, Deputy Clerk of Council