

City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2014

Immediately Following Finance

Council Committee Rooms

Public Service & Safety

Karen J. Angelou, Chair

*Thomas R. Kneeland
Jamie Leeseberg*

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL:

Present 3 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, and Thomas R. Kneeland

ITEMS - from Chief of Police:

DOC-0051-2014 PD Attachments

1. Amend Gahanna Codified Ordinances - Secondhand Dealers

Lt. Jeff Spence said we're bringing forward a completely new chapter of Gahanna Codified Ordinances designed to address second hand dealers of merchandise that are not covered under Chapter 705, Pawn Shops; scrap metal is an epidemic all over metro area hitting our businesses on a routine basis; this will exempt charitable organizations that have merchandise that is hand made or garage sales, etc.; worked with City Attorney to come up with language. Angelou asked if yard sales or garage sales that have big truck load items would be covered; Stinchcomb and Spence said that would fall under conditional use in the zoning code. Larick asked if it is anything that comes in can be tracked. Spence said this legislation is to bring into compliance those that skirt the law for stolen property; are legitimate businesses that engage in this type of activity. Kneeland asked if we have had instances of this type of activity or is this preemptive; this seems burdensome to a business. Spence said we have some ongoing investigations; there are business owners that keep reasonable records that can be tracked. Leeseberg asked how something like Once Upon a Child or Half Price Books could keep track of their inventory; Mayor and Spence said the code excludes household items. Angelou pointed out that this is to prevent crime. Spence said absolutely and not intended to put overly burdensome regulations on businesses; this is to recover crime victims' property; to curtail illegal sale of scrap metal to dealers; several surrounding municipalities have adopted similar code. Schnetzer asked what type of businesses will be impacted by this. Spence said that he can't reveal any details for ongoing investigations. Mayor reminded Council that Code can be changed. Renner asked who inspects the matter. Spence said it is the police officers. Renner asked about the part of code where it discusses the item can be purchased back. Spence said it mirrors some Ohio Revised Code.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading, no need to come back, consent agenda

ITEMS - from City Engineer:

DOC-0052-2014 Engineer Attachments

1. 2014 Street Program – ST 1015 (Award Contract)

Wetherholt stated for the 2014 street program; the list of streets was on permission to bid that went to Council January 13; got a good bid; with 10% contingency, the total is \$736,018; want to award the bid to Strawser Paving.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading, no need to come back, 2nd reading, consent agenda.

2. Hamilton Road Central – ST 785 and Waterline ST 1014 (Consultant Contract)

Wetherholt said Hamilton Road Central has 2 items:

1. Waterline; when plans were reviewed, it was decided that we wanted to replace the line at the Northeast School and farther along Clark State Road; consultant didn't have enough scope to do that; wanted to add the money to do that; \$38,820.

2. Stormwater System; EPA requirements changed, causing consultant to do more work that was not in the scope and we need contract modification for that.

There is already money appropriated for right of way work and stormwater issue; waterline will require a supplemental appropriation out of the water fund; requesting ordinance be passed as emergency; right of way acquisition going on right now and bidding out waterline portion of project in the spring of 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading; no need to come back, 2nd reading, consent agenda.

3. Sanitary Sewer Property Acquisition

Wetherholt said for the Larry Lane Sanitary extension, we need a Resolution of Necessity and Intent to acquire two easements; bring forward two contracts to next committee meetings; still have about 200 properties left.

RECOMMENDATION: Statutory Resolution, 1st reading, no need to come back, 2nd reading, consent agenda.

ITEMS - from the Director of Public Service:

DOC-0053-2014 Service Attachments

1. Supplemental Appropriation from Proprietary Funds to pay 4th Quarter City of Columbus Water/Sanitary Bill

Franey said our first item is a supplemental appropriation for 4th quarter City of Columbus water/sanitary charge; we are short \$174,793 to cover sanitary charges and Columbus consent order charges; requesting a supplemental appropriation from the Sanitary Sewer Fund; this created a "then and now" situation; requesting permission to pay the bill from 2013 with this year's funds; because of timely nature of paying this invoice, we are asking that this legislation be passed as emergency with a waiver of second reading. Leeseberg asked if there was a spike in usage. Franey answered that it was higher than we expected.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading, Waiver of second reading, Emergency legislation, consent agenda.

2. Suburban Steel's Request to Utilize Brine to Reduce Dust

Franey said this item is Suburban Steel's request to use brine on their gravel lot; for the past 8 years, we have allowed Suburban Steel to apply brine on their gravel lot; and this is the process that is required to go through legally; they submit a plan, we need a public hearing that is scheduled for March 17th. Kneeland asked if we can give them a longer window. Franey answered no. Angelou confirmed that there has never been an issue.

RECOMMENDATION: On 3-17-2014 Agenda for Public Hearing and First Reading.

3. Fleet Program Supplemental (this is to move auction proceeds into an expense line item)

Franey said when we modified our fleet program, we set it up in a way that the proceeds from the sale of equipment would go to department that sold the equipment; that was working very well; except the money was neglected to be appropriated; the total amounts in the report is what needs to be appropriated so that they can spend that on equipment going forward. Kneeland asked about fleet creep. Franey answered with any piece of equipment that needs replaced or added, that department needs to do a business pace form; we do not automatically replace equipment anymore; must be justified; and what happens is historically departments have just held on to equipment; this is a way to encourage them to sell equipment they are not using; there is also a rating system in place.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back, 2nd reading, consent agenda.

Meeting Adjourned.

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Reporting