

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 25, 2001

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Committee of the Whole

*Michael O'Brien, Chairman
Karen J. Angelou
L. Nicholas Hogan
Thomas R. Kneeland
Debra A. Payne
Donald R. Shepherd
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, ex officio*

Members Absent: Thomas R. Kneeland

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, L. Nicholas Hogan, Donald R. Shepherd, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

Additional Attendees:

McGregor, Murphy, Hall, D'Ambrosio, Wetherholt, Mitchell, Isler, Sherwood, Woodward, Press

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0120-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund

Chief said that Spencer, Hogan and Shepherd have been researching information on the digital camera for the detective bureau.

Shepherd said the camera can record on cd rom and has more integrity with long term storage. The cost is \$999 and it is made by Sony which is a quality company. Monies will need to be appropriated for this.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0126-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 945.07, MOWING FEES, OF CHAPTER 945, WEEDS AND GRASS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; TO ESTABLISH A NEW HOURLY RATE FOR MOWING FEES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Colonel Hall did a survey which came up with \$161.70 per hour.

The Mayor said that even with a price of \$175 per hour we're not recovering our cost. He said maybe we could find a private contractor. The Mayor said we could make it \$250.

Angelou asked if we had to give justification for a fine.

The Mayor responded that with administrative costs it could end up being that much. It was decided to increase the cost to \$175.

Recommended for Substitution and Adoption

ORD-0127-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Mowing

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0132-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Special Council Contingency

Sherwood said that a new membership for the municipal coalition will cost \$3750 for the remainder of this year. The money was put into the Council Contingency fund, but since Weber will be the liaison for this the money should be included in his account. Council said to look at putting the money into the Law Directors accounts next year.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES - From Chief of Police:

2001-0028

Notice to Legislative Authority of a Transfer of C1, C2 & D6 liquor permits from Jadrew, Inc., DBA Big Daddy's to Al Zegar, DBA Big Daddy;s Drive Thru, 1115 N. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent Agenda

2001-0029

Notice to Legislative Authority of a New D5 Liquor Permit for Bru Pet, Inc., DBA Jordan's Mart & Deli, 471 A Morrison Road, Unit A & B, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent Agenda

2001 Crown Victoria Cruisers - Equipment purchase

Chief Murphy said we have 4 Crown Victoria's on the street that are outfitted, but don't have enough money to outfit the other 4. He would like for \$30,426 to be appropriated to fully equip the other 4 Crown Victoria's. The cars possibly will not be equipped with the same computers that we have now. But the LED light bars will be added to them. It could take a week or two to outfit the cars.

We will be keeping the Caprices and the Intrepids. The Intrepids have required very low maintenance to this point.

The Mayor said ideally we would like to trade in the cars when they get 80 or 85 thousand miles on them.

Shepherd asked if when the radio's go down are the cars also considered disabled.

The Chief answered yes and added that Kenwood now services our radio's.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back to Committee, 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

ISSUES - From City Engineer:**Low Water Crossing - Request Permission for Letterhead Quotes**

Wetherholt requested permission to receive letterhead quotes instead of going out for bids. He said it will cost \$15,000 to \$25,000 to put piling in. He would like to start on the low water crossing this year.

Angelou asked if there were many competitors for the bid.

Wetherholt said that maybe 4 will submit bids, which will in turn be submitted to Council.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent Agenda

Havens Corners at Helmbright - Engineering Proposal

Wetherholt said that we would spend all this year working on engineering.

Angelou suggested that we ask for funding from the County or Jefferson Township since we have now annexed that land.

Wetherholt said it would cost \$57,000 for engineering which does not include: Landscape, Construction Staking, Technical Analysis, Right of Way or easement documents, Wetland Assessment, Preparation and Tabulation of bids.

O'Brien thinks it's good but said that \$57,000 sounded steep.

Wetherholt said there will be lane additions with drainage, storm sewers, and he has to check into what will be done for the curbs.

O'Brien asked if the County gave us permission

Wetherholt said no.

Stinchcomb asked if there was any information from St. Mathews regarding the parking lot. Sherwood said that a proposal should be introduced to the Planning Commission soon.

Stinchcomb said that with the parking lot exiting on Helmbright it will have a great impact on traffic.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back to Committee, 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

ISSUES - From Clerk of Court:**Acceptance of Charge Card Payments**

Woodward requested a credit card authorization machine so that court customers could pay fines with their charge card. She said that so many citizens just assume that they can pay by credit. Therefore, she is asking to add a line item for \$1,000. The bank charges would be 2.3 percent and this amount cannot be charged to the customer.

Angelou asked how much would it cost the city. The mayor replied that we're in control of our court cost and our goal is that the court pay for itself.

Woodward said it would cut down on bad checks which the city is spending a lot of money in that area.

Other cities that are using authorization machines are Upper Arlington, Westerville, New Albany, and Hilliard.

O'Brien asked if we could increase the computer surcharge.

The Mayor responded yes.

Woodward said that along with the authorization machine we will get two card readers and two printers. There will be one set for the court and the other set for the Police Department.

Stinchcomb asked about charge backs on credit cards.

Isler said once you have approval you're okay. There aren't any charge backs.

O'Brien asked what would be the cost to get started.

Woodward replied there is none. She said that we would be able to take Mastercard, Visa and Discover.

O'Brien would like for Woodward to see what Heartland Bank can offer us along these lines.

Recommendation: 1st reading.

Conservation Easement- Foxboro Recreation Area

Sherwood brought a memo from June 1, 2001 concerning the conservation easements from Foxboro. She had discovered that Council had never accepted them.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back to Committee, 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

ISSUES- From Colonel Hall

Colonel Hall said that we bought Hannah Farm but need \$7,000 to clear the 3 barns that have been torn down on the property.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back to Committee, 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

Colonel Hall said that he received a bid of \$39,000 to paint the interiors of City Hall, the Police Department and the Senior Center. He said we would need another \$20,000 to do the entire project. He said that the Police Station needed painting the most, but City Hall gets more visitors.

Hogan asked why City Hall needed to be painted after only 7 years. He suggested that maybe the pillars need repaired first.

Colonel Hall said that it will be \$27,000 to fix the pillars.

Hogan asked the administration if they could do an inventory of what needs to be done around City Hall and prioritize it.

Council will discuss this again in a couple of weeks.

Friendship/Maintenance Parking Lot

Mitchell said we have \$25,000 in the 2001 appropriations set aside in the Parks account to pave Friendship parking lot and \$20,000 for the Maintenance facility parking lot. He was going to add as a change order with Kokosing, but discovered that it was not in the bid. Isler recommended that we get a \$45,000 resolution order.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution

Bernie Williams, Reporting