

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 9, 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: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Thomas R. Kneeland

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

Additional Attendees:

Isler, Mitchell, D'Ambrosio, Davies, McGregor, Rinehart, Wetherholt, Woodward, Collins

PENDING LEGISLATION:

2001-0031

Received from Charter Review Commission on June 28, 2001 their recommendations for Charter Changes to be placed on the November, 2001 ballot.

There was no discussion on RES-0011-2001, RES-0013-2001, RES-0015-2001, or RES-0017-2001.

RES-0012-2001 Angelou said she totally disagrees with this but will vote to put it on. She said while it is a valid consideration, she does not think this is the way to go about it. Hogan agreed with Angelou.

O'Brien said that no one from council spoke in favor of it. It was surprising to him that with this kind of response to council at large, there was little consideration of it.

Angelou asked if it was possible to have a municipal election on an even year. Weber said he has only known them to be on odd years.

O'Brien said it is a huge time commitment to run at large. He said you have to keep up with all of the issues not just the ones concerning the ward.

RES-0014-2001 McGregor said he supports this and thinks it's a good idea.

RES-0016-2001 Angelou asked if the Administration was against this.

McGregor said he thinks it works well under Mumma and Isler, better than they ever have before, but he is not opposed to it.

Recommended for Legislation

ORD-0136-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Mayor's Court, Credit Charges

Woodward checked with Heartland Bank, FirStar Bank, and Bank One to see which one would give the City of Gahanna the better deal on a credit card machine.

Woodward passed out a list of comparisons:

Transaction Fee: Bank One \$0, FirStar \$0.20, Heartland \$0.25

Monthly Statement Fee: Bank One \$0, FirStar \$10.00, Heartland \$5.00

Equipment Cost: Bank One \$0, FirStar \$385 ea., Heartland \$839.76 leased (2)

Monthly Rate: Bank One 2.3%, FirStar 1.62%, Heartland 1.59%

Angelou asked Woodward about how much in credit card sales would the court handle this year.

Woodward was not certain, but said that last year they had over \$340,000 in total receipts.

Shepherd said he needs more information. He would like for Woodward to find out if this is a long term obligation or if we are able to renegotiate.

Isler said if this account was allowed to be titled City of Gahanna, and not City of Gahanna - Mayors Court, then it could be lumped with the rest of the City's accounts and would be free of charge. He said it must read City of Gahanna on the receipt.

Hogan asked if it could be City of Gahanna and then internally be known as Mayors Court.

Isler said, no.

McGregor suggested that the law be checked to see if we can change the name on the

receipt.

Weber said he will check the code to see if we can make that change.

Woodward stated that the account is currently with Bank One and if one of the other institutions is chosen then the account would have to relocate.

O'Brien asked Isler to call the banks for further information.

This issue will come back to Finance Committee in 2 weeks if information is not received.

Recommended for Adoption

ISSUES - From Development:

Contract - Skip Weiler - Fire Station

D'Ambrosio passed out a copy of the one year contract submitted for the Robert Weiler Company to sell or lease the fire station in Olde Gahanna. She said that Development would like to contract with the Weiler company as they lease each parcel out along Creekside.

Angelou said that Mifflin Township has an interest in the fire station because the land we traded the fire station for was not an even exchange.

Hogan said that he thought Mifflin Township had 75% ownership. He then suggested that they should pay 75% of the brokers fee.

Angelou thought it was more than \$100 thousand and that the actual appraisal was more than \$300 thousand.

Shepherd said that the fee is based on a monthly amount, and that if our name is not on the deed then we cannot sign it.

McGregor said he thinks we own it. He said we would pay Weiler and Mifflin Township a percentage and then keep the balance.

Angelou said that we need to pull the file for this.

D'Ambrosio to do more research on this. She will find out if we are on the deed.

Hogan asked how the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) fits into this.

Shepherd said nothing has been turned over to the CIC yet.

Angelou suggested that Mifflin Township be contacted.

Weber said he will find out who has the developmental authority.

Recommendation: 1st Reading; if Mifflin Township is notified and has a copy in their possession.

ISSUES - From Director of Public Service:

Renewal of Insurance Policy.

Davies said our insurance expired July 4, 2001, and we do not need additional funding.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution; Consent Agenda

Demolition of 121 Mill Street.

Davies said she was seeking permission to award a contract to demolish the building at 121 Mill Street for \$9950, and to award a contract to remove asbestos from the same building for \$5400.

McGregor said we got rid of everything we could for free to cut demolition costs.

We are working with the EPA.

Hogan asked Davies about the fact that the City gave the tenants 9 months free rent.

Davies responded that the Service Department was not involved in the purchase.

Hogan said we had a nice property that we could have rented and without Council

approval it was gutted out, made worthless, and now it must be demolished. He said that when he called and asked why it happened he got the response that they assumed Council wanted it torn down.

McGregor said he felt that Council had given the Administration a directive to fast-track the Creekside projects; and Hall was just trying to find the least expensive way to get it done.

Recommendation: 1st Reading; no need to come back to Committee, 2nd reading on Regular Agenda

Interior Painting - City Hall (Discussion carried over from last meeting)

Davies said she is seeking permission to paint the interior of the Police Department and the Senior Center. She needs to transfer \$584. The funds were appropriated this year. The total cost is \$20,584.

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

Wide Open West - Update Only

Davies said WIDEOPENWEST has only been in service since March 2001 and only has 300 customers.

Ameritech told Davies if the transfer does not go through they will stop providing cable services.

O'Brien informed Council that all of Cable Advisory Board terms have expired.

Angelou said that at the time the Cable Advisory Board came into being there were huge cable issues to deal with. Now that we don't have the volume that we used to she doesn't see a need for one, unless they are going to take another direction.

Payne said she thought we were going to ask the Board if they had a reason to keep going.

Weber said that the Board is too restricted and changes must be made to the code if we want to keep them.

Sherwood and Davies said they met with Dobbie and will discuss their information in the next Finance meeting.

O'Brien said fix it, use it the way it is, or do away with it. He said we pay Dunn good money to advise us but then others like Rosenthal have not received a dime. Rosenthal has also served as an attorney.

Davies mentioned that most franchises allow \$25,000 for attorney costs.

O'Brien said we will revisit this issue the night of the Finance meeting and invite Dobbie.

Kneeland said as we move forward make sure to look for changes in the context from when we met with Ameritech.

Reporting, Bernie Williams