

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2018 | 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, Melanie Hermes, Jack Lee and Maria Waltherr. Also present were Police Chief Neil Ferdelman, Finance Director Deborah Hymer, Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Acting Clerk of Council David Lumsden.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

After a prayer led by Ms. Waltherr, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hermes requested Mr. Kevin Frank's attendance at the meeting in the place of Law Director Jeff Forbes be reflected in the July 24, 2018 minutes. The minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2018 were approved as amended. The minutes of the Council Work Session of August 14, 2018 were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Ms. Patricia Andwan, 32 Chalmers Lane, expressed concerns about neighboring properties and her neighbors. Ms. Andwan requested Greenhills Police address her concerns over children playing in the cul-de-sac.

Ms. Bobbie Wavra-Mouch, 9749 Winton Road, inquired about potential changes to the hours at the Greenhills Swimming Pool. Ms. Wavra-Mouch presented a list of potential ideas to offset the increased costs of keeping the pool open for more weekdays in August.

Ms. Anna Steele, 150 Junefield Avenue, thanked Council for thoughtfulness and patience with the issues they work to address.

Ms. Jennifer Weickert of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County thanked Council for their support of the recently passed tax levy. The Library is working to implement a master facility plan with the newly approved tax revenues, which includes money budgeted for a stand-alone facility in the Village of Greenhills. She invited everyone to take advantage of the Library's programs and services.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

Ms. Kovach introduced Deborah Hymer, the newly hired Finance Director. She began on August 1st.

Water main replacement project for Ireland Avenue, Illona Drive, Jennings Road & Japonica Drive is starting in the next two weeks. Roads will be entirely repaved in the Spring of 2019, following the conclusion of the water main work. \$40,800 is being encumbered for replacement fire hydrants, which are required as part of the project.

Tax subpoena hearings will be held on September 11th. Citizens should contact RITA directly with any questions about their filing status.

The road de-icing salt bid is on the agenda at a nearly 50% increase from the previous year's price.

Law Director – Jeff Forbes

Legislative Update

HB 34 - PUBLIC NOTICES. Will modify which notices are required to be sent by certified, ordinary, and electronic mail; allow elected officials to receive public records training before their term begins; and allow a county prosecuting attorney to legally advise a regional airport authority, port authority, or regional planning commission.

HB 95 - DISTRACTED DRIVING. Adds an enhanced penalty for distracted driving to a moving violation.

Other Items of Interest

The Ohio Municipal League is encouraging its members to pass a resolution urging Governor Kasich to invest this year's projected budget surplus in Ohio's local governments. The League also drafted a sample resolution municipalities could pass to make their stance clear, along with a sample letter to send to state leaders. The governor proposed using the projected surplus of \$147 million to fund an income tax withholding reduction and an additional \$68 million to max out the state's rainy day fund.

Acting Clerk of Council – David Lumsden

Ordinances 2018-05, 2018-06 & Resolutions 2018-24, 2018-25 posted as required.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

National Night Out on August 7th was a resounding success, with a Park Talk by Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Police Chief Neil Ferdelman preceding a cookout. Food was prepared by Greenhills Police Department Lieutenant Anne Ward and Sergeant Tim Lukes. The Greenhills Fire Department offered exploration of two trucks. Special thanks was given to volunteers from Messiah Lutheran Church and the Citizens Police Academy.

The Greenhills Police Bike Rodeo will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Molloy's Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up at the Greenhills Police Department.

On Friday, July 27th, officers from the Greenhills and Forest Park Police Departments went shopping for school supplies for children in need. Thanks to donations from citizens to the needy, officers were able to give children a good start to the school year. School safety drills were conducted at all Winton Woods buildings in Greenhills.

Officers were trained and recertified in CPR thanks to Greenhills Firefighter Julie Sheets.

A levy will appear on the November ballot to improve officer salaries and remain competitive with other local police departments. A levy committee has been formed and the proposed levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$120 annually.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mobilcomm's Kurt Daman for his 19 years of service, including his work installing the sirens, emergency lighting, radios and other safety equipment into countless Greenhills Police cruisers.

Chief Neil Ferdelman, Lieutenant Anne Ward and Sergeant Tim Lukes attended a training seminar on August 9th hosted by the Miami Valley Risk Management Association. The training covered communication techniques in today's multi-generational workforce, a necessity for every supervisor.

The finalists for the vacant officer position are currently concluding their testing. Following a polygraph, psychological, medical and drug tests, the top candidate will begin as soon as possible.

The Greenhills Police Department expresses its deepest sympathies to the family of Kathy Lives, the late Clerk of Council for the Village of Greenhills.

During the month of July, the department investigated five accidents (down from eight in July of 2017), five crimes (down from seven last July), and 398 other incidents (up from 172 last July). Of a total of 604 contacts (651 last July), 274 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 332 last July, and 330 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 319 last July. The department provided assistance to the public in 158 instances (153 times last July), assisted other agencies 26 times (down from 36 times last July), and made 37 criminal arrests (compared to 38 last July) and 46 traffic arrests (94 last July). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

Mayor – David Moore, Court Receipts

Owing to the change in staffing in the Finance Director position, court receipts were not received in time for this meeting. They will be presented at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules – Jack Lee

Mr. Lee stated the Committee met August 27th at 9 a.m. They discussed private golf cart waivers and authorization in addition to Shopping Center tenant signage.

Finance and Audit – Glenn Drees

Mr. Drees stated the Committee has not met since the prior Regular Council meeting. He welcomed Ms. Hymer to the Village.

Safety – Melanie Hermes

Ms. Hermes said the Committee met August 28th at 5:15 p.m. The Committee discussed an update to the Village's golf cart ordinance, including the addition of a non-resident inspection fee.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Recreation and Cable Television – Maria Waltherr

Ms. Waltherr listed upcoming events of interest, including a Waycross Programming Board meeting on September 12th at 7 p.m., the American Legion Oktoberfest dinner on September 14th, and Harvest Fest on October 6th. Ms. Waltherr stated she needed volunteers to assist with Harvest Fest this year, anyone interested should reach out to the Village.

She thanked all who assisted with the Member Appreciation Day at the Greenhills Pool. Ms. Waltherr stated nearly 300 meals served and the event was very well attended overall.

She also has provided information about the potential for reuse of the Village's tennis courts for Pickleball, a sport growing in popularity.

Harvest Fest meetings are scheduled and members are securing entertainment for the event.

Community Development – Jeff Halter

Mr. Halter reviewed the sign proposal presented at the August 12th Work Session.

Services and Streets

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2018-07-S (2nd read)

Amending Section 153.09(b) of the Greenhills Codified Ordinances Regarding Promotional Procedures for Promotion to Police Corporal (Hermes)

The Ordinance was read by Ms. Hermes for a second time in its entirety. Ms. Hermes moved to adopt the Ordinance as read, Mr. Lee seconded. Ms. Hermes clarified that the only amendment to the Code is addition of ‘Corporal’ in this section. The ordinance passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2018-08-L&R (1st read)

Amending the Zoning Code for the Village of Greenhills to Adopt Section 1115.10 Related to Medical Marijuana Cultivation, Processing, and Retail Dispensaries (Lee)

Mr. Lee referred to the previously held Council Public Hearing and made a motion to postpone the consideration of this Ordinance indefinitely. Ms. Waltherr seconded. The motion carried 5-0 by voice vote.

2. Resolution 2018-26-S&S

Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required (Lee)

Mr. Lee read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Mr. Halter seconded. The Resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

3. Resolution 2018-27-S&S

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Purchase Road De-icing Salt from Cargill Inc. (Lee)

Ms. Waltherr read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Hermes seconded. The Resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

4. Resolution 2018-28-S&S

Resolution Authorizing Assessments on Certain Properties in the Village of Greenhills (Lee)

JL moved to strike items #1 & #3, as they were paid prior to the meeting this evening. Mr. Drees seconded. The motion to amend the Resolution and strike items #1 & #3 passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Lee read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as previously amended. Ms. Waltherr seconded. The Resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

CALENDAR

RITA Tax Hearings – September 11th, Municipal Building

Council Work Session – September 11th, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

Waycross Community Media Board meeting – September 12th, 7 p.m.

American Legion Oktoberfest Dinner – September 14th, American Legion Post 530

Manager's Park Talk – September 18th, 6 p.m., Picnic Shelter behind the Greenhills Pool

Bike Rodeo – September 22nd, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Molloy's parking lot, behind the Greenhills Pool

Regular Council Meeting – September 25th, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

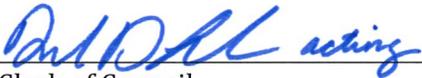
Laws and Rules Committee Meeting – September 24th, 9 a.m., Municipal Building

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk of Council