

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 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, Jeffery Halter, Melanie Hermes, Jack Lee, Natasha Metz and Maria Waltherr. Also present were Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach, Police Chief Neil Ferdelman, Finance Director Deborah Hymer, Law Director Jeff Forbes and Acting Clerk of Council David Lumsden.

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

Following a prayer led by Mr. Drees, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 13, 2018 Work Session and October 23, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

No members of the public addressed Council.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

Ms. Kovach discussed the loss of power experienced following the November 15th ice storm. She thanked Walmart for donating food and activities for those who took advantage of the Village's warming center.

The first informational meeting for the local historic district was held on November 26th. It was a good opportunity for questions and feedback on the potential local historic district. Future meetings are going to be held to allow all residents to comment and obtain information about a local historic district in Greenhills.

Law Director – Jeffrey Forbes

Mr. Forbes presented his report. He discussed two pieces of state legislation with potential impacts on municipalities, HB 228 and HB 425, pertaining to "Stand Your Ground" gun laws and police body cameras, respectively.

Mr. Lee asked what impact the continued legislation "preempting" local control would have on Home Rule powers for Ohio municipalities. Mr. Forbes stated that several municipalities are joining together to challenge other legislative actions to protect Home Rule powers.

Acting Clerk of Council – David Lumsden

Mr. Lumsden said Resolutions 2018-32, 2018-33 and 2018-34 were posted as required. The November Community Calendar was also posted.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

Chief Ferdelman presented his report. The Greenhills Police Department expresses its thanks to the residents of Greenhills for passing the Police levy on Election Day.

Multiple cases of theft from vehicles were cleared after a search warrant was executed on Foxworth Lane. This resulted in the arrest of three individuals, the recovery of much of the stolen property and the confiscation of drugs and drug paraphernalia. Chief Ferdelman commended Sergeant Tim Lukes, Corporal Bryan Johnston, Police Officers Tony Patton, Andy Moore, Rob Lenhoff, Phillip Means and Cody Ritchie for their excellent police work.

The attempted abduction case from October 22nd has been closed. The two suspects in the case were interviewed and admitted to attempting to prank residents. They approached an 11-year-old boy in the B section and attempted to lure the boy to their vehicle. Chief Ferdelman said the section of the Ohio Revised Code that applied to this act was recently deemed unconstitutional, so no charges have been filed. The two suspects were counseled by police about the fear they caused the community.

Thanks to an anonymous donation, Greenhills Police Officer Cody Ritchie was able to take a resident in need shopping for baby supplies. Another Greenhills family donated a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need and the Greenhills Police Department and Administration opened a warming center at the Municipal Building for those without power following the ice storm on November 15th.

Chief Ferdelman also provided tips to keep packages residents may receive out of the hands of thieves during the holiday season. They included having packages delivered to your workplace, installing security cameras and rerouting or holding packages at a post office or shipping center.

Chief Ferdelman, Lieutenant Anne Ward, Sergeant Tim Lukes and Corporal Bryan Johnston attended an executive leadership training seminar at Miami University's Voice of America Training Center. Police Officers Zzach Clark, Rob Lenhoff, Phillip Means and Cody Ritchie all attended a "Tactics in Traffic" training to safely and properly conduct traffic stops.

During the month of October, the department investigated four accidents (down from six in October of 2017), four crimes (down from eight last October), and 149 other incidents (down from 214 last October). Of a total of 166 contacts (581 last October), 39 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 273 last October, and 127 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 308 last October. The department made 26 criminal arrests (compared to 61 last October) and 26 traffic arrests (53 last October). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

Mayor – David Moore, Court Receipts

September court receipts were as follows: Hamilton County: \$33.00, State of Ohio: \$885.30, Village of Greenhills: \$4675.70

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Audit – Glenn Drees

Mr. Drees presented the year-to-date financials for the Village. The appropriations for 2019 are being finalized.

Recreation and Cable Television – Maria Waltherr

Ms. Waltherr thanked the Village of Greenhills' Service Department for their hard work following the bad weather recently. She also stated she was touched by the assistance that the residents provide to one another in their time of need.

Ms. Waltherr said she met with staff to begin the planning process for Harvest Fest 2019.

Additionally, she reported on the Recreation Committee meeting on November 26th. A survey is being developed to help the Committee prioritize what services and opportunities they might provide. She also said that they were going to focus on increasing pool membership for 2019.

Community Development – Jeff Halter

Mr. Halter said the Community Development Committee meeting scheduled for November 21st was cancelled due to a conflict.

The vendor for the Village's gateway signage has stated an anticipated production time of 6-8 weeks for signage.

Services and Streets – Natasha Metz

Ms. Metz said the Services and Streets Committee met on November 14th. She said the Committee discussed the recreation survey for current and future use of services and facilities.

Requests for proposals for mowing of public parks and greenspaces will be sent out soon.

The Ohio Municipal League offers a warranty program for residents for large projects and we are working on making that available to interested Greenhills' residents.

Safety – Melanie Hermes

Ms. Hermes said the Safety Committee met this evening at 5:15 p.m. They discussed the Greenhills Fire Department and the Fire Dependency Fund. Additionally, both surplus fire apparatus were sold. The Fire Department is currently 40 members. The Fire Department has also applied for a \$175,000 grant for SCBA gear replacements but are also investigating potential group purchasing with other fire departments.

Emergency Dispatch Fees will increase \$3.00 per dispatch.

Ms. Hermes said she spoke with Chief Ferdelman about the data recovery of the PAMET database currently underway with more information coming soon.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules – Jack Lee

Mr. Lee said the Committee met November 26th at 8:15 a.m. and discussed draft wording for a zoning text amendment for channel letter signage. He said this would be referred down to the Planning Commission for review in the future.

He also addressed the amendment to the Rules of Council to address the large, printed Codified Ordinance books maintained by the Village. He expressed a desire to amend the Rules of Council at the next Council meeting to reflect the proposed changes.

OLD BUSINESS**ORDINANCE 2018-09-L&R (2nd read)**

Amending Section 377.02 of the Greenhills Codified Ordinances Regarding Inspection of Golf Carts (Lee)

Mr. Lee moved to read the Ordinance by title only, Ms. Hermes seconded. The motion to read the Ordinance by title only for the second read passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Lee read the Ordinance by title only for its second read and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Waltherr seconded. Mr. Lee summarized the legislation and stated it adds additional fees and requirements for non-resident inspections of golf carts by the Greenhills Police Department. The Ordinance passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS**RESOLUTION 2018-35-S&S**

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

Ms. Metz read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Waltherr seconded. No discussion. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2018-36-F

Resolution Making Supplemental Appropriations (Drees)

Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Hermes seconded. No discussion. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2018-37-L

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Wood & Lamping for Law Director Services (Lee)

Mr. Lee read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Mr. Halter seconded. Ms. Waltherr asked if Wood and Lamping has been evaluated and wished to table this legislation until the services of the Law Director can be re-evaluated. Mr. Lee clarified this was a renewal of the previous contract. Mr. Drees stated that under the terms of the agreement, the Village would have 30 days following acceptance to amend the agreement if needed. Mr. Forbes said the prior contract expired in October. This contract sets the rates for legal consultation services. With no further discussion, the Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2018-38-F

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Anthem for Providing Health Insurance Coverage for the Employees of the Village of Greenhills (Drees)

Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Metz seconded. Mr. Drees stated there was a 4.8% increase in costs for 2019. With no further discussion, the Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2018-39-S

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the Greenhills Fire Services Department (Hermes)

Ms. Hermes read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Waltherr seconded. Mr. Drees stated the Greenhills Fire Department is the best value in Hamilton County emergency services. He additionally thanked all volunteers for their services. With no further discussion, the Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2018-40-CD

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Execute and Accept a Sign Easement from the First Baptist Church of Greenhills for the Placement of a Village Entryway Sign (Halter)

Mr. Halter read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Waltherr seconded. No discussion. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2018-41-F

Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Tax Advances During the Year 2019 Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 321.34 (Drees)

Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Metz seconded. No discussion. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

CALENDAR

Light Up Greenhills – December 7th, 6-8 p.m., Greenhills Commons

Services & Streets Committee meeting – December 10th, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Regular Council Meeting – December 11th, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building

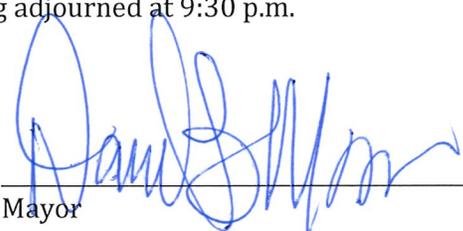
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Drees moved to adjourn into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee or official. Ms. Hermes seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote and Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Drees moved to exit Executive Session. Ms. Hermes seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



 Mayor



 Clerk of Council