

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

September 5, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Work Session

*Will Bennett-Chair
Bob Clark
Steve Donahue
Bruce Jarvis
Bobbie Mershon
Mike Walker
Jim Wynkoop*

Call To Order

Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Yes: 6 – Bennett, Clark, Donahue, Jarvis, Mershon, Walker

Not present: 0

Also In Attendance

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson, Andrew Moore

Request for Council Action[RES-17-018](#)

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL OHIO

Sponsors: Jarvis

Peoples: sent out information over 300 pages; their plan; how they are set up;

A motion was made by Jarvis seconded by Mershon that this Ordinance be recommended to council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Jarvis, Mershon, Bennett, Clark, Donahue, Walker

Reports

Amanda Jackson- wanted to bring to your attention new house evaluation from the franklin county auditor seems to cause some confusion about property taxes; something residents think we are raises taxes; we are not raising taxes; taxes are paid due to the value of your house; if your house value goes up your taxes will be raised but the city as a whole is not raising the taxes; send all questions to the office; Jarvis: city does not receive any revenue on the income; Jackson: when

people pay their tax bill they think we raised their taxes; with the purchase of the park people think we are increasing our taxes to pay for the park; which is not the case; the increase of taxes is based on the value of their tax; not that we are raising taxes;

Lucas Haire- : passed out post cards that reference the park survey; can be taken on the website; paper copies will go out with water bills and picked up at the community center; on back you will see we are having a public meeting on 9/19 at the community center to provide input on that process; Scott Thompson Emma's meadow was giving a fill from the canal cove; was giving a grading permit; Clark: why is he doing that; Haire: to level the area; helps with development in the future.

Matt Peoples - Hill rd. annexation that was first read at last council; still working with one property owner to try and get more continuation out there to have the roadway come into the city; ask to waive third reading this evening; had issues with septic tank and want to get moving on that; Bennett: saw note on curb side recycling: Peoples: still in progress let them know we were disappointed in pricing would like to pursue other options;

Items for Discussion

[17-222](#)

Speed Study

Attachments: [E. Columbus Speed Study 8-17](#)

[E. Columbus Analysis 8-17](#)

[E. Columbus Analysis 7-11](#)

Peoples: speed study; after last committee meeting used our equipment to do a speed study on Columbus street; Some of the data is in here; goes down to 15 minutes increments; did an overall synostosis of dates included in packet; Shows that the speed from 2011 were much higher than 2017 average of 5mph; test in 2011

was done before speed humps were put in; 85% is the safest speed the road conditions will allow you to go and still feel comfortable; after the discussion after last meeting I just wanted to show data we were able to obtain; Mershon: those were after the driver feedback signs; Peoples: yes; Donahue: I'd like to see this done on both Washington and Dietz; Our equipment is getting old; one is dead I couldn't get any data off it; we will be looking at equipment upgrades; Jarvis: east Columbus street the perception doesn't match the number; Peoples: no; Jarvis: recall the study from 2011 has the volume increased; Peoples: it did change; it was originally done in mid July 2011 and the current one was done in August; I don't know why that would be;

[17-223](#)

CW Human Services Contract Renewal

Attachments: [CW Human Services Contract Renewal Email](#)
[City 17 Contract Request](#)
[City 17 Contract Request Stats](#)

Jackson: our agreement with cwhs expires on 12/31; I provided information to council two weeks ago that I received from Penny asking for an increase; bringing that to your attention and up for discussion; Bennett: I would like to look at 2018 as a whole with the increase of the deputy contract; Mershon: I would like to see the total funding from the funding and grants she gets from other organizations and businesses; Need further information to make a determination in addition to your input; Jarvis: 3% increase less than \$2,000; Mayor: how about the human resources rep gather that info and bring it back to Amanda to go over; Clark: HR rep will look into; requests council to provide questions they have and he will meet with Penny to get questions answered; Jackson: my interpretation was that she wanted an overall increase;

Old/New Business

17-179

Fairfield County Sheriff Contract

Jackson 17-179 Mayor and myself met with Lieutenant Lape: Each additional deputy will cost about 86k a year; to cover salary and benefits; keep in mind relief factor; if you are talking about 7 days a week we will need more than one deputy; part of that conversation was timing; would probably take at a minimum 16 weeks to fill any type of new position in town; Looking at the earliest; contract is based on the average salary each deputy makes; since our contract expires at the end of 2018; me and the Mayor recommend to add on additional deputy for 2018 then reevaluate the contract next year; hate for us to take on too much then back off if we decide we don't want that many deputies; Walker; 86k doesn't include the cruiser; Jackson: with one additional deputy we will not need an additional cruiser; One cruiser total for a specific shift; Mershon: can our budget afford two deputies: Jackson: possibility is there but I have not played around enough with our budget: Mershon: my suggestion would be two: Jackson: would that be for five days a week or two: Mershon: I would put in 3 and let deputies rotate shift to be put in as needed: Mayor: if we have them hire three and then when our contract comes around decide we only need two they will have to fire one if we decided we wanted two; Mershon: why would we go through rfp for police protection; Fairfield has always come out the best in money; Donahue: that's not true on one occasion; Mershon that occasion is not there: I would think the best thing to do is to negotiation with Fairfield; Unless you are really upset with Fairfield county I would continue to go with them; Donahue: you have to do your due diligence; You still take bids; Walker: I think we add as we need: I would hate to go overboard; That additional one would just be for a year contract; Jackson: yes: the contract renewal in 2018 would include that additional deputy; Walker: is there any possibility if we had Meijer or who has the most calls is they provided their own security especially during holidays; Jackson: most provide special duties during the holidays; Bennett: list stats from 2005; goes on to list 2016 stats; showing we are down almost 3,000 and thinks there

need for more deputies; Jackson: would like more direction where to go: do we need to discuss more or work on changes to our contract: Bennett: I think staff recommendation is a great idea to add one for 2018; at a minimum that is a given; Mershon: I don't think that will be enough; Bennett: concurs; but budget cuts would have to happen: Mershon: but safety is a priority; Bennett: I do not disagree: What shift are we looking: Jackson: second shift: Mayor: on dispatched calls on the sheet what year are they lining up with; Bennett: 2005, 2016 and May, June, July of this year: if calls are down then we don't need more; discussion of stats; Mershon: Groveport has more deputies per shift; Mayor: they are doing a ton of business checks; We don't have nearly as many businesses to check as they do; Donahue: if what you have is the same amount of deputies since 2005 so much has grown since then; Mershon: I think we can utilize 3 more deputies 5 would be full board; Mayor: we have to figure out where to put all of them; Bennett: we also discussed overlapped shifts: Mershon: someone else has to decide where the deputies are needed in regards to shifts; Walker: what is the SGT feedback on where he stands; Jarvis all we can do is look at our stats and feedback; they are on contract: we need to agree on a number: Donahue: we agree with staff and mayor and need at least one right now; Jackson: this is an every year cost; this is not a onetime thing; Clark: \$260,000 for three officers but \$300,000 with another car; Jackson: it was our understanding that another vehicle was not needed; Mayor: we are holding off on the on the SUV right now until 2019 with issues; Bennett; so we don't need to do budget cuts with just one; sounds like if we go to three then we will need to do some cuts; can we get some potentials; Jackson: my budget will show you what is already dedicated to someone else; then what's left I can work on that; to clarify three deputies will not get you seven days a week; one officer per shift seven days a week is five officers; Walker: while we are adding to see how this is working I think this is a good idea to bring outside sources such as special duty to see where we are at; Jarvis: when someone is on special duty you pay them directly; can they do typical law enforcement duties; that would be my questions can they be a regular patrolman; Deputy

Romine: when you hire deputy at special duty rate: he has full deputy power; Mershon: if you just tell them to patrol the city like a regular deputy they can do that; Deputy Romine: yes they can do that; you can specify certain things or just regular patrol; Jarvis: only difference is compensation goes directly to the deputy; Romine: yes; Jarvis: what is the cost of special duty?: Romine: \$40/hr which includes the car; Donahue: did you find what portion of our taxes go to Madison Township; Jackson: I asked them to break down based on CW Madison township for police was \$580,000, fire it was \$3.1 million; Donahue: we get service from fire but not on police? If we aren't getting service but fire department is why isn't that all going to fire department; Jackson: based on the voted levy; Donahue: do we have any recourse? Bennett: currently no; Bennett: I spoke to Rep. Brown and spoke about house bill 302; going to explore trying to bring it back; if they can get it out of committee it goes to his next; so one course of action is calling our house reps to get house bill out; which will get the tax erased out of the books; Walker: I would like to revisit Madison township to see if we can get them to assist us for the police since we're paying for the service; in the meantime deputies can come; Discussion pursued; Jackson: I can have an amendment on the next agenda; Bennett: would we have the budget for 2018?; Jackson: no I would not have that ready;

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

A motion was made by Donahue, seconded by Jarvis, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 – Donahue, Jarvis, Bennett, Clark, Mershon, Walker