

# Canal Winchester

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



## Meeting Minutes - FINAL

March 5, 2018

7:00 PM

### City Council

*Bruce Jarvis - President  
Mike Walker - Vice President  
Jill Amos  
Will Bennett  
Bob Clark  
Mike Coolman  
Patrick Lynch*

- A. Call To Order                    *Jarvis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.*  
 B. Pledge of Allegiance - Amos  
 C. Roll Call                            *Present 7 –Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker*

*Also in attendance: Mayor Ebert, Public Service Director Peoples, Finance Director Jackson, Sgt. Cassel, and Law Director Gene Hollins.*

**D. Approval of Minutes**

[MIN-18-010](#)

2-20-18 Council Work Session Meeting Minutes

[MIN-18-011](#)

2-20-18 Council Meeting Minutes

***A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Coolman that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:***

***Yes 6 – Amos, Coolman, Bennett, Clark, Jarvis, Walker  
 Abstain 1 – Lynch***

**E. Communications & Petitions**

[18-014](#)

February 22, 2018 WOW Cable Letter RE: Rate Increase

*Mayor: The rates are going up.*

*Jackson: Mr. Jarvis I have one additional; this evening we have Chief Fasone and Chief York from the Madison Township police and fire departments who would like to address council; Jarvis: Gentlemen, if you would like to approach the podium; Fasone: Good evening; honorable mayor, members of council, department heads, public at large; my name is Jeff Fasone; I have been appointed the interim fire chief of Madison Township fire department; it is my pleasure and honor to serve that department, I have been with them for 31 years; I also live in the township, I've lived with my wife and 3 kids for 20 years; we live in Groveport, but we have a Canal Winchester mailing address; recently Robert Bates was our fire chief, and he retired; the trustees wanted to hire from within; I give them credit for that; they promoted a battalion chief (Chris Pallos) to the rank of fire chief; it took him all of 3 weeks to figure out the job was not for him; I give him credit for that, because a lot of people would just ride it out; everyone would suffer; credit to him for stepping aside and going back to his position as a battalion chief; I'll also give credit to my trustees for staying the course; giving the next guys a chance; I am the next guy, been here for 31 years as I said; there's a little to learn about this position, it's not just running the fire department, it's also being out in politics; I've been there for about 3 and a half weeks; it hasn't scared me away yet; I look forward to the challenge, and the privilege of serving the township of which yourselves obviously are a part of. For myself, going forward, I plan on coming to the first meeting every month; your second meeting is a conflict with Groveport's, I'll be over there for them; I plan on coming here and presenting you with relevant statistics to your district; there is a big Madison Township, but you guys are a part of it; I won't bore you too much with other figures; I want to present you with stuff that pertains to your area; we love servicing you; the other*

*part of that, I will be available if you have any questions going forward about services rendered; questions or concerns that you have that we might be able to address; I don't have any statistics for you this evening, I'm in the process of reviewing; I don't know what all Robert Bates brought to you before; I'm probably going to be more condensed and to the point; if you guys have any interests or concerns, let me know; we've already had an opportunity to interact with the City of Canal Winchester twice; once with Matt Peoples and Bill Sims in regards to the Gender Road corridor construction projects; excellent job, professional guys; I had an opportunity to work with Matt Peoples again and the mayor himself on an issue relating to fire prevention matters in the city; you guys are knocking my socks off; really good, professional staff; I'll step aside and let Gary introduce himself.*

*York: My name is Gary York; I am the new police chief with Madison Township; I'm not new to the area, I've worked in Groveport for the last 30 years; prior to that, I grew up in Groveport, graduated in 1983; this is home, this area has been home to me and my wife; I've been in the job for about a month and 5 days; they haven't scared me away yet; I'm still here, I go to work every day; deep down, I really enjoy being a police offer, that's what my whole goal is; I told the board when they were looking at considering me, that I wanted to be a chief that doesn't sit behind the desk for 8 hours a day; I wanted to be a working chief, to be out and seen in the public; I've been trying to accomplish that, but there seems to be an anchor attached to the desk; from time to time, I still find myself back there; I think as time goes on, I'll be able to get farther and farther away from that, and get out to meet and greet the public; my reason for coming here tonight is to be able to introduce myself to the mayor, to the council, to the staff and also the citizens who are here; I have given out my business cards, to a few; I apologize if I missed some of you; do feel free to call upon me if you would ever have a need to; I'm going to try to attend as many meetings as I can; I'm simply here just for you to contact, if you have anything; as well as learn. Any questions? Jarvis: Congratulations to you as well, thank you.*

#### **F. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person**

*Richard White: I've been out in Canal Cove since '05; used to live in Ashbrook when it was new; main reason I came tonight was to ask what council is going to do, or has any plans for the train trestle bridge over here; it's an absolute eyesore in my opinion; I'm sure it's been addressed before; what's going on with that? To me, that's the welcome into this city; I still call a village, but it's a city obviously; today just by chance, I work for Columbus Fire, I'm a lieutenant; I was over by Union Hall today right there on W. Broad; it looks the same; to me, 'welcome to the bottoms' is what this reminds me of; it looks the same way. Why do we have a train trestle that's an absolute eyesore, when you're coming into the main part of this community; and a wall of stone; my assumption was it was being sandblasted to be repaired; apparently that was the repair; it's just an absolute eyesore; I jog, I ride my bike here a lot, as a lot of people do; that should be a welcoming piece to this village, especially a 19<sup>th</sup> century town, that's now a city; instead it reminds me of 'Welcome to the Franklinton' or the bottoms, exactly what it looks like, including the stone wall; I was just wondering if council has plans for that, or how it's being addressed; I know there's issues, because obviously the trains are involved in this; I'm sure they own it; I'm sure there's lead and stuff involved that needs remediated; still, if I'm looking to develop and I come into a 19<sup>th</sup> century town no matter which direction we take; to me that's crap, it just doesn't reflect the growth of this village, which is now a*

city; I just wondered what the plans were for that absolute eyesore, that's dilapidated; there's got to be some structural issues for as old as it is; is there any plans for that, I would love to see something welcoming to this community; with all of this growth coming in, that really is the gateway to the village, from that direction; obviously there's issues; I just wondered what the council's plans is for that; Jarvis: Thank you, Mr White; this portion is kind of a monologue; not really setup for question and answer; in the interest for time for anyone else that would like to speak, I'll keep this brief; yes this has come up before council many times; in fact we had a resident who sort of took matters into his own hands at one time, and put himself in a dangerous position; he was frustrated with the fact that railroad, who owns that, is not willing to do anything other than the bare minimum; the aesthetics are part of it, is something they choose not to address; as a group, we talked about ways of mitigating the looks of that by creating some landscaping on either side of it; it is a fairly large expense, I think we're waiting and hoping that the railroad will have to replace it at some point; the patching that you see there was done as a result of crumbling walls; rather than rebuild it, they patched it up that something almost looks worse than the crumbling walls; it's a big source of frustration for all of us, we have done everything we could, including calling the highest congressional intervention to address that; the railroads seem to have a law of their own; I don't know when that was setup, a long time ago; they are a special kind of animal. White: I appreciate it, I just wanted to know what could be done about it; it just looks so poor; Lynch: If you go onto our website, there's an old town plan that was developed by OMH; it shows kind of an elevation of the landscape plan that was designed for that; part of the old town plan, we specifically address that area; it might take a little bit of time for some of those ideas to come to fruition; it's not something that's being ignored, we're trying to do something with it; White: They own the bridge, right? Lynch: The railroad does, yes; therein lies the big problem; White: What is to say that the village can't build a wall on each side that blocks the view of the trestle, coming or going? You don't have to touch it to block it; Jarvis: Because of the nature of this part of the meeting, I'm going to have to cut it off; your point is taken.

Tara Crawford, 180 Woodsvie Drive: There's 2 issues that I wanted to bring to your attention tonight; I'm on Canal Connect on Facebook; there was a lot of discussion yesterday about the recycling bins, and how they're overflowing; there was a large group of people who expressed an interest in curbside pickup; I know this has been visited previously; I was wanting to bring it to your attention that I think as newer people move into the community, it might be time to revisit that issue; my second issue is the beekeeping; I recently attended a training at the East Central Ohio Beekeepers Association; I purchased 2 hives; I read the paper and discover you are now restricting it; where I live I will not be able to have bees; I would suggest that at least 1 or 2 council members attend one of those meetings, so they can have a better understanding on how non-invasive bees are when you keep them; I know it's slated for tonight; I think the responsible thing to do is to educate yourself before you do something; it's good for the environment, bees are dying; Jarvis: Ms. Crawford, can I ask you a question? You said that you would not be eligible; can you elaborate on that, why wouldn't you be? Crawford: I don't have enough acreage, I have under an acre, so I couldn't have a single hive; in Columbus I could; Jarvis: There is a process for a variance, so that if whatever is stated in there as a standard is not a hard and fast one; if you had less than an acre, then you would be able to apply for a variance; at that point it would allow for your neighbors to also have their voices heard; amongst ourselves we had talked about 'gee it would've been nice if the bees, chickens, the livestock were separated'; Crawford: It's all agriculture, I get why it is hand-in-hand, I just don't get why the restriction is so extreme; Jarvis: How big is your property? Crawford: It's under an acre; Jarvis: Is it a

*half an acre? Crawford: No; Jarvis: A quarter? Crawford: Probably; Jarvis: Okay, so it's on the smaller side; that doesn't mean there's a prohibition; the ordinance we are looking at – Crawford: How many neighbors would I have to visit? Jarvis: I think the way it is setup is anyone who is immediately adjacent to your property; Crawford: I did know there was a variance; I wasn't quite sure how I would deal with; who do I ask, who do I have sign? Bennett: Can I ask what her address was one more time? Amos: We were trying to see where your neighborhood is; Bennett: I was curious if there were deed restrictions on the property; Jarvis: It's an older neighborhood; an early 50's neighborhood; Coolman: It does not have an HOA.*

*Heath Kitts, 560 Winchester Pike: I want to thank council and zoning about putting this ordinance together; some of us are just want to get hives; just like myself, having bees, having chickens and goats; I'm in violation right now; after today, I find out if I have to get rid of the animals, or if you guys are tabling it, or if we get to keep them; I understand that we had to have a starting point, to find out exactly what we needed; where it needs to be; I hear a lot that the square footage for the bees is too large; I'm in agreeance with that; that's where we have exceptions to that; you can file for something; that's what a lot of people are unaware of; I've been fighting for the last month since it came out, people coming to me like 'what does this mean?'; there was nothing out there, so even if you had a hive or had chickens in Canal, you were in violation; people are just not being educated and not understanding 'now I can't do this'; I've been trying as your local recruiter, and everybody else in the community, to educate the people for council; I appreciate your guys' hard work; I appreciate everything you did.*

**G. Resolutions - NONE**

**H. Ordinances**

*Third Reading*

**ORD-18-003**

*Development*

*Sponsor: Jarvis*

An Ordinance Amending Section 1181.06 Of The Codified Ordinances Regarding Keeping Of Agricultural Animals In Non-Agricultural Districts

*- Adoption*

*Lynch: There's been a lot of talk about how much area we are allowing for this ordinance; I like what's in the ordinance, I think we need something; we need to move forward with urban agriculture, I think it's an important thing. I feel that the 1 acre limits a lot of people; I understand that there is a variance process that is available; in my business, I file for variances periodically; I find that people would rather not do variances; a lot of times, they'll even cancel doing something due to the thought of doing a variance; here in Canal Winchester, we are a lot more relaxed than a lot of other municipalities I work with; Miss Jackson sent to us a couple weeks ago house bill 175 that's being proposed through our state legislator; if anything has read through that, it states they have a system of points that they assign to each particular animal, so a bunny or a chicken gets .075 points; you can have up to one total point per acre; you do the math on that, up to one acre you can have 20 chickens, half acre you can have 10, quarter acre you can have 5; that's basically, it's not proved yet, it's a bill that's going through; I would recommend or would like to see this taken down to more of a quarter acre sized lot; keep the rules as they are, but change that from one acre to a quarter of an acre; I think it's going to apply to a lot more residents; make it a lot easier for people to be able to*

*practice urban agriculture; I was just at a house, I stayed there for a week over in Hawaii; they have 5 chickens in the backyard, it's a quarter acre lot; chickens didn't bother anyone, they're kind of neat to have around; that's just my thought. Jarvis: I'll share mine as well; the concept of this is very appealing to me; Canal Winchester has a history of agriculture; something like this makes sense; I think everybody's nodding their head in the same direction, except for the density, given the ratio of acreage versus the number of animals; I think that staff and planning & zoning did us a big service in that by setting a standard that was higher than what we really would be willing to accept; creating that variance process where nothing is really prohibited; it just allows the voices of the neighbors to be heard in addition to the desires of the farmer, the beekeeper, or the chicken farmer; I don't feel like there's any problem with that. While we could quibble over whether it's an acre, three quarters of an acre or a half an acre; it's just a starting point; because this is somewhat of an unknown, there's a little bit of caution that's being exercised by leaving it at one acre; in the future, if we realize that there are no issues, everybody's comfort level is up; we could always address this in the future; right now, we have a situation where as Sgt. Kitts said, he's on the wrong side of the law; we need to fix that for him, and also for anyone else. Amos: I did ask Andrew to pull some more statistics for me; I wanted to see at one acre, we are looking at 48 homes, after you take out the HOAs; at reducing it to a half acre, that's 106 houses; we have doubled what we are doing; it's 156, after you take out the HOA homes, we are looking at 106 half acre homes, which is only 56 different from one acre to a half an hour; we are only covering 106 homes after the HOAs are removed; I know we are talking about starting point, and I'm glad we are doing this; we want to be seen as a very progressive community, where we are taking our residents' concerns; I just think that starting at one acre, we are allowing a variance; but we're really not looking at a large group of people at one acre; Bennett: I would echo those sentiments; I think Mr Messerly who spoke at one of the meetings said 'yeah could I apply for a variance at one acre?' Yes; if I'm less than half of that, I don't know that I feel like I'm going to get a variance; as Mr Moore stated, if you get the variance, you're allowed to have one acre's worth of animals on a quarter acre; it's not a tiered system, it's not cutting it back; Mrs Crawford here tonight, her property is .21 acres; so it's less than a quarter of one acre; would she get a variance for less than a quarter? I know it's hard, the speculation; if it were a half, it would be less than half; she would already have less than half the lot size needed if we were at half an acre; for her to feel like 'maybe I've got a shot'; but one acre, that's one-fifth of the amount of property; Jarvis: It sounds like a big step, but not having been through the variance process, we really don't know; I'm speaking out of turn here; if the neighbors are in agreement, and they're all on board, I don't see why not; Walker: The way I understand it too, it will go before planning & zoning for the variance; if for some reason, you're turned down at planning & zoning; you can come to full council; Coolman: That's correct; the whole idea here is that currently our status is that there is no tolerance; we need to address that, that's outdated; I think that's what the city did; Andrew Moore I think did a fabulous job writing up what he wrote; I think going with one acre is a nice first step; as Jill pointed out in the property identifications, it doesn't identify a large percentage of our residents; however, the ordinance was written with a variance in mind that if someone – what about those that don't want the animals next to them? This is fair for both sides of the equation; so for those that aren't in favor of it, they can have a say; the variance standards that are set, there are no standards that are set for variances; so we*

*drew up our standards, Andrew did a great job with that; it forces our residents to go out and visit with their neighbors, it forces them to get to know one another; so that we aren't patrolling problems and arguments between neighbors; that's sensible, that's the way it should be; I think it's a good stepping stone, and as Mr Jarvis eluded to earlier, even if you apply for a variance, I think it's an unfair for anyone to say that 'I'm not sure I'll get one' because of the disparity between the acreage I own and the acreage required by the ordinance; I think you have to let the system work, it hasn't even been put in force yet; give it a try, if it doesn't work, you can always bring it back to us. Walker: We did look at other cities that were compared; so we would have something to base it on; that was Grove City and Obetz; Amos: We did look at a lot of cities, they were under one acre, Grove City included; Lynch: Bexley allows 5 on any lot, any size; that's an equation of 5 chickens, bunnies, or 3 and 2, that includes dogs, too; Haire: Most communities in central Ohio don't allow any kind of agriculture; some that are 3 acres and up; the majority of these suburban communities in central Ohio don't allow any agriculture; Walker: Isn't that why we compared also with Grove City and Obetz which was one acre? That's why those counts were made; it's not saying no, even if it's an acre it would end up an acre voted on tonight, doesn't mean you can't get the variance for a quarter or a half acre; again, like Mr Jarvis had stated; if the neighbors are complying with it, you go to planning & zoning and ask for that variance, then you may very well get it; again we don't know the exact criteria; if you feel that you should have gotten it, and didn't get it from planning & zoning, you can come to council; it's not a dead end. Coolman: You can always appeal to council. Clark: I can see both sides of this; it's a difficult issue; I think at the same time there are people who reside in Canal Winchester that don't want these type of animals in that tight of quarters; I've talked to them, I've tried to bring them to council to express themselves; I have talked to a few that aren't in agreement with bringing it down to a quarter or a half; I understand the people that want it, I've talked to them too; it's a tough decision. Coolman: When this came up a few meetings ago; one of the issues that I had with it was the wildlife, the predators that it would bring inside of our community; you live in the ? addition, correct? A year ago, maybe a year and a quarter ago, one of your residents back there lost their dog to a coyote; my whole point is on the predators, bringing them in; we don't need any help bringing them in, they're already here; they are ambush-style predators; if you bring them into a residential area that has a quarter acre, I wonder how the new residents would feel, especially the new mothers that are walking their babies in the strollers down the street; we had an issue in the ? addition years ago about rabid skunks; that being said, there's an article that was put out there by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that said that bobcats have now been sighted in all but 2 of our counties; it's an ongoing issue; we don't need any help bringing them any closer into town. Bennett: My last statement on this would be that a half acre to an acre; if we lowered it to a half acre, we are talking about a potential difference of including 56 homes out of how many homes, 1,800, 2,000? That's a really miniscule percentage; I agree, when you get down to a quarter acre lot, there should be discussion over 'hey, do I want to live across the street from chickens?'; if I live in an HOA area, that's already taken care of, it's not even an option; there are very few homes that this would truly affect; I guess, at the end of the day, it may be out of my hands; I personally feel strongly that a half acre would be a great starting point; to your point, Mr Coolman, if we are under, we could always go back over; there's no reason you can't; just as if you stay too high, there's no reason you*

can't start too low and go higher; this is all an application process; you still have to apply, it's not guaranteed even if I apply; that I'm guaranteed to receive a permit; Mr Haire, if I applied, and I had all the due diligence done, is it a foregone conclusion that I would be able to have bees, chickens or whatever my request would be? Haire: Typically if you meet the criteria; Bennett: One of those would be deed restrictions, potentially; we may have discussed this while you were out, but we talked about potentially adding some line in there about whether this was HOA approved or do you have any deed restrictions; Haire: We talked about including something like that, like a checkbox that they've acknowledged that they are not subject to HOA or deed restrictions; Bennett: I've said my piece.

Jarvis: No matter what we do, it's not the end-all, 'goldilocks' solution, but I think we can move towards that eventually; Walker: I would like to say that we did address that on the deed restrictions, and the deed restrictions supersede the city; we were talking about having the deed restrictions, the city possibly having a copy for the resident, so they could see the deed restrictions that are placed on your development; where there are deed restrictions, the citizen might be told 'it's okay' by the city; then they go and do it, and they find out their deed restrictions restricts them, then it's not okay; in some cases, it's too late for the person who already put it in, then it's up to you as the homeowner, if there's not an active HOA, to have that removed, which could be costly to you; White: Well, can a variance be removed? For example, if she gets approved for whatever, and then it becomes a problem later; can her variance be removed? If I live next to her, and I've got predators coming in now, can I come to council and prove that she is now a problem? Coolman: I would think that the only time that her variance would be in question or looked at would be if she's violating the standards of that variance; the variance has standards for what you can apply for; if it's bees, she has to show where she's going to house them at, she has to plot the flyaway zone, she has to meet the characteristics of the variance; if she's violating those, then those issues will be investigated by the city; it remains to be seen what can be done. Bennett: They still have to be in compliance with the variance; Walker: The chicken manure has to either go to compost, or recycled somewhere, hauled away; therefore, if that's not monitored by someone that would have chickens; we would know, because of the variance, at least who has chickens, who has bees; there's some control to just knowing, instead of having somebody, just everybody able to have chickens, and then not have any monitoring; Jarvis: It would be like any nuisance behavior, right; you don't cut your grass, or pile up garbage; White: Guess I was just looking for protection; Coolman: That's why we recognize that we need a procedure, right now there isn't one; to protect the wishes of those that would like them, and those that wouldn't; Hollins: We need you at the podium; White: For example, we have an issue at the fire department where you can have cookouts in your yard; it's okay if you fill the certain parameters that the city has; if a neighbor complains, then it must be put out, but it's okay as long as there's no complaints; I don't know if the city has a policy for something like that or not. Lynch: I think that would fall under the nuisance category, with livestock and stuff it would fall under the health department, too; if there are problems with odor, noise, whatever; that falls under a completely different category, that's legislated differently, and enforced differently than proving and not proving of a variance. Bennett: Mr Peoples, do you have something? Peoples: I didn't craft this, but my understanding is a variance is only a variance of the acreage, not at all the other requirements; with the nuisance category, they would be in violation of the provisions of the ordinance; Lynch: Actually, a lot of those you can go over

into other regulations beyond the nuisance regulations, beyond what's in the animals ordinance;  
 Bennett: Mr Haire, you weren't at the last council meeting, one of the speakers was from the Franklin County Health Department; apparently, I could have this wrong, I thought they were saying that they did yearly inspections on these types of – did they not do them? Mr Walker is saying no; Amos: Only when they call in problems; Coolman: I think each municipality is on their own; Jarvis: Just remember that this is a starting point; could be changed, up, down, sideways, whatever council decides is in the best interest of the community.

**A motion was made by Jarvis, seconded by Coolman to approve this ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes 7 – Jarvis, Coolman, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Lynch, Walker**

**ORD-18-004**

Finance

Sponsor: Lynch

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract For The Prosecution Of Certain Criminal Cases And Certain Civil Division Cases In The Franklin County Municipal Court For The Calendar Year 2018 With The City Of Columbus Attorney's Office ([Ex. A](#))

- Adoption

**A motion was made by Lynch, seconded by Amos to approve this ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes 7 – Lynch, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker**

**ORD-18-005**

Finance

Sponsor: Coolman

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract For Indigent Defense Representation In The Franklin County Municipal Court With The Franklin County Public Defender On Behalf Of The City Of Canal Winchester Mayors Court For The Calendar Year 2018 ([Ex. A](#))

- Adoption

**A motion was made by Coolman, seconded by Walker to approve this ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes 7 – Coolman, Walker, Amos, Bennett, Clark, Jarvis, Lynch**

Second Reading

**ORD-18-008**

Public Service

Sponsor: Coolman

An Ordinance To Repeal Section 951.02 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Canal Winchester ([Ex. A](#))

- Second Reading Only

First Reading

**ORD-18-009**

Public Service

An Ordinance to Update Swimming Pool Rates

- First Reading Only

## I. Reports

### Mayor's Report

[18-023](#)

### Mayor's Report

*Mayor Ebert: Just want to touch on the two things that we do have on staff reports; as you know, Jessica at our last council meeting, her husband was in a motorcycle accident, causing her to leave early; he's still in the hospital as of today; doing a little better as the days progress; still has a long, long way to go; staff, myself, and council members have been very, very, very generous in what they're helping out with – they're a 2 paycheck family, going down to a one paycheck family, which is something they didn't plan for; we are doing everything we can in the office, in the street department, and in every department to throw a little money at them, give them gift cards, transportation, food, whatever we need to do on a daily basis; anything that anyone can help with would be very much appreciated. As far as the Consumer Awareness workshop; it happened last week on the 28<sup>th</sup>; there were about 30 people there, it was a very interesting session, I wish there were 130 people there; it was very well – they did a very good job of putting that on; Jason Meadows, a detective with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department, and Ryan Lippe with the Attorney General's office both gave a presentation; it was interesting, listening to the goofy things that people are doing these days; people have wild imaginations on how they want to get your money; it's crazy. That's all I have, other than I need approval for the Mayor's Court Report.*

[18-025](#)

### February 2018 Mayor's Court Report

***A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Lynch to approve this Mayor's Court Report. The motion carried by the following vote:***

***Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker***

### Fairfield County Sheriff

*Sgt. Cassel: what I have here is the statistical data for February 2018; we have stats of 403 calls, 744 pickup runs, 197 multi-unit calls, 76 reports filed, 17 addendums, 5 FI cards, 12 civil papers attempted to be served, 9 papers actually served, 7,633 building checks, 604 vacation checks, 69 traffic stops, 58 citations, 42 warnings, 2 felony arrests, 12 misdemeanor arrests, 17 warrant arrests, 1 pink slips, 1 charge packets, 2 summons, 26 misdemeanor charges filed, and 4 felony charges filed. Total of 80,640 possible minutes of down time, or like you guys like to hear it called "busy time", our total time that we worked was 49,006, divide that by 20 days, so our actual busy percentage was 60.77%; if you turn the page, you'll see some comparison of stats; total offenses in 2016 was 785, total in 2017 was 1,090; tickets and complaints in 2017 was 903; top 5 offenses in 2016 would be petty theft at 148, speed at 98, assured CDA at 61, expired tags/unlawful plates at 46, and drug paraphernalia at 44. In 2017, top 5 offenses would be speed at 370, petty theft at 88, assured CDA at 80, expired tags/unlawful plates at 82, and drug paraphernalia at 44. Go ahead and turn the page, for 2016 versus 2017, this is just to give you guys an example on how we were busier than what we were in 2017. Total dispatched calls in 2016 would be 5,356 versus 5,752 in 2017; multi-unit calls were at 1,876 in 2016 versus 2,432 in 2017; reports taken in 2016 would be 1,157; reports taken in 2017*

would be 1,301; business checks: 79,882 in 2016; almost 100,000 in 2017; vacation checks, in 2016 would be 2,266; 2017, 3,239; traffic stops, 1,081; in 2017, 1,330; warnings written in 2016 would be 826, in 2017, 720; traffic citations in 2016 would be 695; in 2017, traffic cites were 1,170. I look forward to more arrests in 2018 because of the contract with franklin county jail, so I look forward to seeing those numbers go up; I look forward to our thefts going down. If you flip through those other 3 pages, that's the other statistical data broken up into categories.

*Bennett: I would like to thank Sergeant Cassel for assembling all of these statistics for us; I know that that is no small task that we have asked. I just want to again share my appreciation.*

#### *Law Director*

*Hollins: I want to thank you for hosting the Mayor's Staff Retreat last week, it always impresses me, hearing the reports what they've achieved in the past year, and what they plan to do in the upcoming year; it's nearly overwhelming, how well rounded the city has always been, and continues to be, and what it has accomplished; one of those things that was reported, we saw those slides you just looked at, and the impressive work being done by this year's office; we thought it was really interesting information, I still continue to believe that, although it was not quite as interesting to hear Sgt. Cassel read it line-by-line. No need for executive session this evening, as far as I'm aware.*

#### *Finance Director*

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#### Finance Director's Report

*Jackson: Included in the packet are the end of month reports from January and February, as far as the types of offenses that were put into the Mayor's Court system; this was something that had been discussed at a previous council meeting; just wanted to let you know that that was included in there, it is my intention to do that every month, with the monthly Mayor's Court Report.*

*Bennett: I just wanted to thank Ms Jackson for including that data as well, it was great to be able to go through and look at it line-by-line. Coolman: I'd just like to say as well thank you to Ms Jackson for keeping us all informed as well, about Jessie's husband.*

#### *Public Service Director*

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#### Director of Public Service Project Update

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#### Construction Services Administrator Project Update

*Peoples: I don't have anything to add to my work session report.*

#### *Development Director*

*Haire: The only additional item is just to let you know that I'll be bringing the parks plan draft to the first meeting of next month.*

## **J. Council Reports**

*Work Session/Council*

*Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6 p.m.*

*Work Session/Council* Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6 p.m.  
*Public Hearing* Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
- 100 Winchester Cemetery Rd Rezoning  
*CW Human Services* Mr. Lynch

*Lynch: Nothing new to report.*

*CWICC* Mr. Clark

*Clark: Our next meeting is May 30th at 11:30 at the Interurban building;*

*CWJRD* Mr. Bennett/Mrs. Amos

*Bennett: Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Town Hall; we have not had a meeting since our last council meeting. Nothing new to report.*

*Destination: Canal Winchester* Mr. Walker

*Walker: Farmer's Market and Blues and Rib Fest is on track.*

#### **K. Old/New Business**

*Amos: Mr Peoples, do we have the light pole for the one hit in front of the bank? I know you love to recycle out light poles on a regular basis; is that one on order? Jackson: The hydrant was hit too; Peoples: That is the third time in about 2 years that the hydrant has been hit; the light has been hit 6 times; so we are looking at that. We try to keep a supply of lights as much as possible; Amos: I thought we had discussed that we were going to start keeping some in stock; I know there is a lot more than just going out and putting a light up. Jarvis: To clarify, what was the location? Amos: Fifth Third Bank.*

#### **L. Adjourn to Executive Session - NONE**

#### **M. Adjournment at 8:01 p.m.**

***A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Clark to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:***

***Yes 7 – Bennett, Clark, Amos, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker***