

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

October 19, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Work Session

*Mike Coolman - Chair
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken
Mike Walker*

A. Call To Order

Coolman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

*Present 6 – Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker
Absent 1 - Clark*

A motion was made by Amos to excuse Clark; seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amos, Lynch, Bennett, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

C. Also In Attendance

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson, Bill Sims, Sargent Hendershot

D. Reports

Bill Sims – Thank you, Mr. Coolman; there is still a bit of work to get wrapped up here before winter time; street program is pretty much wrapped up; we did seal coat and restriped the pool parking lot; we have a contractor adding additional parking at the Public Service Complex and Waste Water Treatment Plant; Bixby Road Water and Sewer Extension pipe is all in the ground it has all been tested; we are doing a little bit of disinfecting of the water main right now; should be done by the end of this week; the remaining work is whit with the lift station; they are in the plumbing stages now; and then move into the electrical; so we have about another month before that is wrapped up; the generator replacement at the water reclamation facility is actually approaching a standstill point; we are waiting for the generator delivery which should be here beginning of December; Gender Road Phase V plan; we have reviewed those; making updates to it currently; and we have also started preliminary work on then 2021 Street Program; we are expecting it back with the numbers this week; we are looking at continuing work in Ashbrook Village; and Fox Hill Drive; wraps up that area in Westchester; we will be looking at doing another portion of Waterloo; and then we have a list of other things that we will have to decide which would be the best fit; the Municipal Complex, we are waiting on some updates and budgets; this budget should be very close so we can create a GMP in the next week; we are also looking at some structural problems with the building; our goal is to have everything wrapped up and then in a couple weeks we will know about any additional work; things are starting to wind down; Winchester Boulevard extension; the sidewalks are in there us punch list work to do, they should be done is 10 days to two weeks; we have Turning Stone Phase II; they are being sanitary construction later this week; about two weeks of utility work to do; still working with MCI; they have some changes on the permits we had; Mr. Spenser sent me some notes; Gender Road Phase VI we gave them a proposal on start working on preliminary engineering studies and working on an application for safety funds for US 33 bridge for the pedestrian access; questions?

Amos: On the structural problems with the McDorman Building; are those current issues or are they concerns with the proposed plan? Sims: I don't think I would use the word problems; but concerns we want to look at; the structural engineer that's working on the refurbishment have done some investigating and they would like to look further; so we are working with Lehman Daman hiring a third party structural engineer to look at the whole extent of the building. Amos: Did we have a building inspector prior to purchase that missed something? Sims: No, we have all the building plans; which went through normal review; the concern was... it's hard to describe; it's not a problem; there is just a concern;

there is not a structure analysis of the original structure; but it wasn't required; essentially any engineer looking at the building would like to see that; and the building is a pole barn like structure, it isn't common; when you renovate a building how far back do you have to go; we are trying to discover if there is anything we have to remedy. Coolman: The plans for the over pass of US 33 and Gender Road; is there any plans for a Canal Winchester sign? Sims: There are no plans; we are not that far along yet; I think some level of beautification is certainly something we are interested in; if its having a Canal Winchester sign, or improved landscaping; and it has come very common; I know it is a desire at this point. Lynch: In an addition to the over pass; it is my understanding we are wanting to make that more pedestrian friendly as a way to get more funds, is that correct? Sims: ODOT has an actual safety fund for pedestrian pathways that is easier get; definitely looking at a pedestrian pathway there; and it is a safety issue; there are very wide shoulders; so there is space to make a walkway without widening the bridge. Lynch: If we make that pedestrian friendly; there would be a fence along the side which would make the signage Mr. Coolman is talking about, a lot easier to do. Sims: Yes. Lynch: Thank you. Sims: You're Welcome.

Sargent Hendershot- Good Evening Council; I have September's stats; dispatch calls we had 414; 1,248 pick-up runs; 280 multiple unit calls; 91 reports; 201 traffic stops with 106 citations; 175 warnings; 14 misdemeanor arrests; 14 warrant arrests; 24 summons in lieu; 63 misdemeanor charges; and 4 felony charges filed; busy time for first shift was 71%; second was 69%; thirds was 57% for a total of 66%; the biggest thing I noticed for September was 68% of our calls were two deputy calls; second shift has picked up on call volume; trick or treat coming up we will have deputies and community watch out; our annual rewards banquet was canceled in May; so we finally just got our awards out; I was able to give Miller and Devoe lifesaving award; and then Deputy Webb had two commendations. Lynch: Congratulations on the awards; the chalking incident over on Franklin Street; do have any idea what the status on that; where there any charges filed. Hendershot: And she hasn't had any update? Darnel Patrick was the suspect; we did file charges of menacing and disorderly conduct; and after they are filled it is out of our hands; so she would need to call the Franklin County Prosecutor. Bennett: Are those stats available anywhere? Amos: They are in the Council packet. Bennett: OK. Lynch: I was looking through the crime reports for Fairfield County; there are an unusual amount of stops at Walmart; how many stops a week you think you have at that place? Hendershot: We are there at least every other day, if not every day. Lynch: Then wouldn't it make sense for Walmart get their own special duty officer? The schools has a special duty officer, why can't Walmart. Hendershot: Yes, we have a contract with the school; Walmart was approached before and they said it was not something they were interested in; because of the cost; we would love to have some over there on special duty... Walker: It was somewhere around a year or two ago that Mayor Ebert had, had the conversation with Walmart and other places with similar calls. Hendershot: It's not just Walmart, we have a lot of call volume at Meijer; it all depends on how good their loss prevention is; if they have someone who knows what they are doing; then we have a lot of charges; it just depends on who is working; maybe we can look at how other agencies are handling their calls; I know that Columbus Police doesn't respond to calls for theft unless it's over \$3k; I know the deputies doesn't mind. Lynch: Is that something we could do here; make a cap; or you guys won't respond to it. Hendershot: But what you will find is, people think they can come to Canal Winchester Walmart; that is why we started locking them up; if we don't respond and don't take these calls seriously; it will only get worse. Walker: I agree it would be nice to get help; for them to have their own private deputy; I would like to see it revisited. Hendershot: For the next council meeting I can look to see how many calls we have for Walmart and Meijer.

E. Request for Council Action

ORD-20-046

Finance

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Health Services Contract With Franklin County Public Health ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Request to move to full Council

Peoples- Ms. Jackson went to remote in; her computer isn't working; this is just a renewal of our contract; it is an increase of \$4,700 from last year. Lynch: Is the increase due to the increase in population? Peoples: I don't know the answer to that; I am assuming a little bit of both.

A motion was made by Lynch to move ORD-20-046 to full Council; seconded by Bennett. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Lynch, Bennett, Amos, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

ORD-20-047

Finance

An Ordinance To Amend The 2020 Appropriation Ordinance #19-069, Amendment #3 ([Ordinance, Appropriations Amend Memo 3](#))

- Request to move to full Council

Peoples- The memo itself is pretty self-explanatory.

A motion was made by Bennett to move ORD-20-047 to full Council; seconded by Walker. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Bennett, Walker, Amos, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken

ORD-20-048

Public Service

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance #18-030 And Set Water User Fees Outside The Special Water Allocation District ([Ordinance](#))

- Request to move to full Council

Peoples- Thank you Mr. Coolman; I am actually going to be talking about this Ordinance and proposed Ordinance 20-049; it is basically doing the same thing but on the sewer user fees; so back in 2018 we passed the ordinances for a four year rate setting; so the first two years were no rate increases; and then they both (water and sewer) and 2% rate increases in the third and fourth years; as I stated in my report, we are doing pretty well in those accounts; better than expected; better than projected on the revenue side; especially with this year; some of our spending was down; with those things together, we are confident we can forgo the 2% rate increase for water and sewer for 2021; and we would modify the rate for 2022 as well; and I would love to say we would forgo the rate increase for 2022; but we will have to see; we are very proud we are able to do this; obviously with the revenue, but how Joe Taylor and Steve Smith run their plants and their efficient process; and it is perfect timing with people still having issues with COVID, it offers a little bit of help. Lynch: We are talking about do improvements to the water plant; and additional water lines; just to reassure the general public; are our funds flush enough to handle all of these improvement without increasing rates. Peoples: We have some economic tools in the TIF that help us pay for some of these projects; if nothing else, it is a reimbursement to those accounts; additionally the North Pointe Building; the capacity fees they paid for that; paid almost two thirds of that with just capacity fees.

A motion made by Amos to move ORD-20-048 to full Council; seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amos, Lynch, Bennett, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

ORD-20-049

Public Service

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance #18-031 And Set Sanitary Sewer User Fees ([Ordinance](#))

- Request to move to full Council

A motion was made by Lynch to move ORD-20-049 to full Council; seconded by Amos. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Lynch, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

ORD-20-050

Public Service

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract With Columbus Pool Management, Inc. For The Operation Of The Swimming Pool ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Request to move to full Council

Peoples- As I had in my written report the last couple of months; we are at the end of our three year contract with Columbus Pool Management; we asked them if they wanted to submit another proposal; they were very much interested; we also reached out to a local company that is in this market called Swim Safe Pool Management; just for a cost comparison stand point; it has been awhile since we went out for proposals on this; we wanted to make sure our cost were in line; the proposals were very close; Columbus Pool Management actually had a decrease of roughly \$8k from 20 to 21; after a three year period they were within \$2k of themselves; we decided to stick with Columbus Pool Management; we wouldn't have to go through the training process and they know our system; there was no doubt Swim Safe was able to do the work; they are with the City of Grandview; the \$8k decrease is from changing the providers, and COVID; We have been happy with the Columbus Pool Management; they are instituting management training into their program; they have had some younger managers; it has caused problems with the customer service. Amos: This year is a year or three. Peoples: The contract is for three years. Amos: The staff last year was complaining about Columbus Pool Management not giving out the schedule. Peoples: The report that I got was some people who wouldn't log on to try and get their schedule; I know right at the beginning of 2019 there was issues with scheduling; and that was rectified immediately. Amos: I remember one of the kids half way through the season; she wasn't getting her schedule until the day before; I just want to make sure we keep an eye on it. Coolman: I believe that was a shortage of workers, if I remember. Bennett: Is the hourly rate going to be competitive with this contract; so we can attract enough staffing. Peoples: I know they have pulled people from other pools before. Bennett: Kids locally may move to the Groveport pool because it is higher pay rate. Peoples: I have heard they have a higher pay rate but it is hard to get hours. Bennett: Thank you for negotiating this contract on our behalf.

A motion was made by Bennett to move ORD-20-050 to Council; seconded by Walker. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Bennett, Walker, Amos, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken

F. Items for Discussion

20-216

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Peoples- Thank you Mr. Coolman; included with your packet is the draft for the Five Year Capital Improvement

Plan; as I tell you every single year, these projects are not set in stone; even the ones we are looking at for 2021 does not mean we will be doing them all; the ones that we are looking at, I think Mr. Sims reported, that we are going through the CIP engineering with Shane Spencer; what we usually have them do is look at a couple projects put some prices on them, then we start looking at the budget; unfortunately not all these projects will be able to fit in 2021; other than that, I know Mr. Haire put in a lot of projects for the possibility for next year and that is where those TIF funds I was talking about earlier will be used; again this is just a draft; just for your review, let me know if you have any other projects; I think we captured a lot of the downtown plan; some of the utility projects we are going to move forward; but other than that it is just a planning document. Lynch: Groveport Metro Park Trail; are we going to connect to the City of Groveport. Peoples: Not the City of Groveport; but we will be connecting to the Walnut Woods Metro Park; between Groveport Rd and Walnut Creek; we talked to them about having a path that connected to Walnut Woods, and having a bridge over Walnut Creek. Lynch: the Phase one in '21 calls for \$2.2 million addition; I thought we were only doing only about a million on that. Peoples: No, that is the trail connector. It is a separate line item; Phase one is a \$500,000 grant towards a \$2.2 million project. Lynch: Is there a reason the parks phases skip a year. Peoples: We also have down on 80 is phase three; it's really just being cognizant towards the budget; and how much money we are spending; and making sure the funds are available. Lynch: The Winchester Boulevard Extension; that is in anticipation in ODOT doing something a little further north. Peoples: Yeah, that project has probably been on this list since 2005.

G. Old/New Business

20-220

Police Staffing

Bennett: Thank you Mr. Coolman; as we continue to discuss policing services; and finding the model for proper staffing; we have reached out to a couple folks; there is a group joining us tonight; Mr. Sabransky and his associates; to discuss some of the things they have done; Mr. Peoples, are they able to hear us and speak back? Peoples: I am not aware. Bennett: There is no way to unmute those folks? (Inaudible chattering) People: Yeah, they way Mr. Sabransky has logged on, I can't unmute him at this point. Bennett: OK. Coolman: Maybe we can invite them back.

H. Adjournment @ 6:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Bennett to adjourn; seconded by Milliken. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Bennett, Milliken, Amos, Coolman, Lynch, Walker