

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL July 28, 2008

President Rodriguez called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members Bachelor, Buxton, Jeffries, King, and Larmore answered roll call. Council Members Scott and Sell were absent. Also present were Mayor LaRue, Safety Service Director Hazel, Planning & Community Development Director Bryan; City Auditor Stewart, and City Law Director McKirman.

CM Bachelor made a motion to accept the amended agenda, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 5-0, Aye.

CM Bachelor made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2008 regular council meeting as written, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 5-0, Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CM Jeffries gave an overview of the July 17th Utilities Committee Meeting. He reported that the customers' responsibilities for installation of electric services was discussed (in reference to the current underground electric installation projects) and are outlined in the Utilities Service Policy, which was approved by Ordinances 60-03-O and 62-04-O. An over-loaded feeder to the Havemann Road area was also discussed. Legislation allowing the bidding of the Feeder 8 upgrade is on tonight's agenda. The electric department will be performing improvements to the Hasis Road electric lines, while approval for the Feeder 8 project is presented for Council approval.

CM Buxton reported the Buildings and Ground Committee met July 23rd. They had a brief discussion of locations of various City-owned properties. City Hall exterior repairs were addressed and legislation to allow the bidding process and contract award is on tonight's agenda for Council consideration.

Council President Rodriguez reported the Council of a Whole met July 23rd for discussion of the proposed stormwater utility design. She stated the members have a better understanding of what a stormwater utility is and the need for implementation of the utility to provide necessary funding for fixing drainage problems. She also pointed out the difficulty for residents to pay the proposed fee and for needed utility rate increases, but the Council needs to make a decision based on the best interest of the City and its residents.

CM Bachelor reported the Personnel & Finance Committee met July 25th for review of the Non-Union wages and benefits agreement. Legislation for approval of the Agreement is on tonight's agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

Cory Shiverdecker asked if the City has a person designated to bring jobs into the area. He stated a Wal-Mart job that pays \$7.00 per hour cannot feed a family of four. He also asked if any thought has been given to the no parking regulations downtown between 3:00 am and 5:00 am. He stated a friend of his got a ticket this past weekend after leaving a downtown bar and choosing to do the right thing by not driving his car home after drinking. Planning & Community Development Director Bryan stated that he works along with the Mayor and the County's Community Development Department to help businesses

with retention and potential expansion. Safety-Service Director Hazel explained that the downtown is swept every morning, thus the no parking from 3 to 5 is needed. Police Chief Slusser noted that there are downtown City parking lots available to park if a person goes to go to a local bar and is not able to drive home.

NEW BUSINESS: (First Reading)

33-08-O: An Ordinance appropriating funds from the Electric Fund for utility pole replacement and upgrade of a segment of the Electric Distribution System between State Road 127 North and Celina-Mendon Road, and declaring an emergency. CM Bachelor made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Jeffries. Roll call vote, 5-0 Aye.

34-08-O: An Ordinance authorizing the construction to replace the Water Intake Building on West Bank Road, and declaring an emergency. CM Jeffries stated that the Ordinance says that \$150,000 is available in the loan, but does not indicate what the estimated cost of the building is. He also questioned if the foundation is adequate to hold the planned cement split faced block and why the height of the sidewalls was reported to him to be only 6'. Planning & Community Development Director Bryan responded that the estimate for the replacement of the building is a maximum of \$150,000. It was decided to construct the new structure out of the blocks to match the new GAC facility and the engineering plans show an adequate foundation to support the blocks. The sidewalls of the building have been, and remain, designed to be 12' in height. Bryan recommended Jeffries stop in his office to review the building plans with him. CM Bachelor made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote, 4-1 Aye. CM Jefferies voted nay.

35-08-O: An Ordinance appropriating funds for external maintenance and repair of Celina City Hall, and declaring an emergency. CM Buxton stated that he was told that the type of brick on City Hall absorbs water and that sealing the brick could cause more chipping. Director Hazel responded that it is his understanding that the acid wash applied before the sealing helps bring out the moisture. CM King asked if the building has weep holes to help with water. Director Hazel replied that he unaware if weep holes currently exist but will verify with Chief Kuhn. CM Bachelor made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Roll call vote, 5-0 Aye.

36-08-O: An Ordinance accepting donations for a police cruiser and establishing appropriations of the donated funds, and declaring an emergency. Chief Slusser reported that the present canine vehicle has a crack in the engine block and it will be removed from the fleet. Acceptance of the donation for a new vehicle is making a commitment to the canine program in Celina. The average service of a police dog is 8 years, and Nick is into his 9th year of service. The City will most likely need to replace Nick with a new canine unit in two to three years. CM King extended a huge thank you to the donating organizations and also to Chief Slusser for getting a third car for the department. Slusser stated that police officer John Taylor facilitated the offer from the club organizations replacing this vehicle. CM Jeffries noted that the police department also received bicycles donated by the Celina Eagles Lodge in time for the Lake Festival events. CM Bachelor made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote, 5-0 Aye.

37-08-O: An Ordinance adopting schedules of salaried and hourly ranges, employee benefits along with personnel provisions for non-union officers and employees as well as provisions not covered in contracts with union employees of the City of Celina, Ohio, to repeal all Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency. CM Bachelor told members that since the review of the

agreement at the July 25th meeting, a slight change has been made to the wording in Section 5 (3). The section was changed to state that an employee who is reemployed to a job classification will return at the same step as the employee had left the classification at, rather than at their old rate. Director Hazel explained the annual pay increases of 3.5% the first year and 3% the second and third years match the CMERC and Police Officers & Sergeants' union contract increases. He further explained that 10 positions increased in pay steps due to the point factor analysis conducted by Clemans Nelson Associates; however, he added that the pay grade increase does not automatically give those employees raises beyond the annual merit increases since the adjustment is within the next pay range. Instead it allows for the increase in their pay to the top of the new pay grade over the next several years. It was also noted that the exempt salary schedule has been renumbered since existing Grade 3 was eliminated to correct a substantial overlap between Grades 2 and 3. An additional Grade was created to bridge the approximate \$11,000 gap between Grade 5 and 4. CM King made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote, 5-0 Aye.

10-08-R: A Resolution accepting funds from the Amp-Ohio Community Connections Program designated to the Celina Governor's Cup Regatta and declaring an emergency. Director Hazel asked the Law Director's opinion on if this Resolution should be in the form of an Ordinance appropriating the money. McKirnan responded the money would be put into the general fund, and therefore it is his opinion that it should be re-appropriated to the proper account for a paper trail. CM Bachelor made a motion to withdraw the Resolution, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote, 5-0 Aye. Director Hazel will revise the Resolution to an Ordinance and submit it at the next Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

CM Bachelor made a motion to enter into executive session for discussion of sale of property. CM Jeffries seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0. The meeting convened in executive session at 7:58 PM. Attendees of the executive session were Council President and Council members, Safety-Service Director, Auditor, Law Director, Planning and Community Development Director, and Interim Council Clerk. CM King made a motion to adjourn the executive session, seconded by CM Buxton. The motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0. The meeting convened in regular session at 8:04 PM.

29-08-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Versa-Pak Ltd. for sale of property in the Grand Lake Industrial Park, and declaring an emergency. CM Bachelor made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Jeffries. Roll call vote, 5-0 Aye.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor LaRue reported:

- The International Amphicar Owners Club presented the City with an Honorary Lifetime Membership at its 10th annual "swim-in" during the Celina Lake Festival. Council members commented on the friendliness of the car club participants each year.
- The 2008 Celina Lake Festival was held this past weekend. They had fantastic crowds thanks to the good weather.
- A Japanese student delegation of 13 arrived in Celina Sunday, July 27th. They were brought in and took a tour of the City by trolley. Planning & Community Development Director Bryan is housing a chaperone.

Director Hazel reported:

- The electric department finished the installation of the lights around the lighthouse.
- The 1958 (Peter) Pirsch fire truck is out of service due to bearing problems. The department is waiting on quotes for repairs.
- All eight tanks of carbon are on line at the GAC facility. Official quality testing will be conducted in mid-August, but unofficial test results are excellent.

Auditor Stewart informed Council she has the Codified Ordinance books updated with the new replacement pages. She explained the reasoning of the number of copies needed and the charges for updates and copies by the Walter Drane Company.

The August 11th Regular Council Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for the Monday, August 4th.

A Utility Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 6th at 4:30 pm for continued discussion of the Stormwater Impact Fees and distribution of proposed rate increases for the Wastewater utility.

OPWC Fund allocation and related projects will be discussed as part of the Administrative Reports at the August 4th Regular Council Meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CM King stated she read in the newspaper that the walkway will go out for bid in the fall. Director Bryan explained that \$300,000 remains available after the completion of Phase I. A scope of work for Phase IA to use up the available funds will be the movement of the concrete from the Mersman property as a breakwater to protect Phase II of the walkway. She also asked if a committee meeting will be held for the merge of the three lakefront TIF districts. Bryan responded, yes.

CM Jeffries stated the old section of the walkway is littered with trash, leaves and limbs. Director Hazel said he would check on it but did advise that it is within the State's jurisdiction.

Director Hazel passed around photographs of the construction site of the Amp Ohio Prairie State project currently under construction in southwest Illinois. He stated it is a 1,600 Megawatt plant and Celina has a 15 Megawatt interest.

CM Bachelor reported that the income tax collections through June are ahead of last year by approximately \$66,000. He also noted that the utilities operating summary is in the red for all three utilities. The purchase power is \$1.1 million above last year and explained that power costs have increased. Director Hazel responded that he would review the operating statements with the Auditor but that the EAA is a mechanism to ensure that the Electric Fund is always made whole. The water operating expenses for carbon was briefly discussed.

President Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Joan S. Wurster, Interim Council Clerk

