

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL February 9, 2009

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

CM Sell made a motion to adopt the agenda with the correction to 8-09-O, seconded by CM Scott. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

CM Sell made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2009 Regular Council Meeting as written, seconded by CM Buxton. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

CM Scott made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Special Council Meeting as corrected, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CM Bachelor reported that the Personnel & Finance Committee met on January 27th. They briefly discussed department budgets and projected revenue. They then went into executive session and no action was taken. The committee met again on February 3rd. They looked at fund requests and anticipated revenues. He said they also discussed the Stormwater Utility Budget and the Administration/General Budget. CM Bachelor briefly went over the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor LaRue gave her State of the City report. A short discussion followed on the Winklejohn building.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

Jim Meyer, representing the Lord's Church, asked about parking and expressed concerns about parallel parking. Director Bryan said nothing has been decided at this time on angle or parallel parking. He briefly went over the number of spots that is required by code if they stay angled.

NEW BUSINESS: (First Reading)

6-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Celina to accept the FY2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security for purchase of a vehicle exhaust removal system for use in the Celina Fire Department, to advertise and accept bids, and further authorize the Board of Control to award the bid and the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract, and declaring an emergency. CM Jeffries asked if anyone knows how this system works and Director Hazel explained. CM Jeffries asked about the matching fund. Director Hazel explained and said the amount is in the budget. He doesn't think it will go that high and will have a firm number after the bids. Director Hazel said no signature was required for the application because it was sent in on line. He said he spoke with the chief and explained that no more grants will go in without a resolution first. Director Hazel said this became a safety issue with fumes going through out the city hall. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Sell. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM Sell made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

7-09-O: An Ordinance amending the 2009 Temporary Appropriations Ordinance 73-08-O, and declaring an emergency. CM Bachelor said these funds are covered in an appropriated ordinance and Director Hazel explained the figures. A motion to suspend the rules was made by CM King, seconded by CM Buxton. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

8-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to dispose of a 1994 Ford dump truck through bidding, and declaring an emergency. Director Hazel stated that he feels this is an excellent deal. He explained how the sale works and said the money goes into the General Fund. CM Sell made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by CM Buxton, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

9-09-O: An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Celina, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, and declaring an emergency. CM Bachelor made a motion to read the totals in the third column only, seconded by CM Sell. The motion passed by voice acclamation. CM Bachelor said the first reading of this ordinance is tonight and a public hearing will be held, then there will be another Personnel & Finance Committee to discuss it. A Public Hearing was set for Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the GAC plant. A motion was made to pass the ordinance to second reading by CM Sell, seconded by CM Buxton. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

3-09-R: A Resolution authorizing the City of Celina to submit a grant application to the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of an emergency fire truck, and declaring an emergency. Director Hazel said he believes the deadline is May 1st. He said this is a long shot grant. It would replace the grass truck. The reward will probably not be until 2010. CM Larmore asked how old the existing truck is, and Director Hazel said it's a 1982. CM King said she hates to pass up a new truck but we need to watch our expenditures. CM Buxton asked the book value of the current truck and Director Hazel said it's off the books but is still operable. A short discussion on funds followed. CM Sell made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by CM Scott. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS: (Second Reading)

3-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a lease agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company and declaring an emergency. CM Jeffries said he would like to see the metal building down but has concerns about parking for the Town Tavern. Director Bryan said this is private property that has been used for parking for years. The railroad will probably put signage and barriers up. Director Bryan said he has spoke with the property owner of Town Tavern and will be sitting down with him once the agreement with the railroad is signed to work on the parking issue. CM Scott asked if this is used as a thorough fare to avoid the light. Director Bryan said yes, but with the Main Street Project the drive will be curbed to stop the thorough fare. Director Bryan went over answers to questions on the agreement that came up at the last meeting. He said we're just taking use of the surface of the ground so we can mow it, take down the building, and control the property. CM Jeffries asked how the area is zoned and Director Hazel said S-1, Special Use. A motion to pass the ordinance to third reading was made by CM Sell, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

2-09-R: A Resolution approving the permanent pavement width for the Main Street Reconstruction Project, and declaring an emergency. CM Jeffries asked how much sidewalk will be left after light poles are placed and Director Bryan said approximately eight feet. There was a lengthy discussion on sidewalk and street width. CM Sell made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 5-2, Aye. CM Bachelor and CM Jeffries voted Nay. The motion failed and automatically passes to third reading.

CM Sell made a motion to take 57-08-O off the table, seconded by CM Scott. Roll call vote 6-1, Aye. CM Jeffries voted Nay.

57-08-O: An Ordinance vacating all of the street right-of-way known as "County Road" south of East Market Street. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by CM Scott, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 6-1, Aye. CM Jeffries voted Nay.

A motion to take 58-08-O off the table was made by CM Sell, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 6-1, Aye. CM Jeffries voted Nay.

58-08-O: An Ordinance authorizing the exchange of real property for the betterment of Pullman Bay Park. CM Scott asked when the project will start if the ordinance passes. Director Bryan said when the weather warms up, as early in the spring as possible. CM Sell asked if there is no language change, what took so much time on this. Director Bryan said there were no changes in language but he was just trying to get signatures. Several of the parties involved were out of town. CM Scott made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM Sell. Roll call vote 6-1, Aye. CM Jeffries voted Nay.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A Council as a Whole Committee meeting was set for February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the utility building.

A Personnel & Finance Committee meeting was set for March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the utility building. Another Personnel & Finance Committee meeting was set for March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the utility building.

Director Bryan said depending on the federal stimulus bill there may be some money available. The Ohio EPA sent a letter for a wish list on wastewater that is due Friday. A wish list for any projects we have on water projects is due March 15th.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CM Jeffries asked if it is the building owners or business owner who will be paying the matching fund. Director Bryan said it is the building owner.

CM Jeffries asked if it is a common wall between the Gibbons building and the doctor's office. Director Bryan said from what he has seen he believes it is a separate wall.

CM Sell said he thinks we need to look at the old council chambers when we know we'll be having a large audience present.

CM Scott asked if the Christmas trees are permanent at the water tower. Director Hazel said they will come down as soon as the weather gets better.

CM Buxton asked about the four cuts in Magnolia Street. Director Hazel said they are probably Dominion but will check into it.

Director Bryan said he will give a courtesy call to Bill Montgomery to let him know we will be taking down the sign on the Montgomery property on Grand Lake Road. He also said he will be checking on cost to cut some trees on the lot.

President Pro Tem Bachelor adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Jackie L. Lacy, Council Clerk