

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL August 10, 2009

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

CM Larmore made a motion to move the audience communication before the executive session and accept the agenda, seconded by CM Jeffries. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

Don Kohnen asked council to consider having the audience communications before executive sessions from now on.

Bryan Dupes, 219 Godfrey Avenue, turned in a petition to council on cleaning up the property on Godfrey Avenue. There was a discussion with council and their thoughts on what to do with the property. Mr. Dupes made note of the flyer that he receives with his utility bill that it mentions the ordinance on weeds and grass. Director Bryan mentioned that he has been looking at a grant program with stimulus money from the state for demolition and removal of buildings. He said he has a verbal commitment from the property owner to follow through with the grant if the city gets it.

Warren Menchhofer, 302 S. Brandon, expressed his concerns about the same property and there was further discussion with council.

Law Director McKirnan stated that concerning the starting time on meetings really comes to the person starting the meeting. It starts when they say the meeting starts. CM Scott said it was a Committee as a Whole meeting in question not a Parks & Recreation meeting.

CM Sell made a motion to go into and executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss a land acquisition. The motion was seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye. At 8:30 p.m. CM Buxton made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye.

CM Sell made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2009 regular council meeting as corrected, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CM King reported that the Parks & Recreation Committee met on July 29th to review Eastview Park Restrooms.

President Rodriguez stated that the Council as a Whole Committee met August 3rd. She said everything is in the minutes unless someone has a question.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Liquor Permit for CJ's Highmarks: Law Director McKirnan said he spoke with Highmarks and the reason for the license is because of a law change for liquor sales on Sunday. Council had no objections.

Director Bachelor gave an update on budget numbers and noted differences from last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

50-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise and accept bids and to enter into an agreement for construction of restrooms at Eastview Park, and declaring an emergency. CM Jeffries asked if

the stone being put on the building can be cleaned when kids spray it with paint. Director Bryan said he would check. Director Bachelor said he thinks there might be a sealer that can be used. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by CM Sell, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye.

51-09-O: An Ordinance amending various categories within Ordinance 9-09-O as a third supplement to the 2009 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. CM Sell asked if we did not budget enough in the original budget. Auditor Stewart explained about the loan amount. CM Sell asked if the shortfall at the pool was because of attendance. Director Bachelor said he feels the attendance has been good. CM Sell made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye. CM Scott made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye.

52-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the advance of funds from the General Fund Contingency Account to the Water Fund for the purposes of funding the Dissolved Air Flotation Pilot Project, and declaring an emergency. CM Jeffries said at the committee meeting it was questioned what was stated on the figures. Director Bachelor explained now that Mike has gone through some supplies and has better numbers. CM King asked if \$10,000 is taken from the contingency what this will leave us. Director Bachelor said \$58,000. The water fund will pay back the contingency fund over twelve months. He explained this funding versus using the fire truck fund. He explained where the funds are coming from and appropriations, and how some other funds can be moved. A motion to suspend the rules was made by CM King, seconded by CM Sell. Roll call vote 5-1, Aye. CM Jeffries voted Nay. CM King made a motion to pass the ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 5-1, Aye. CM Jeffries voted Nay.

OLD BUSINESS: (Second Reading)

48-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to transfer the remaining balance of the Mersmans Demo Fund into the General Fund pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.14(d). CM Sell made a motion to pass the ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 4-2, Aye. CM Buxton and CM Jeffries vote Nay.

(Third Reading)

44-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a lease agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company and declaring an emergency. Director Bryan said that nothing has changed since the last meeting. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by CM Sell, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 5-1, Aye. CM Jeffries voted Nay.

45-09-O: An Ordinance on intent to appropriate a thirty-five thousand one hundred eighty-six square foot, more or less, fee simple interest, along with the structure on that property, from John and Cheryl Larbus, said acreage located east of Ash Street and contiguous to the City of Celina Park, City of Celina, County of Mercer, State of Ohio. Director Bryan explained the communications that have taken place since the last council meeting. They are pursuing an appraisal. Director Bryan recommended to table at this time for them to get their appraisal. CM Sell made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 5-1, Aye. CM Larmore abstained.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Chief Slusser reported:

- The police department has qualified for a drawing to win a car. September 2nd is the date of the drawing.
- National Night Out event was held the 1st Tuesday in August. The department talked to people and showed them their equipment.

- Gold Wings will be in town in September. There will be 900-1200 motorcycles staying at the fairgrounds. A neon parade of 100-150 riders will take place around town Saturday, September 26th at dusk.
- Received the stimulus grant for computer mounts in all cruisers etc.

Director Bachelor reported:

- 127 garage sale was a big hit
- Water department update
- Johnson Avenue project update
- Public Works finished brush pick up
- 75 attended movie night
- 24 soccer teams signed up
- 126 players signed up for football
- September 25th – employee appreciation lunch between 11:30 and 1:00 at the GAC
- Met with county budget commission. May get up to \$340,000. We will get 49% of what the county gets in local government fund.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CM Sell asked for an alley update in the Wayne Street area. Director Bryan said they are on Joe's list to take care of.

CM Jeffries had a complaint on the clean up job at Mersman property. He would like to see the clean up done.

CM King said she heard good things about the pool this summer.

CM Buxton said the pier at North Shore looks good with the new docks. He invited everyone to the Regatta on August 22nd and 23rd.

CM Sell said he was asked if we have a 50 year obligation contract with coal on the Ohio River. Director Bachelor said no and explained what we have.

CM Scott stated that the Chapman property on Logan looks nice with the sidewalk. He expressed some concerns about traffic flow around East School.

There was a short discussion about line changes at Wayne and Main Street.

A Streets & Alleys Committee meeting was set for August 17th at 4:30 p.m. in the utility building.

President Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Jackie Lacy, Council Clerk