

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL September 14, 2009

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

SM Sell made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by CM Sovinski. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye.

CM Sell made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2009 regular council meeting as corrected, seconded by CM Scott. Roll call vote 6-0, Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CM Scott reported the Utility Committee met August 31st to discuss possible short fall in the water department due to cost of chemicals. He said there is a debt we need to address. Director Bachelor said ideas were discussed but nothing was decided. There is a water rate increase of 3% to take effect January 2010 as voted on a couple of years ago. We need to come up with 21% more on water rates. After further discussion, CM Scott said right now it is all fact finding, nothing has been approved at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Director Bryan said there are several business owners in the audience and believes they are here concerning a parking lot on the old Gibbons property. There is nothing to bring to council tonight on this. Administration is looking at funding and he has been in contact with the property owner.

Director Bachelor reported:

- Went over some figures on information that was in council packets
- Gas aggregation needs to be locked in by end of month to not have to go through a multi-step procedure to lock in. There was further discussion with council.
- CTL in town this week to do street sample cores in Eaglebrook Parkway Phase II and the Reserve Subdivision.
- Eastview Park restroom bids in on Friday
- Kerry Beamer hired for trainee position and Joe Hartings hired for Worker II position in the wastewater department
- Wednesday the county will be doing chip and sealer on W. Market St. There was a question brought up if the county knew about the Gold Wing Rally coming to the fairgrounds.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

Nancy Otis, 200 Walnut Shore Drive which is outside city limits, spoke in regards to the parking lot. She said she walked around town and with property owners. There are 148 Masonic Lodge members, 190 Eastern Star members, a dance studio with 90 plus students, people who live downtown, shoppers, and business owners who would benefit from the parking lot.

Brian Dupes, 219 Godfrey Avenue, asked for an update on plan A for the Warren Street property. Director Brian explained the grant possibility amount and the package that's being worked on for the application. There would be a time limit on getting the project done if the grant is received. CM King asked if the property could have some restrictions so it is not junked up again. Director Bryan said once the property is torn down and cleaned up the grandfather clause would be gone and it would be residential. There was further discussion on grant amount & uses and contract for work to be done if we receive the grant.

Brian Dupes asked about an update on alley. Director Bryan said he doesn't have an answer on that until he follows up with Joe Wolfe.

Don Kohnen said he called Pat at the Standard about the article in the paper on water rates and there was a correction the next night. He gave his gas rates so administration could compare them for gas aggregation.

Ron Amstutz, a property owner downtown, said there is a lot going on downtown and feels the parking lot would be a plus. While the street is torn up it would help with parking. The Gibbons building is old and needs to come down.

Deb Borns said she just recently went to a conference and came away with real appreciation for our administration for looking into funding and getting it for our community.

Kim Nation, a property owner downtown, said she doesn't think we can afford not to take the building down and put in a parking lot. She feels it would be a very wise investment.

CM Larmore said the council knows there is a need for parking and we need to get on top of this but money is an issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

54-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the advertising and awarding of bid(s) for construction and or repair of sidewalks and curbs in accordance with Resolution No. 09-09-R and declaring an emergency. CM Jeffries said he would like to see three corners fixed next year at Morton, Elm, and Walnut. A motion to suspend the rules was made by CM Sell, seconded by CM Scott. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM Jeffries. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

55-09-O: An Ordinance amending various categories within Ordinance 9-09-O as a Fourth Supplement to the 2009 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. CM King said the pool payroll seems high. Auditor Stewart said that it's the actual payroll amount. Director Bachelor said the budget was the same amount as last year and did not include the adjusted pay rates. The staff showed up to work when they were scheduled. CM King asked about the refunds with the utilities, have that many people moved. Director Bachelor said there have been more transient this year. CM Sell said he has heard a lot of compliments on the pool this year. He asked if the utility refunds show up some where else as income. Director Bachelor it does if the move is within the city but not if they move out of the city. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Sovinski. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM Sell made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM Buxton. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

56-09-O: An Ordinance to approve, adopt and enact the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency. CM Scott made a motion not to read Section Two, seconded by CM Sell. The motion passed by voice acclamation. CM Sell asked if the state publishes these so the general public can see them or if someone would have to look them up. Law Director McKirnan said he believes you would have to look them up. CM Sovinski said he believes the library gets a copy. Auditor Stewart said she gives a copy to the court and she thinks that Leroy makes a copy for the library. CM King made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by CM Sovinski, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

13-09-R: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required, and declaring an emergency. Director Bryan passed out the funding breakdown and went over the figures. CM Jeffries asked how the loan would be paid back. Director Bryan said possibly would use the electric funds for the traffic signals. CM Sovinski asked if the start date would be impacted with this loan.

Director Bryan answered the state usually approves in June so we should be okay. With the timing of ODOT it looks like we would start on the north end of Main Street and work south. CM Scott clarified that it depends on where we spend the money on where we come up with funds for the loan. Director Bryan said yes, that's correct. We would be very specific when we write this application. A motion to suspend the rules was made by CM Sell, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM Sell made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS: (Third Reading)

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 asked what the total cost would be to put in this system and Director Bryan said \$4-5 million. CM Scott this ordinance is simply money put aside to run the pilot project. Director Bryan said that's correct. There was a short discussion on funding for putting in this system. CM Buxton asked how soon we can get the system in for the pilot project if this is passed tonight. Director Bryan said two weeks. CM Sell asked when the bill would come due (\$4-5 million) and how far away from harvesting blue green algae to help offset the cost. Director Bryan explained the harvesting process and when the administration would bring something to council for funding the \$4-5 million. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by CM King, seconded by CM Sell. Roll call vote 6-1, Aye. CM Jeffries voted Nay.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Director Bryan gave a brief report on the Johnson Ave. project. He said the curb crew will be in on Wednesday and out by Friday. The grinding crew will come in the next week. There will be a two week period for sidewalks and lights. The second week of October it should be paved.

Mayor LaRue said September 25th will be the annual employee appreciation lunch at noon.

Director Bachelor reported:

- Last brush pick up has been completed
- There has been a serious problem in getting material for street patch
- Legislation will be brought at the next meeting regarding note renewals

Committee Meetings Set:

Streets & Alleys Committee – September 21st at 4:30 p.m. in the utility building

Utilities Committee – September 21st at the end of Streets & Alleys, approximately 5:15-5:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee – October 1st at 4:30 p.m. in the utility building

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CM Sell said the alley at the 400 block of E. Wayne St. was filled with gravel by a property owner. He asked if a stop sign could be placed on power pole to help with traffic. CM Sovinski said stop signs are not good on power poles since it's against our ordinance. Director Bryan said he would get with the police chief to see what could be done.

CM Sell said he received a call about a trench that was cut in the back yard at 1014 Briar Lane. They want to know if it can be fixed so they are able to mow. Director Bryan said he will check on it.

CM Scott said he received a call about there not being a banner at the fair for the city and asked if there should have been one. Mayor LaRue said no, the city did not do a donation this year or have a booth at the fair.

CM Scott said we need to talk with the county about the chip and seal on Market St. because of the motorcycle rally. He also said he walked with Nancy Otis around town and it was a real eye opener for him.

CM Buxton reminded council of the information in their packets on “Walk the Talk” and said everyone could help.

CM Larmore asked if something should be put in writing for the organizations when they hand something off to the city, example the lighthouse, for maintenance responsibility or other reasons. Both Director Bryan and Director Bachelor said they are not aware of anything like that. CM Larmore asked if there would be any liability involved. Law Director McKirnan said there is always liability. Someone can always phantom something.

President Rodriguez said she received a call from someone at the 500 block of Ash Street. The individual requested that a fence be taken down that is in the middle of the alley. CM Sovinski said there is some question if that is a dedicated alley. Director Bryan said they will look into it.

President Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Jackie Lacy, Council Clerk