

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL October 26, 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, Sell, and Sovinski answered roll call. Also present were Mayor LaRue, Safety Service Director Bachelor, City Law Director McKirnan, and City Auditor Stewart.

CM Sell made a motion to accept the revised agenda, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

CM Scott made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2009 regular council meeting as written, seconded by CM Sell. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Rodriguez reported there was a Council as a Whole Committee meeting on October 19th. She asked CM Sell to make the report since she needed to leave the meeting early. CM Sell briefly went over the topics that were discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Director Bachelor reported:

- Gas aggregation update – rate locked in at \$7.64 for six months, December through May 2010. There was a brief discussion on rates, budget rates, opt in-opt out, and past ordinances
- City income collections down compared to last year
- Interest income down compared to last year
- Total general fund income down compared to last year
- Total general fund expenditures down from 2008
- General fund as of today is 1.1 million
- Johnston Avenue paving complete
- Ash Street between Blake and Wayne is paved
- Low bidder for Main Street is Tumbush Construction from St. Henry
- Bids coming November 6th for Buckeye Street and Havemann sub station

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

Laura Kesson, Lima Ohio, explained the possible closing of the postal distribution center in Lima and what it could mean to 458 zip codes. She asked that council consider passing a resolution to keep mail service locally and to contact local state representatives and congressmen. Laura said the closing could mean over 100 employees could lose their jobs in eight counties. She gave some statistics comparing Lima to Toledo center.

NEW BUSINESS:

70-09-O: An Ordinance amending various categories within Ordinance 9-09-O as a fifth supplement to the 2009 Annual Appropriations, and declaring an emergency. CM Scott asked the Chief Slusser if this is everything he would need. Chief Slusser said this ordinance is just to cover purchase of vehicle. If we would have to buy everything else needed it would be less than \$3,000 but we will use what we can from other vehicle first. Director Bachelor explained where the money would come from for the roller. CM King made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Sell. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM Buxton. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

71-09-O: An Ordinance establishing the 2009 Sidewalk/Curb Project fund, appropriating funds, and declaring an emergency. Director Bachelor said we have appropriated \$60,000 from the general fund for this. \$12,000 is for unforeseen things that might come up. We failed to establish funds in the last ordinance. A motion to suspend the rules was made by CM Scott, seconded by CM Sell. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM King made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM Larmore. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS: (Second Reading)

68-09-O: An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement related to the marketing of competitive retail natural gas supply. A motion to pass the ordinance to third reading was made by CM Sell, seconded by CM Sovinski. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

(Third Reading)

61-09-O: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 66-07-O establishing Debt Retirement Assessments for the Water Treatment Facility Project and declaring an emergency. Director Bachelor explained the change from 66-07-O. CM Larmore made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

62-09-O: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 42-06-O passed in August 2006 and Ordinance 39-09-O passed in June 2009 establishing water rates and declaring an emergency. Director Bachelor explained this is based on total chemical cost and he further explained difference in cost. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by CM Sell, seconded by CM King. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

14-09-R: A Resolution concurring with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) warranted speed limit on State Route 197 (E. Wayne Street) from Myers Road to Golfview Drive. CM King made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by CM Sovinski. Roll call vote 6-1, Aye. CM Scott voted Nay.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Director Bachelor reported:

- Leaf pick up in full swing
- Health department inspected city landfill
- Workers comp will be in to review all departments
- 50 soccer teams in for tournament this past week end
- November 7th will be a football tournament of 12 teams

Chief Slusser said there was a robbery at Dollar General a week ago. They are still working on the case. The department did catch suspects setting dumpster fires.

Auditor Stewart on the notes being rolled over the city got a 1.5% interest rate. There will be additional fees of \$8,000 - \$9,000 for recording fees etc.

A Streets & Alleys Committee meeting was set for November 2nd at 4:30 p.m. in the utility building.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CM Sell asked if there was any discussion in the county on H1N1 vaccines coming. No one knew of anything.

CM Buxton asked a couple questions:

- Is flushing hydrants being done on overtime? Joe Wolfe said no, this is not overtime.
- Man holes on Johnson Ave. are down about 2", is that normal? Joe explained that the streets will settle down some.
- Is Staeger Rd. work done? Director Bachelor said they are working on regulators.

CM King said signs keep popping up for Celina Singles. Chief Slusser said they have been pulling signs every time they see them. Joe explained they have tried to catch them putting them up but have not been able to. He said they put them up at night very quickly.

CM Scott said he still has someone asking why the lights are on at the water tower when we are trying to save money. Chief Slusser said it is a security issue.

President Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Jackie Lacy, Council Clerk