



## **CITY OF PATASKALA**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

October 6, 2014

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on October 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM in City Hall, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given and an invocation was provided. Roll Call: Fox, Barstow, Hickin, Lenzo, and Gibson-present. Hayes joined the meeting already in session and Sagar was absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Rufus B. Hurst were present.

#### Citizens Comments

Dave Bibler, Jim Helfrich, Eileen DeRolf, and Bernie Brush addressed Council these comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Fox made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Hickin. Roll Call: Fox, Barstow, Hickin, Lenzo, and Gibson-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator's Report, Department Reports, the minutes from the September 15, 2014 Council Meeting.

#### Unfinished Business

Fox made a motion to have the third reading of Ordinance 2014-4204. Seconded by Barstow. The Clerk read the following:

**ORDINANCE 2014-4204** Third Reading An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

Hayes made a motion to amend Ordinance 2014-4204 by substitution and to also include an amendment to Section 4 to read \$3,000.00. Seconded by Fox. Roll Call: Barstow, Hickin, Lenzo, Gibson, Fox, and Hayes-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Hayes made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-4204 as amended. Seconded by Fox. Roll Call: Hickin, Lenzo, Gibson, Fox, Hayes, and Barstow-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

## Reports

Mayor Compton noted it was Mental Health Week and that the people from Bristol will be coming on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

B.J. King, City Administrator reviewed his Administrative Report.

Hayes asked that street sweeping in additional areas be considered.

Fox noted that the Fire District utilizes the electric outlets.

Hickin suggested modifying the web page for various items.

James Nicholson, Finance Director gave an update on the Bond Issues, that we have maintained our AA rating, and that the department was working on the Budget.

Mayor Compton noted the annual report from Grow Licking County.

Hickin asked that Mr. Nicholson address the issues experienced with RITA and that Council be kept better informed in the future. Council discussed having a representative available at the next Council meeting to discuss ways of keeping Council better informed and how to better serve the residents of the city.

## New Business

Hayes made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2014-030** A resolution to approve Ohio Department of Transportation's preliminary legislation for the Mink Street Phase II Project. Seconded by Fox. Roll Call: Lenzo, Gibson, Fox, Hayes, Barstow, and Hickin-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Hayes made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2014-031** A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Griffin Pavement Striping, Inc. for the 2014 Pavement Markings Program. Seconded by Barstow. Roll Call: Gibson, Fox, Hayes, Barstow, Hickin, and Lenzo-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Hayes made a **Motion** approving report of Administrator and instructing Clerk of Council to notify County Auditor of charges associated with cutting of noxious weeds for purposes of assessment against real estate at 604 Barn Street, 1072 N. Oxford Dr., Vacant Lots #246, 247, & 248 East Ave. Seconded by Barstow. Roll Call: Fox, Hayes, Barstow, Hickin, Lenzo, and Gibson-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Barstow made a **Motion** for Council to take action on the outstanding legal fee matter for Councilmember Mike Fox. Motion dies for a lack of a second.

## Additional Citizens Comments

Eileen DeRolf addressed Council these comments are available by audio recording

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Hayes apologized for being tardy this evening. Hayes asked for an update on the grant application for the elevator at the police station. The city administrator explained the process and what he was working on to secure the funding.

Mayor Compton noted that the Antique Power Show was over the top. He also expressed his thanks to the Utility Department for their efforts on the recent water break and Street Department for their mowing efforts.

Hayes reported that there was a Scout working on his Eagle Scout certification and wanted to take on the Veterans' Memorial Project so he promised to forward this to Ms. Gibson since she was the Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee.

Barstow addressed Mr. Fox's attorney fees and explained he has not seen them. Barstow did note in his experience Mr. Fox's attorney should have included the fees in the agreement. Mr. Barstow noted that Mr. Fox will probably bring a lawsuit against the city for those fees. If so that may very well end up costing the city more than the fees to defend that lawsuit. Barstow noted that some have said that they would never vote to pay the fees no matter what. Barstow also explained that it was part of Council's duties to oversee that the city funds are used wisely. Barstow felt it was wiser to enter into a settlement agreement than to litigate the matter.

Mayor Compton asked if it would violate anything to have the Clerk provide Council with a copy of the bill submitted. Mr. Hurst indicated that it would not that it was indeed a public record.

Mayor Compton asked the Clerk to forward a copy of the bill to Council.

Fox expressed his disappointment in the lack of action by Council.

Fox noted it was turkey season and that this Saturday is muzzle loading season.

Fox noted the improvement in communication since Mr. King's return.

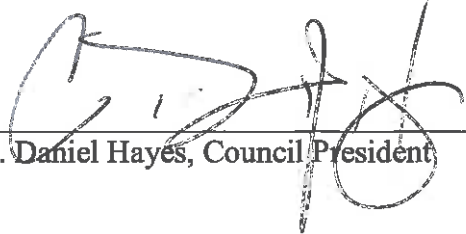
Hickin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Gibson. Roll Call: Barstow, Hickin, Lenzo, Gibson, Fox, and Hayes-yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved October 20, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council

  
C. Daniel Hayes, Council President

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