



City of Powell, Ohio
City Council

MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2015

A regular meeting of the Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Jim Hrivnak on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. City Council members present included Jon Bennehoof, Frank Bertone, Richard Cline, Tom Counts, Mike Crites and Brian Lorenz. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Debra Miller, Finance Director; Chris Huber, City Engineer; Gary Vest, Police Chief; Gene Hollins, Law Director; Susie Ross, City Clerk; and interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Hrivnak opened the citizen participation session for items not on the agenda. Hearing none, he closed the citizen participation session.

PROCLAMATION: LARRY COOLIDGE

Mayor Hrivnak read a proclamation honoring Powell resident Larry Coolidge as a finalist for The Central Ohio Jefferson Awards. Mr. Coolidge thanked everyone who has supported him over the years. He said this is the 24th year of the Cruize-In and the 11th year Sertoma will give away turkey dinners. He thanked the Sertoma Club, the City of Powell, the Southern Delaware County Real Estate Association and the Olentangy Rotary who have stood up to respond when he has called with a need for help. Mayor Hrivnak said Larry represents one of the many people who volunteer in the community and his service is appreciated.

PROCLAMATION: DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Hrivnak read a proclamation designating April 2015 as Distracted Driver Awareness Month to bring awareness to the dangers of distracted driving. He thanked the One Community Committee that is a joint partnership of the Township and City Council; they brought this to Council's attention and the Township is offering a similar proclamation as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item

- *Departmental Reports – March 2015*
- *Liquor Permit Request*
23 W. Olentangy LLC – 23 W. Olentangy Street

Action Requested

- Receipt of Electronic Report*
- Waive request for hearing*

Mayor Hrivnak asked that the Liquor Permit request be removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Councilman Crites seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the Consent Agenda was adopted as amended and the Departmental Reports were received.

Mayor Hrivnak asked if there is any further information on the Liquor Permit request. Steve Lutz, City Manager, said this will be a new business in town, taking over the location where Elm & Iron is currently located. Renovations to this structure will be made and it will become another food establishment. Mayor Hrivnak said if Council approves of this request it will go forward without a hearing. Councilman Crites asked Police Chief Gary Vest if he has any concern with this license. He did not.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to waive a request for a hearing on this application for Liquor Permit for 23 W. Olentangy Street. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2015. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion. Councilman Cline abstained. By consent of the remaining members, the minutes were approved.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2015-12: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

Debra Miller, Finance Director, said the Veterans Memorial Fund receives donations and monies received from the sale of bricks. They have received more applications for bricks than normal so there is a need to increase the appropriation to \$500.00 to cover the offset.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2015-12. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-12. Councilman Counts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2015-13: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

Ms. Miller said this appropriation request would take \$2,600.00 from the Council Contingency Fund and would reduce the fund to about \$31,000.00. This appropriation would pay for personnel costs for a Finance Department employee whose family is expanding and moving from one type of family health insurance to another.

Councilman Bennehoof asked how they will track on the Contingency Account through the rest of the year. Ms. Miller said they are doing quite well; the Contingency of \$75k usually handles their needs throughout the year.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2015-13. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-13. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2015-14: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF A 7.226 ACRE TRACT, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CITY OF POWELL.

Mr. Lutz said in December the City entered into a pre-annexation agreement with Spectrum Acquisitions which is a retirement facility proposed to be constructed on the northwest corner of Sawmill Road and Attucks Drive. Customarily they bring forward the annexation with the recommended development plan as approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. This item will be reviewed and discussed by the Planning & Zoning Commission on May 13th so he recommended they table the second reading of this ordinance until the June 2nd City Council meeting so they can be brought forward to Council at the same time.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

Gene Hollins, Law Director, said they are correct to table the second meeting to a date certain on June 2nd. They have a four month time period to accept the annexation and the pre-annexation agreement contemplated that the development plan and annexation would come up at the same time. They are well within their time period to consider both on that date.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to table Ordinance 2015-14 to the City Council meeting scheduled for June 2, 2015. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2015-15: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY AND THE CITY OF POWELL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Lutz said this ordinance works concurrently with the next ordinance on the agenda. They propose entering into an agreement with Liberty Township. At the last Trustee meeting the Township adopted similar legislation authorizing them to enter into a similar agreement. Liberty Township has approved a development on the Shamrock Golf Course which is a proposed single family development containing 166 units on the golf course. The developer and the City have talked about having that development annexed into the City of Powell to help broaden the tax base and to provide police service to those residents. They have had discussions with the Township and they understand the reason for the proposed annexation and are supportive of it. This development will receive sewer as a result of the efforts the City has made to expand the sanitary sewer capabilities along the Sawmill Parkway Corridor. Mr. Lutz said this agreement provides the ability for the City and the developer to annex the land under a Type 1 Annexation and it also states that the City will adopt the plan as approved by Liberty Township. This will not go to Planning & Zoning and they will not be changing that which has been adopted by the Township; they will go into greater depth of the plan in discussion of the next ordinance. They felt it was fair to help the Township benefit financially from such an agreement and it provides that the City will share in the income tax generated by the builders of this development, whether the infrastructure of streets and sewers and the actual construction of the homes. The rest of the life of the development the City will capture the income tax of the residents that live in the community.

Councilman Cline said Section 3.2 includes language about the net profit of businesses located on and persons working on any portion of the annexation parcel, including income tax on the construction activities. He asked if they have thought through the language; he is concerned that there is some ambiguity that should be tightened up.

Mr. Hollins said they had a specific discussion with the Township representatives after the first draft of the agreement was produced. They clarified that their understanding is the same which is that the income tax shared would be from the construction workers that build the infrastructure and the workers that build the houses, not continuing into perpetuity if there is a home business.

Councilman Cline said he does not want any misunderstanding about the intent of the wording. The developer, the Township and the City all agree on the intent but five years from now different parties may come to a different conclusion. Mayor Hrivnak asked if this is only the initial construction. Mr. Hollins said that is correct; this was also addressed in their discussions. This would include infrastructure like the roads and the building of the homes; they do not plan on tracking income tax on workers who do remodeling or additions in the future. This was the understanding between all of the parties when they drafted this language in the agreement. They can make it more explicit if that is necessary.

Councilman Bennehoof said Section 3.2 states that "the income tax revenue collected from construction activities occurring on the annexation parcel" and it may be possible to easily amend it by adding "during the development phase". Councilman Cline said his concern is the previous phrase which says "including, without limitation, the income tax revenue collected from construction activities occurring on the annexation parcel " because that implies that income tax revenue from construction activities is one of many sources of revenue to be shared. There is no dispute over what they intend because they all agree on what they want it to mean, but he would prefer they tighten the language to make it clear into the future. Councilman Bennehoof said in the second "Whereas" clause the word "noted" should be changed to the word "not".

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to amend the fourth "Whereas" clause of the agreement from "If such annexation takes place, the City would benefit" to "If such annexation takes place, the City as well as the Township and their residents would benefit" Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

The agreement was amended. Mr. Hollins suggested the following: amend the phrase "fifty percent of the gross amount of income tax actually collected by the City without deductions, including without limitation, income tax revenue collected from construction activities" to read "fifty percent of the gross amount of income tax actually collected by the City without deductions from the net profits of any business located on or from persons working in any portion of the annexation parcel arising from construction activities". Councilman Cline said that is the concept they are trying to communicate and if all parties are comfortable with that language that would be a good amendment. He asked if the intent is to pass this ordinance tonight. Mr. Lutz said it is, and the language of the ordinance states that it would be an agreement "similar in nature" to the exhibit. They have the proposed amendments captured within the minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to amend the sentence to read: "The amounts to be paid to the Township shall be equal to fifty percent (50) of the gross amount of the income tax actually collected by the City without any setoffs or deductions whatsoever other than refunds, from the net profits of any business located on and from persons working in any portion of the annexation parcel, limited to income tax revenue arising from construction activities occurring on the annexation parcel." Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

Councilman Counts said this is just a clarification of the wording and the ordinance suggests that the agreement is in a form "substantially similar" to the exhibit so they do not require a motion to amend. Mr. Hollins said the language suggested has been recorded. Councilman Cline agreed to withdraw the motion if it is the sense of Council that the phrase he read captures the intent of Council. He wants a record somewhere that this is the intent of City Council. The ordinance allows Staff to approve an agreement that is "substantially similar" to the one in front of Council and these amendments are clarifying and not substantive, nor do they change the intent of the existing proposal. The members of Council were in agreement. Councilman Cline withdrew his motion to amend.

David Fischer, Kephart-Fischer, on behalf of Verona, said this developer is in full support of the sharing of income tax dollars and the summation of Mr. Lutz regarding the agreement. They look forward to working with City Council on the following ordinance should this one be adopted.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2015-15. Councilman Cline seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-15. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2015-16: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH VERONA LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Lutz said Vince Romanelli of Romanelli and Hughes is prepared to build a new subdivision named "Verona" on the current Shamrock Golf Course. This development is an intricate part of the regional solution they are trying to develop for the lack of sanitary sewer in the area. This pre-annexation agreement assures Mr. Romanelli that he can construct the development as approved in Liberty Township and it will not come to Powell Planning & Zoning for further review. The City is also working on an agreement on the sanitary sewer as a part of this agreement. Various developers have paid to engineer the sanitary sewer system and it appears the rough cost for the portion of the sewer that will be servicing Verona will be \$200k. Mr. Lutz said the City, out of the Commercial TIF is fronting the expense to build this portion of the sanitary sewer and then the City will be reimbursed for that expense. That will be done by the developer placing a special assessment on the properties within the subdivision so the people who actually utilize this portion of the sewer will pay for it.

Mr. Fischer introduced Vince Romanelli. He said they worked on a pre-annexation agreement with the City of Powell for this development several years ago. They were asked by the Township to consider keeping the property in the township and they worked with them over a series of years because there was a lot of history and concern from nearby residents. They came up with a good, exciting zoning plan that addressed those concerns and assured the residents of protecting/preserving the perimeters on the east and west sides and the golf cart paths. Mr. Fischer said they finished the zoning, went into full-scale engineering and worked with the County to get the property fully zoned, entitled and engineered. Near that time the City approached them to reconsider annexation into the City to help resolve the regional sewer situation. He appreciates all of the parties who have worked to find a solution to this issue. The annexation agreement with the Township that was just allowed to move forward allows them to all come in at once rather than as several annexations due to the 5% contiguity rule. Mr. Fischer said this will allow the regional sewer system solution to occur and will expedite development of Verona in keeping with the zoning they received from the Township. It is a high quality zoning that is a PUD, has a lot of limitations and restrictions, commitments from the developer and it assures the residents on either side about the quality and type of housing that will occur in close proximity to them. Mr. Fischer said Mr. Lutz and Mr. Hollins have done a great job packaging this for all of the entities and they are excited to move forward.

Councilman Cline asked when Mr. Romanelli will be ready to start construction, assuming that things go as planned. Mr. Fischer said they can start 60 days after the County approves the final engineering; an agreement is in place with ODOT for the right-of-way so they will install new curb cuts directly across from the boulevard going into Wedgewood. They will install sidewalks and bikepaths out front as well and they are working with DelCo to change the water line on SR 750. Councilman Cline asked about their anticipated timeline for build-out, dependent on market forces. Mr. Fischer said there are empty nester products along the boulevard out front and large single-family lots behind. The first phase will be for the road construction and the first 29 single-family homes; two more phases will build the empty nester lots and additional homes to the north. This will go into full scale development promptly with houses built before long within a two year build-out period.

Councilman Lorenz said he is sure a traffic study was completed but he is interested to know if there is a signal proposed for this new intersection. Mr. Fischer said ODOT did not propose one because it did not meet the warrants. Councilman Lorenz asked Mr. Hollins if a reimbursement end date is anticipated. Mr. Hollins said the millage will be very low and they would like to see the TIF reimbursed over a five year period.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

Mr. Lutz said Staff is requesting they suspend the rules on this ordinance due to the timeline discussed.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2015-16. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-16. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2015-17: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH SAWMILL SELDOM SEEN LLC AND SCHOTTENSTEIN REAL ESTATE GROUP LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Lutz said this is a proposed annexation of vacant land on the southeast corner of Sawmill Parkway and Seldom Seen Road. Sawmill Seldom Seen LLC and Schottenstein Real Estate Group LLC are proposing to develop this 43.88-acre site into an active adult gated community. This is more of a standard pre-annexation agreement where it directs the applicant to proceed through the regular Planning & Zoning Commission process. Once that is completed, if the proposed adopted plan is agreeable to the developer and City Council it can be adopted. Mr. Lutz asked the representatives to review the proposal for this site.

Vincent Margello, 1900 West Powell Road, developer, provided a video rendering (Exhibit A) to review the concept for this resort-type community. A hard copy of additional materials were provided to the members of Council (Exhibit A-1).

The development includes:

- Gated, resort-type community
- Clubhouse with pool for active adults
- Putting Green
- Dog Park
- Community Gardens
- Tunnel under Seldom Seen Road to City Park
- Ranch and Two-Story pinwheel rentals
- Townhouse rentals with garages for each unit
- Apartments with two elevators, central dining area and 12 garages

Mr. Margello said he has built over 500 senior village condominiums in the past. This property was owned by the Schottenstein family and he is teaming with Brian and Gary Schottenstein because of their experience in the housing industry. He wants an upscale quality community like what has been created in this plan. Mr. Margello said he is active in the community and he wants to provide options for the folks who currently live in 4-5k sq. ft. homes and want to stay in the Powell community without the maintenance of a large house. Powell is a safe and secure community and people love to live here.

Mr. Margello said they added extra parking spaces around the clubhouse because they feel most people will drive from their homes. They propose a centralized location for trash that will be collected from each home. This is a gated community with bikepaths, a dog park and a putting green. He would like to connect the

bikepath to the entrance at the Woods at Big Bear Farms so it can continue in the community. This fits perfectly with the amenities in the surrounding community such as the CVS, the fitness club and a signature City Park proposed on Seldom Seen Road. Mr. Margello said the community is looking for something like this which is similar to what one would see in South Carolina or Georgia. The project is planned so it will be completed in one phase. They want to annex into the City of Powell so they have the services of the Powell Police Department.

Brian Schottenstein, Schottenstein and Associates, said it is a privilege to discuss this project in Powell which is a great city with very high standards. They only develop in suburbs that have those standards and they build top quality communities. They were the BIA Developer of the Year for three out of the last six years. They look forward to working with Council, the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Staff to create a high quality, mixed-use development that everyone will be proud to have in Powell.

Councilman Cline said this is a beautiful presentation. He asked if they are contemplating that these units will be condominiums. Mr. Margello said they will be strictly rentals as in a resort community. Mr. Schottenstein said at some point the ranch units may be converted into individual condos or attached fee-simple homes; at the beginning they will all be rentals. Mr. Margello said they are proposing 308 units. They have addressed every phase of being an active adult and allowed a variety of choices. Mr. Schottenstein said the ranch homes are exactly the same square footage as the neighboring condominiums. In the four-unit buildings each unit will have a two-car garage and screened in porch. This will transition into their other product.

Councilman Bennehoof asked if there is any entrance from the north. Mr. Margello said there is a tunnel from the north on the public right of way but no entrance to the community. Councilman Bennehoof asked if the tunnel is gated. Mr. Schottenstein said the tunnel is a public amenity that is not for vehicles and provides access to the City Park. Mr. Margello said they propose the bikepath from the railroad to the tunnel and from Sawmill Parkway to the tunnel. Councilman Bennehoof asked if the three story units are really two story units on top of a parking garage. Mr. Schottenstein said it is not one integral garage but is a total of 12 individual garages with six on each side. The residents can have their own garage that only they can access. Mr. Margello said most of the people in that building will not drive. Mr. Schottenstein said they plan to manage this community as well and they will take care of all of the interior/exterior maintenance. They also plan to provide an on-site golf cart that the residents can use.

Councilman Bennehoof asked if they must have this density to meet a certain price point. Mr. Margello said they are not trying to pack the site full; the previous submittal for this site was for 550 apartments and they are proposing about half of that many. They have a lot of green space and feel the site plan provided is a great plan for a mixed-use community. They have worked on the site plan with City Staff. Mr. Schottenstein said they are also proposing five acres of retail on the south side and that is not included in the density number. Mr. Margello said he does not envision the retail as a strip center; he thinks uses such as a bank, funeral home, upscale restaurant or health facility with doctor/dentist offices would work well. The retail segment is not a part of this plan.

Councilman Bertone asked about the acreage of the dog park. Mr. Schottenstein said they are still working on refining the plan so the acreage has not been determined at this point. It will be fenced and approximately 20-30' in diameter. It and all of the amenities are strictly for the use of these residents. They will have 60 planting beds and age 55+ fitness classes on site. Councilman Cline asked about the target price point. Mr. Schottenstein said they will be top of the market with very expensive rent similar to the cost of nice rental homes. Councilman Lorenz said he appreciates the level of detail put into this plan. Conceptually it is a great idea; the demographic and aging in place requires they have this type of housing opportunity. The City has seen several of these types of projects in the last few years and conceptually this fits right in line. He asked for clarification about the concept of rental only. Mr. Schottenstein said the average age of people entering assisted living facilities is 80 and over so that is an older demographic than they are trying to reach. They are marketing to the 50-60-70 age demographic. They will offer six month leases for those who want to winter in warmer states. Their goal is to keep Powell residents in the community after they sell their larger homes. Mr. Margello said there are not many alternatives for people like his 80 year old mother and step-father. Councilman Bennehoof asked if they will offer furnished apartments. Mr. Schottenstein said they will not but they will have four or five furnished models for them to see.

Mayor Hrivnak asked about their comment about the possibility of these being condominiums in the future. Mr. Schottenstein said that may be a possibility if that market rebounds; right now they are focusing on strictly rentals. Mr. Margello said this is better than condominiums because their associations are typically underfunded

and with this concept they will manage the whole thing and maintain control. This may be a model community for the future.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

Councilman Counts said he has been an advocate of this type of housing for a long time. They see many parents moving from elsewhere to be near their children who live in Powell. This gives an opportunity for Powell residents to move to a different type of living arrangement and it also allows parents to move close to their families. He said rental is not a dirty word; some people do not want to put all of their assets and equity into their home or they may have done that with a home in another state. Councilman Counts said he is very much in favor of this going through the process. It is a prime parcel for Powell to have and it is the kind of thing that can be vetted through the process.

Mayor Hrivnak said this is a pre-annexation agreement and if this is approved it will move forward to Planning & Zoning Commission for study and review. This will match up with the annexation ordinance in the future.

Councilman Crites said he has chaired the Comprehensive Plan Committee for almost a year and this type of concept has been raised throughout the process. A number of people have expressed interest in being able to age in place. It is interesting that more and more people in the community are considering this concept. They have lived here for 20-25 years, paid their income taxes, supported the schools, raised their families and they do not want to leave Powell. This is a concept that is ready to see its day and he is prepared to see it move through the vetting process. Councilman Crites said people from outside of our community are also ready to downsize and it is good that they have this opportunity.

Councilman Cline asked if there is a reason to take this ordinance to a second reading. Mr. Hollins said this is the legislative step that authorizes the agreement and the agreement then lays out the entire process. If they suspend the rules it will not delay them moving forward in the process.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2015-17. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-17. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: No report. *Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5th, 6:30 p.m.*

Finance Committee: No report. *Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12th, 7:00 p.m.*

Operations Committee: Councilman Counts said they met earlier this evening and heard an update on pond safety/aeration and heard an educational presentation on utility aggregation. They will spend more time on that topic in the future. *Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th, 6:30 p.m.*

ONE Community: No report. *Next Meeting: Monday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m.*

Planning & Zoning Commission: No report. *Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13th, 7:00 p.m.*

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: Councilman Crites said an updated presentation was provided in Council packets. The second Public Open House was held on April 15th and was well attended. Their consultants provided planning, traffic, and fiscal presentations. Various scenarios were discussed and they collected a lot of information. They intended to meet at the end of April as the Steering Committee but they canceled to give the consultants an opportunity to reflect on the information gathered. *Next Meeting: TBA*

Powell Community Improvement Corporation: No report. *Next Meeting: TBD*

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lutz said his report includes three items:

- The Powell Police held a multi-agency exercise at the Village Academy to evaluate Police and Fire response to an active shooter situation. It was a great exercise to observe with a lot of people and a lot of equipment. The feedback was very positive and they learned a few things they could use if there was an incident in the future.
- Doyle Clear from Trans and Associates will be here at the next Council meeting to provide additional information about what was learned by the recent Four Corners intersection study. This information will help them put together a plan to help alleviate some of the traffic concerns at the intersection.
- Chris Huber was introduced as Powell's new City Engineer. He was hired in 2000 and for the past 15 years he has been the Assistant Engineer. He has served as the Acting City Engineer for the past six months and even with one fewer staff member he has done a fine job addressing issues and keeping things moving

forward. Their interview process included the Mayor and a resident who is a partner in a Central Ohio engineering firm. They interviewed six candidates and narrowed it down to two; at the second interview they used real life situations and were very pleased with how Chris handled himself throughout the process. He is the best candidate for the job.

Mr. Huber said he is excited to be the City Engineer for the City of Powell. It has been an incredible opportunity to work as an engineer for the community he has grown to love. He thanked City Staff for their amazing assistance over the past six months; they had a rocky road after the passing of City Engineer Rob Rice. Mr. Huber said Staff plans on planting a memorial tree in the Village Green Park in honor of Rob. They are still collecting donations and hopes to have the tree planted before Memorial Day. He is moving forward to find an Assistant City Engineer and have someone in place by June 1st.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved at 9:05 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Cline seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MINUTES APPROVED: May 5, 2015



Jim Hrivnak
Mayor

5-18-15
Date



Sue D. Ross
City Clerk

5-27-2015
Date



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