



**City of Powell, Ohio**  
City Council

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 7, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Cline on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 7:35 p.m. City Council members present included Jon Bennehoof, Tom Counts, Mike Crites, Jim Hrivnak and Brian Lorenz. Councilman-Elect Frank Bertone was present. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; David Betz, Development Director; Debra Miller, Finance Director; Megan Canavan, Public Information Officer; Gene Hollins, Law Director; Susie Ross, City Clerk, and interested parties.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COUNCIL OATHS OF OFFICE – Judge David Gormley**

Delaware County Judge David Gormley administered the oath of office of the newly elected members of City Council: Frank Bertone, Tom Counts, Jim Hrivnak and Brian Lorenz.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Cline opened the meeting to Citizen Participation for items not on the agenda. Hearing none, he closed the Citizen Participation session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2013 as submitted. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion. (Councilman Bertone's name was inadvertently omitted from the vote.)

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Item

Action Requested

- Liquor Permit Request  
Eagle Entertainment LLP dba Prohibition Gastro Lounge

Waive request for hearing

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**RESOLUTION 2014-01: A RESOLUTION TO ELECT JIM HRIVNAK AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POWELL FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.**

Mayor Cline asked if there were any nominations for Mayor for the City of Powell. Councilman Tom Counts nominated Jim Hrivnak as Mayor. There being no others, Mayor Cline closed the nominations.

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

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt Resolution 2014-01. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

Richard Cline congratulated Jim Hrivnak for his election as Mayor. Mayor Hrivnak took the gavel and proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

**RESOLUTION 2014-02: A RESOLUTION TO ELECT BRIAN LORENZ AS VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POWELL FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.**

Mayor Hrivnak asked if there were any nominations for Vice Mayor for the City of Powell. Councilman Mike Crites nominated Brian Lorenz as Vice Mayor. There being no others, Mayor Hrivnak closed the nominations.

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

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Resolution 2014-02. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0 Abstain – Lorenz

**MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR OATHS OF OFFICE**

Delaware County Judge David Gormley administered the oath of office for Mayor to Jim Hrivnak and Vice Mayor to Brian Lorenz.

**SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2013-60: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF A 60.23 ACRE TRACT, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CITY OF POWELL.**

Steve Lutz, City Manager, said tonight is the second reading for the annexation of the property for the Wedgewood Commercial Park and the Mt. Carmel Health System. He said a Target Store will be the anchor store in the commercial park; this development was approved by Liberty Township and is under construction. He said the property owners approached the City of Powell for annexation so they will receive police coverage and other City services. He said the City will receive income and property taxes from the properties and Liberty Township will continue to receive property taxes.

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

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-60. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Development, Finance and Operations**

Mayor Hrivnak said there are three Standing Committees and he would like Council to discuss appointments. He said there is a Goal Setting Session February 3<sup>rd</sup> and between now and then they need to firm-up the committees. He asked the members of Council to indicate on which committees they would like to serve.

Councilman Bennehoof said they should have a conversation at the Goal Setting Session about committee structure. He said they now have the One Community Committee and there may be other committees to add such as Economic Development. Councilman Lorenz agreed. He said they also may want to add another committee that deals with public safety; currently the Operations Committee seems to be where most of those things come. He said he would prefer to stay on the two committees where he currently serves: Operations and Development. He said he would not mind having dialogue in the future about adding committees. Councilman Counts said the Council rules have these three as Standing Committees but from time-to-time they have added other ad hoc committees, most recently the Downtown Development Committee. Councilman Counts said he would like to stay on the Finance and Operations Committees.

Councilman Cline echoed on the comments about a focus on Economic Development and Public Safety. He said that can be accomplished in their existing committee structure and it never hurts to talk about those issues. He said both of those are front-of-mind issues for 2014 and beyond. Councilman Cline also agreed that the One Committee initiative needs to have strong focus in 2014 so they should make sure it is adequately staffed. He said he would like to serve on the Finance Committee and is happy to serve on another committee where he is needed. Councilman Crites said he agrees with the comments of his colleagues. He said they can take a look at the current structure and brainstorm at their February session. He said he likes the idea of looking at Public Safety and Economic Development as well. He said if they choose to add those committees, he would be interested in serving on one of those committees. Councilman Crites said as they are currently constituted he would like to continue to serve on the Finance Committee and also on the Development Committee. Councilman Bertone said economic development and public safety are certainly viable opportunities for them to explore. He said his person interests are in the Finance and One Community Committees.

Mayor Hrivnak said as the mayor it is probably best that he monitors each of the committees and jump in as he can. He asked the Law Director if the three Standing Committees have a purpose statement in the Charter. Gene Hollins, Law Director, said they are designated in the Council Rules; he is not aware of a statement of purpose other than just the naming of the committee. He said it does provide for other ad hoc committees. Mr. Hollins said they can always revisit the Council Rules at any time and revise to add more committees. Mayor Hrivnak asked if Council would like to have their Goal Setting Session before finalizing the committees. The consensus was to wait until after that meeting to make appointments. Mayor Hrivnak said they will continue to serve in their capacities from 2013 and then finalize the committees and make final appointments after the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development Committee:** Mayor Hrivnak said the Committee met earlier this evening and spent most of their time discussing the queue cutter. He said they had a representative present from the Railroad Development Commission and he will be quite an ally in their efforts. He said they have done a study and provided it to the Committee and they will continue discussion on this issue. *Next Meeting:* Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**Finance Committee:** No report. *Next Meeting:* January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**Operations Committee:** Councilman Lorenz said at the next meeting Mr. Saperstein will be present to begin discussion of the City's Biannual Community Attitude Survey. *Next Meeting:* January 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**ONE Community:** Councilman Bennehoof said they are still holding organizational meetings and the Committee did not meet last month. He said he will participate remotely if need be. He thanked those who have provided their input. *Next Meeting:* January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** No report. *Next Meeting:* January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Lutz said as discussed earlier, they will have a facilitated Goal Setting Session on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He said he would like them to start at an earlier time than a typical meeting if their schedules permit because he anticipates the session could take three hours. He suggested they meet at 6:00 p.m. and a light supper will be provided. There were no objections.

Mr. Lutz said there are numerous Board and Commission appointments to be made; there are numerous appointments that have expired, will soon expire or are vacant. He said in the past, Councils have asked the individual whose term has expired if they are interested in continuing their service. He asked how Council would like to proceed this year. Mayor Hrivnak asked if anyone has indicated they no longer wish to serve. Mr. Lutz said they have not received that input from anyone. Councilman Bennehoof noted a correction in the name of Tim Gorrell on the Arbor Advisory Commission. The correction was noted. Mayor Hrivnak asked if anyone has expressed interest in the vacant positions. Mr. Lutz said their names are listed on the memo provided to Council. Susie Ross, City Clerk, said she has received two more applications. Mayor Hrivnak asked if they should table this to their next meeting. Councilman Cline suggested they reappoint those who have been serving since they have not indicated they do not want to serve. He said they can deal with the vacancies at the next meeting. The members agreed.

**MOTION:** Councilman Cline moved to approve the list of City Board and Commission members to the positions noted and the terms listed on the memo provided by Mr. Lutz, with the amendment to appoint Tim Gorrell to the Arbor Advisory Commission. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

Mr. Lutz said in the past few years Council has gone back and forth, sometimes appointing to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the term year and sometimes appointing to the terms as listed. Councilman Cline said for ease of keeping track, he recommends the terms should all end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the respective year. Mr. Lutz said Staff would support that amendment. Mr. Hollins said the PCIC terms are defined to begin in April and there may be one or two bodies that actually begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Cline restated his motion to approve the list of City Board and Commission members to the positions noted, to begin January 1, 2014 for the term listed on the memo provided by Mr. Lutz, unless otherwise specified in the City Charter and/or the governing document or Council Rules and with the amendment to appoint Tim Gorrell to the Arbor Advisory Commission. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE:            Y   7              N   0  

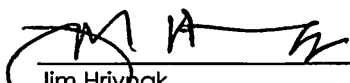
**OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councilman Crites commended the past mayor, Richard Cline, for his service. He said he has had the privilege of serving in the public sector on and off for over 30 years and has served on a number of Boards and Commissions. He said none has run quite as efficiently as the past two years under his leadership. He spoke on behalf of the entire Council in thanking Councilman Cline for his leadership.

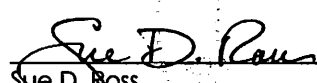
**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilman Cline moved at 8:06 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Crites seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

**MINUTES APPROVED: January 21, 2014**

  
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Jim Hrivnak  
Mayor

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Jim Hrivnak, Mayor

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