



City of Powell, Ohio
City Council

MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2013

A regular meeting of the Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Richard Cline on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 7:40 p.m. City Council members present included Tom Counts, Mike Crites, and Brian Lorenz. Jon Bennehoof, Sara Marie Brenner and Jim Hrivnak were absent. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Debra Miller, Finance Director; Megan Canavan, Public Information Officer; Rob Rice, City Engineer; Gene Hollins, Law Director; Susie Ross, City Clerk; and interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 July 16, 2013 as submitted. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 4 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2013-32: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND REPAIRING STREETS, ROADS, SEWER AND OTHER RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND REPAIRING MUNICIPAL PARKS, BIKEPATHS, AND OTHER PARK-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND REPAIRING THE CITY'S PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITY, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING GENERAL MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS.

Steve Lutz, City Manager, said this is the first of two readings for this ordinance and this has been discussed with the Finance Committee. He said last fall the voters of Powell approved a bond issue that will permit the City to fund \$7.2 million of capital improvements. He said this ordinance allows them to issue \$5 million worth of bonds later this fall so they can begin many of their capital improvement projects. Mr. Lutz said under law they must spend the amount within a certain period of time which is why they are not issuing bonds for the entire amount at this time. He said in order to take advantage of favorable interest rates it was deemed appropriate to move forward with bonds in this amount.

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

There were no comments or questions from Council. Ordinance 2013-32 was taken to a second reading.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2013-33: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013.

Mr. Lutz said it is good news that they need to appropriate additional funds because it means the activity of the building department has picked up quite a bit from previous years. Mr. Lutz said waiving a reading requires a vote of 2/3 of all Council members so this ordinance will have two readings.

Debra Miller, Finance Director, said the first appropriation is in the amount of \$15k for plan review services. She said the building department has experienced a high volume of housing and building projects and have exhausted their funds for plan review services for 2013. She said they also rearranged internally to cover some of the expenses and have used that funding. She said this is a tentative amount to get them through the end of 2013. Ms. Miller said it will depend upon several projects that are in the works and how the timing falls so they may need even more. She said the second appropriation is \$3k for building

department personnel expenses. She said a few years ago they changed the full-time Building Coordinator position to part time. Ms. Miller said occasionally the Coordinator needs to fill in for the full-time Permit Coordinator which means she goes slightly above the part time hours.

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

Ordinance 2013-33 was taken to a second reading.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2013-34: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013.

Mr. Lutz said this is an issue that has been before the Development Committee for several months. He said a group of residents who live along Wildflower Drive in Golf Village have expressed concerns about the speed of the traffic along the street. He said the Committee has worked with the Police Department on target enforcement and the residents along Wildflower decided to go through the City's traffic calming policy to see if they are eligible for traffic calming measures. Mr. Lutz said they have received a petition from the required number of residents and the next step in the process is for the City to perform a comprehensive study of the affected area. He said a qualified professional engineer with experience in traffic engineering will perform a study and the study will include collecting speed and volume data along the routes within the affected area and study the results of possible traffic calming measures on City services. Mr. Lutz said the Engineering Staff secured a quote from Burgess and Niple Traffic Engineers to conduct the study. He said the information was provided in Council packets and the cost is not to exceed \$6,100.00. He said if it is determined that there are speeders on the streets, the next step will be to identify appropriate traffic calming measures. Mr. Lutz said they received a phase II for the study which will have the professional engineers identify appropriate traffic calming measures. He said that phase is estimated to not exceed \$7,700. He said this information will alert Council to possible future expenditures.

Robert Rice, City Engineer, said if they get that far, Phase III would be the design and specifications for traffic calming measures. He said that cost is not within these estimates.

Councilman Counts asked if they have ever used this policy. Mr. Lutz said the policy was developed about ten years ago and this is the first time they have proceeded this far in the process. He said this is the first time they have received petitions.

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

Ordinance 2013-34 was taken to a second reading.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: Councilman Lorenz said the Committee met this evening and discussed a sewer extension proposed by Beautiful Savior Church who is looking to develop on a lot on the north side of Home Road. He said the proposal is to extend sewer lateral as a private line and then connect it to the sanitary sewer that runs along the front yards of residents on the north side of Hickory Rock Drive. He said the church is trying to get resolution as quickly as possible. Councilman Lorenz said his concerns include the impact of the sewer on the homeowners that pay into the LCIFA, the arrangement of how the sewer would be recorded, and who would complete future repairs. He said the Committee asked them to consider some other alternatives and look for other options. He said they indicated they would be willing to schedule a special meeting for further discussion. Councilman Lorenz said this will be a future policy issue and brought to Council for the ultimate decision; he said they foresee that other developments on the west side of Home Road may want to try to enter into these types of agreements so this is a litmus test. Councilman Lorenz said they were presented with this tonight and are trying to accommodate their construction and permit schedules but there are many outstanding issues to be resolved before a sound decision can be made. Mayor Cline asked why this is a City issue and not one for the County Engineer. Mr. Rice said that has been his concern. He said they have been requested to allow a private service lateral to run between two lots that are currently under development and still owned by the developer. He said he sees the Sanitary Engineer having some latitude in this but they seem to be unwilling to entertain the considerations that would need to be included to be able to have this a public main that is maintained by that department. Mr. Rice said his reservation is because it is quite unorthodox to extend a private utility service between two private residential lots when the easements and public mains that

are running adjacent to Hickory Rock are intended for the service of adjacent lots, not lots that cross the street outside of the corporation limits to a parcel that is intending to develop. He said the Sanitary Engineer is fine with allowing a private lateral, will have no interest in it and will allow it to be in the 10' easement but if it would be a public main which is only 2" bigger they would require a 20' easement. Mr. Rice said he is uncomfortable signing off on such a thing and that is why it was taken to the Committee. *Next Meeting:* September 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee: No report. *Next Meeting:* August 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Operations Committee: No report. *Next Meeting:* August 20th, 6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission: No report. *Next Meeting:* August 14th, 7:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT


No report.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Mayor Cline said before they started this evening representatives of the Board of Elections presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for the City's resolution encouraging residents to become poll workers. He said Mr. Counts' challenge was successful as people have signed up since the article was in the paper.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved at 9:36 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Crites seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the motion was approved.

MINUTES APPROVED: August 20, 2013



Richard Cline
Mayor

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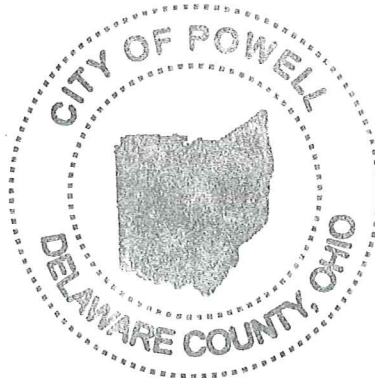
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Sue D. Ross
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9/3/2013

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