



**City of Powell, Ohio**  
City Council

**MEETING MINUTES**

March 7, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Lorenz on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. City Council members present included Jon Bennehoof, Frank Bertone, Tom Counts, Jim Hrivnak, Brian Lorenz, Brendan Newcomb, and Daniel Swartwout. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Eugene L. Hollins, Law Director; Debra Miller, Finance Director; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk, and interested parties.

**OPEN SESSION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATION** - Heart Disease Awareness Week – *Jonathan Finn & Kevin Coghlan, Olentangy Liberty High School*

- Messrs. Finn and Coghlan are seniors at OLHS and members of a marketing class called DECA which prepares students for careers in marketing.
- They are partnering with the American Heart Association to raise money and awareness of heart health around the community.
  - Their goals was to raise \$10,000 and they have achieved that goal through events and endorsements such as:
    - Red-Out heart shirt sales during football games – most successful event in school history – raised \$9,190.
    - Two restaurant events raised \$200.
    - Jeans week for teachers who paid money to wear jeans raised \$435.
    - iHeart Media for a 30 second infomercial.
    - Other endorsement events such as meeting with Congressmen Pat Tiberi.

**PRESENTATION** – Update - *Chief Gary Vest*

- We are currently hosting the new citizen's academy that started tonight. We have about 18 citizens tonight for the 10 week program.
- You receive an Annual Report and monthly statistics report of things that are going on in the community.
  - We look for things we think will be of interest to Council, but sometimes it's challenging to present it with statistics alone.
    - It's not always easy to explain what causes a difference in the statistics from month-to-month. Sometimes it may just be due to the grand jury meeting or someone charged with multiple crimes which are counted individually in the statistics.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Lorenz opened the citizen participation session for items not included on the agenda. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 21, 2017

MOTION: Councilman Hrivnak moved to adopt the minutes of February 21, 2017. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, the minutes were approved.

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2017-08: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017.**

Debra Miller, Finance Director: The first line is the Sewer Agreements Operating Expenditures for \$750. This appropriation is to the expenses that the Delaware County Auditor charges us for collecting the sewer assessments. The second line is \$11,000. This is our first year for getting the sewer assessment. We had about 18 homes that were assessed beginning last fall. Because of the timing of the receipts and the timing of when we actually spent the money, we didn't have as much interest accrued as I had projected. This is giving us the opportunity to pay down some of the principle which was not anticipated in the first year. So that's actually good news because we are advancing this money to ourselves, and paying ourselves back quicker than we first anticipated.

Mayor Lorenz 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 2017-08. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-08. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2017-09: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017.**

Ms. Miller: The City of Powell has a Compensated Absence Fund which is to help when we have retirees. We put money aside each year for employees that are over the age of 60 based on our calculations of their accrued absences in anticipation of a payout. In the Compensated Absence Fund we have \$5,782 for the recently retired permit technician. Now we need to move the money from the Compensated Absence Fund to the General Fund to help offset her retirement payout.

Mayor Lorenz 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 2017-09. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Bertone moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-09. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2017-10: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017.**

Ms. Miller: This is another 'good news' appropriation. In the Sawmill Corridor Commercial TIF, we have an agreement with the Ganzhorn-Spectrum group to help them pay for their sewer. We anticipated this would be the first year of getting some of those funds and we had estimated \$7,500. It actually came in significantly more than that and so I need to raise the budget so that we can get that paid off.

Mayor Lorenz 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 2017-10. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Bertone moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-10. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development Committee:** Next Meeting: March 7, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

**Finance Committee:** Next Meeting: March 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

**Operations Committee:** Next Meeting: March 21, 2017, 6:30 p.m. I will be out of town, so there may be a change to that.

**ONE Community:** Next Meeting: March 13, 2017, 4:30 p.m. I will probably be out of town. My co-chair will handle the duties and we are trying to get the county bike path people to come and join us.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** Next Meeting: March 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m. The proposed Pulte development off of Steitz Road and the chickens' regulations are on the agenda.

**Powell CIC:** Next Meeting: April 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

**Zoning & Building Code Update Diagnostic:** Next Meeting: March 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Steve Lutz, City Manager: I distributed a copy of our structural engineer's report for the pedestrian tunnel under the CSX railroad tracks at Adventure Park. That's where we have been having the problem with the cement delaminating and falling, posing a danger to the public. Right now CSX has been contacted. They are going to be doing some inspections themselves to take a look at the structural integrity. After their inspection, the City and railroad will get together to plan the next course of action.

Our next Council meeting falls during Spring break. I know Frank and Jim will be out of town. In order to be sure we have a quorum, will anyone else be out of town? [Councilmembers nod indicating availability] It appears that we will have five members here, so we should have quorum.

**OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Councilman Hrivnak seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, the meeting was adjourned.

**MINUTES APPROVED: April 4, 2017**

  
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Brian Lorenz  
Mayor

4/6/17  
Date

  
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Karen J. Mitchell  
City Clerk

4/7/2017  
Date



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