



City of Powell, Ohio
City Council

MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Jon Bennehoof on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. City Council members present included Jon Bennehoof, Frank Bertone, Tom Counts, Brian Lorenz, Brendan Newcomb, Melissa Riggins and Daniel Swartwout. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Eugene Hollins, Law Director; David Betz, Development Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk and interested parties.

OPEN SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 16, 2018

MOTION: Councilman Bertone moved to adopt the minutes of January 16, 2018. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, the minutes were approved.

PROCLAMATION: In Memory of Jo Ann Cornish-Gerwig.

The proclamation was received by her husband, Ron Gerwig. Mr. Gerwig thanked Council for its recognition of his wife and spoke of her love of Powell.

PRESENTATION: [2018 Wedgewood Health & Safety Fair](#), by Joanne McGinty

Ms. McGinty related that this was the second annual Health & Safety Fair. It is a community event with many Powell businesses participating. This year's focus is on drug addiction, particularly opiate addiction.

PRESENTATION: Adopt Don't Shop, by Zoe Bricker – presenter wasn't present.

PRESENTATION: [2017 Annual Police Report](#), by Chief Gary Vest, Powell Police Department

Chief Vest reviewed the 2017 annual police report for Council in detail. He acknowledged and thanked his clerk, Rebecca Wenden, for putting the numbers together.

Mayor Bennehoof: I see you blew past the Egon Bittner Award you received.

Chief Vest: I was recognized for leading an agency through accreditation for 15 or more years.

Councilman Bertone: It may be buried within the stats, but something we see a lot within my organization is fraud. Is it something that's growing in this community as much as it is elsewhere in Central Ohio?

Chief Vest: Fraud is a major problem everywhere. Identify theft and fraud are the two most likely attacks in this community. Unfortunately, the perpetrators are not here locally, but we work close with our federal partners and the Sheriff's office on these cases. By your zip code and location alone, it makes you a prime target for those trying to get to your personal and financial information.

Councilman Lorenz: In your statistics, you have stacked calls which went up exponentially, can you explain that?

Chief Vest: Certain calls require two officers, such as a domestic violence calls or an alarm drop. If there is a DUI or anything that's going to tie up an officer – and sometimes it only takes one call to tie up the entire department – it can lead to stacking. With the growth of the City, there has been an increase in calls which leads to stacking. However, if it's an emergency, we are still in good shape because we would request assistance from the Sheriff's office or the highway patrol. If the incoming call is a paper call or non-emergency, our response might be a bit longer if the cars are tied up on another call.

SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2018-03: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018. (EX. A)

Steve Lutz, City Manager: This appropriation in the amount of \$10,450. This money will be sent to CSX for them to recoup the preliminary engineering costs associated with a proposed Murphy Parkway/Liberty Street pedestrian railroad crossing project. This will also keep the project alive on CSX's books.

Councilman Bertone: We discussed this tonight in Development Committee. As Dave and Steve explained, as projects go forward, sometimes we are stepping into a gated approach. This is an ongoing cost we can anticipate for some of the efforts. Whether or not we utilize them is still something we would decide, but this is an expense that will would [need to] be borne by the City as we continue to move forward.

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

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-03. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y: 7 N: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: Next Meeting: February 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m. We had our first meeting of the year and discussed a wide variety of items, including our goal-setting session next week. Our next meeting will be the first Tuesday of next month.

Finance Committee: Next Meeting: February 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Please note the time change.

Operations Committee: Next Meeting: February 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m. We have a couple of topics on the agenda, including goals and possibly adding a radon requirement to our Building Code. Also, we will be discussing fiber [optics], the availability of it, and how to move the City forward with it.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Next Meeting: February 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m. We're reviewing the plat for the first section of Carpenter's Mill. We are getting ready to get started off of Steitz Road this spring. Also the revised phasing plan for Powell Road Self Storage.

Powell CIC: Next Meeting: TBD

Powell Citizen Financial Review Task Force: Next Meeting: February 27, 2018, 7:00 p.m. The task force is meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. They have also decided to form into three subcommittees: Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Improvement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Tom mentioned that next Tuesday will be the Finance Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. Immediately following that meeting will be the City Council's strategic planning session which will be led by the Mayor. Because of the timing of the Finance Committee meeting, we will bring in pizzas and soft drinks so you can get something to eat.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Mayor Bennehoof: Two members of P&Z, David [Betz, Development Director] and I met with two architects. Both are familiar with the City and have done work for the City in some capacity. Following the meeting, the recommendation of that group was to go with Shyft Architects. Derick Stadge represented them. I would entertain a motion to have Shyft Architects as our Architectural Advisor for the City.

Councilman Counts: What was it about them that you felt was worthy?

Mayor Bennehoof: They both presented well, however, Mr. Stadge is younger, represents a younger demographic, and has 12-15 years' experience. He came very well prepared. Don [Emerick] and Bill [Little] both commented how well prepared he was. He had reviewed the Comprehensive Plan, knew it very well, and talked about how the Zoning Code was supported by it. He talked about a number of our initiatives and just came across very well and ready to hit the road running. His fees were a bit lower, but it is marginal, and it is under what we have been paying for our past architectural consultant.

Councilman Counts: Any connection with the City?

Mayor Bennehoof: He has done work within the City. Nocterra Brewery is one of their projects. He has a senior partner that is a builder so he would have the advantage of consultation from others, but still only having a single fee. If he is out of town for some reason, there is another person that can step in for him.

Councilman Swartwout: Can we vote at the next meeting so that we can review their documents? [Other Councilmembers expressed agreement.]

Mayor Bennehoof: Sure. We will carry it over to the next meeting.

The other thing I had was I sent an email out about our Strategy Meeting next Tuesday. Please review the attachments and keep those in mind when coming to our meeting. Please let Steve know of any additions you may have to the agenda. We appointed chairs but did not form committee members, so I think we need to go through that process at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: O.R.C. SECTION 121.22(G)(2) LAND ACQUISITION AND O.R.C. 121.22(G)(8) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved at 8:01 p.m. to amend the agenda to add O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(8) Economic Development as an item to Executive Session and Councilman Lorenz further moved to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(2) Land Acquisitions and O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(8) Economic Development. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, the motion was passed.

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn from Executive Session into Open Session. Councilman Counts seconded the motion.

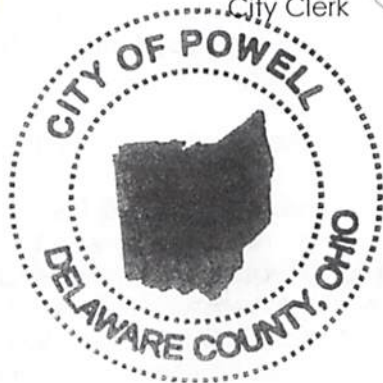
VOTE: Y 7 N 0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Newcomb moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED: February 20, 2018

Jon Bennehoof 2/23/2018 Karen J. Mitchell 2/26/2018
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Mayor City Clerk



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