

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Centerville Municipal Building. The Special Council Meeting was opened with an Invocation given by Mayor Kingseed and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor C. Mark Kingseed presided. Council Members and City Staff were present as follows:

- Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton
- Councilmembers John Beals
- Paul Gresham
- John Palcher
- JoAnne Rau
- Clerk of Council Debra James
- City Manager Gregory Horn
- Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
- City Planner Andrew Rodney
- Public Works Director Douglas Spittler
- City Engineer James Brinegar
- Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
- Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman
- Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
- Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Kingseed asked for a motion to excuse Mrs. Kenley. Dr. Gresham made a motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. Kenley. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-15 SET A PUBLIC HEARING - LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE DOLLAR MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4504.172

Mr. Horn explained that Council had had discussions for several years about possible revenue sources that could be examined to help fill the revenue gap left by the \$2-3 million annual reduction in state funding caused by the elimination of the estate tax, the 50% reduction in the local government fund and the elimination of the Tangible Personal Property Tax. One of the items that the City looked at was the registration fee charged as part of Motor Vehicle License Fees in the State of Ohio. The Centerville fee is still at \$15.00 while the vast majority of communities in Montgomery County have had a \$20.00 vehicle registration fee for a number of years. With 20,000 registered vehicles in our community, this \$5 fee would generate approximately \$100,000 per year to use for street expenses. To be in effect for the 2016 fiscal year, the City would have to notify the State by the end of June.

Mayor Kingseed elaborated on Mr. Horn's comments regarding budget cuts mandated at the State level; he said that the City has bent over backwards not to have to raise fees or taxes. Council's hope was that by doing things like this, and possibly taking some other actions, Council can delay, or even permanently delay, going to the voters to ask for income tax increases. He promised the City would do everything it could to minimize the impact budget cuts might have on citizens. The bottom line is that we do need additional revenue to maintain the

quality services the City provides. A full staff report will be given next week during the Public Hearing.

Mr. Palcher sponsored Ordinance Number 12-15, An Ordinance Levying An Additional Five Dollar (\$5.00) Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax Under Ohio Revised Code Section 4504.172 (Set for Public Hearing on June 15, 2015), and moved that it be passed. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Kingseed adjourned the Special Council Meeting. The next regular meeting of City Council is scheduled for June 15, 2015.

Approved: C. Mark Kingseed
Mayor

ATTEST: Debra A. James
Clerk of Council