

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Centerville Municipal Building. The meeting was opened with an Invocation given by Alden Hilton, of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Cub Scout Troop 516 from John Hole Elementary and Troop 299 from Driscoll Elementary with Mayor Brooks Compton presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff were present as follows:

Deputy-Mayor	Belinda Kenley
Councilmembers	John Beals
	Mark Engert
	John Palcher
	JoAnne Rau
	Bill Serr
Clerk of Council	Carin Andrews
City Manager	Wayne Davis
Finance Director	Jonathan Hudson
Economic Development Director	Nathan Cahall
Public Works Director	Doug Spitler
City Engineer	Jim Brinegar
Human Resources Manager	Jennifer Wilder
Assistant to the City Manager	Kristen Gopman
Community Resources Coordinator	Maureen Russell Hodgson
Municipal Attorney	Scott Liberman

After the pledge, Mayor Compton invited the scouts and their leaders, Kelly Cordare and Dawn Vault, to the podium to introduce themselves and speak about their Troops' activities.

The minutes of the following meetings had been distributed prior to this meeting:

Council Meetings:	October 16, 2017.
	November 13, 2017.

Work Session Meetings:	October 16, 2017.
	November 6, 2017.
	November 13, 2017.

Mr. Beals made a motion for approval of the minutes. Mr. Palcher seconded the motion, and it passed with 7 ayes. Deputy-Mayor Belinda Kenley abstained from the minutes on November 13, 2017.

Mrs. Andrews announced receipt of a letter of resignation from Dean Christolear of the Stormwater Review Committee. Mayor Compton expressed his gratitude for Mr. Christolear's service.

Mayor Compton invited Aimee Besl to come forward. This 7 year-old, home-schooled student created an informational welcoming brochure titled *Warm and Cheerful Centerville*. A special name plate bearing Aimee's name was prepared for the dais, and Mayor Compton read a Certificate of Recognition.

Mayor Compton welcomed the leaders of the 2017 Spirit Chain competition, Centerville High School senior class officers—Jackson Stoller, Megan Knauer, Samuel Haught, Jake Snead, Jordan Davis, Evan Franzman, Gracie Huff, and Julian Martin—and Advisor Mike Dalton. This year's Spirit Chain collected over \$63,000 through fundraising activities at Centerville High School and in the community at Mike's Car Wash and By the Blade Salon. The money raised was donated to Brigid's Path, a center caring for newborns withdrawing from pre-birth exposure to narcotics, and Oak Tree Corner, a center for grieving children. Jane Snyder, a representative from Brigid's Path, was present to thank the group for its efforts. Brigid's Path is the first facility of its kind in Ohio and second in the nation. Councilmember Rau read the Certificate of Recognition, before Mayor Compton added Council had participated in the Spirit Chain fundraising by holding a friendly competition with the Kettering City Council.

Mr. Joe Tuss, the Montgomery County Administrator, and Pat Turnbull, the Director of Environmental Services, presented "Investing In Your Water and Sewer System." On behalf of the County, they explained the water and sewer financial outlook, the condition of the water and sewer system, necessary infrastructure investments, current vs. new rate structure and the five-year plan. The County plans to spend about \$750 million over the next 20 years to replace and repair the aging water and sewer system. On January 1, 2018, Montgomery County Environmental Services will increase the combined rate for average residential water and sewer bills rates approximately 14%. Following that increase, the County will initiate four years of 5.6% rate increases. The 2018 rate increase will vary based on meter size, so customers with larger meters will see larger increases. After 2018, the rate increase will be a flat percentage increase for everyone. Customers can input their information into an online rate calculator on the County's website at www.mcohio.org/water and get estimates for their 2018 bills.

When Mayor Compton opened the floor to questions of the County representatives, Mr. Palcher verified the \$17 million per year dedicated for sewer and water infrastructure was to "maintain" rather than "maintain and improve" the system. Mr. Palcher also asked for the cost for businesses in comparison to residents. Mr. Turnbull answered business rates were based on use, so each business rate will be determined by a use factor. Mr. Tuss added that smaller businesses with "domestic service" will see a rate increase similar to residential users whereas, industrial users will be seeing a higher cost. Mrs. Rau clarified the daily capital charge would be set aside strictly for capital purposes. Mr. Beals inquired how the groundwater was being affected by the general decrease in consumption and about the condition of City of Dayton pipe infrastructure. Mr. Turnbull confirmed the water table is higher now than it was 20 year ago. As to the condition of the Dayton system, he responded the County was working in cooperation with the City of Dayton which is actually five or six years ahead of the County with infrastructure replacement. He added the City of Dayton infrastructure was built in the 20's, 30's 40's and 50's and these assets were aging better because they are all metal. Most of the County's system is ductile iron, and this is the material

they will continue to use. Mr. Engert inquired about the life expectancy of the system and when the County realized the need for upgrades. Mr. Turnbull explained the increasing frequency of breaks over the last decade brought the need for improvements to the forefront.

Other questions centered on factoring in the growth of communities, having “dual feeds” to cover businesses and repainting the water towers in Centerville. Mayor Compton pointed out the importance of a good water supply for economic development.

Mayor Compton opened the floor for comments. Seeing no one come forward with questions for the County representatives, he thanked Mr. Tuss and Mr. Turnbull for their presentation.

In the Mayor’s report, Mayor Compton spoke about the tree lighting and the opening of two new businesses. The annual Christmas tree lighting was held at Benham’s Grove on Sunday evening, November 19, with a wonderful turn out. He thanked Living Hope Church and Boston Stoker Coffee for providing refreshments and thanked the Cougar Chorus from Cline Elementary, the Centerville Community Band and the Miami Valley Dance Community for providing entertainment. In business news, Great Miami Outfitters at Cross Pointe Center and the Gene Group, a Real Estate Investment Company on West Franklin Street, recently held grand opening celebrations.

In Councilmembers’ reports, Deputy-Mayor Belinda Kenley reported on the Ohio Municipal League Annual Conference in Columbus where she attended a session on the ramifications of the State of Ohio centralized income tax collections. Centerville has joined a number of other local communities in filing an injunction against the State of Ohio to stop centralized tax collection, since the measure will have devastating financial consequences for all municipalities. She pointed out Mr. Davis had made a presentation titled “How Professional Management Can Further Elected Leadership” at the conference, and she had learned of a new app called “Next Door” which allows communications between neighbors by neighborhood.

Councilmember Engert shared Centerville-Washington History was sponsoring a presentation on Charles F. Kettering by Chuck Johnson on Tuesday, November 21 at 6 P.M. at the Rec West Enrichment Center.

Mr. Beals provided highlights on the National League of Cities Conference which he attended in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 15-18. The break-out sessions covered the importance of including the neighbors of neighborhoods undergoing change and reconstruction, assisting minority groups for inclusion in city economic opportunities, increasing wi-fi band width for residents, creating job opportunities in “clean energy”, increasing the efficiency of solar installations, reducing carbon footprints, providing more public walks, bikeways, paths, trees, and street furniture and using on-line surveys of local residents in lieu of neighborhood meetings. Keynote speakers at the conference were Ervin “Magic” Johnson, astronaut Mark Kelly and his wife, former U.S. Representative Gabby Gifford.

Mayor Compton noted the Veterans Day Ceremony was held on Saturday, November 11 at Stubbs Park with Colonel Lori Winn from Wright Patterson Air Force Base addressing the audience. The Centerville Community Band and the Cline Elementary 5th Grade Chorus gave musical performances.

In the City Manager report, Mr. Davis reported on a number of topics. The New Community Authority for the Randall Residence will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, November 27 at 4:00 P.M. He shared he had met with State Representative Jim Butler to discuss potential projects that may be eligible for State funding and has been working with Mr. Joe Tuss Montgomery County Administrator on waste collection and recycling issues. In addition, Staff submitted an application for ED/GE funds for financial support from the County for AeroSeal's expansion project. In wrapping up, he wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

When Mr. Beals inquired as to the criteria for receipt of ED/GE funding, Mr. Davis explained that job creation, the need relative to competition and the health of the overall project are considered.

There being no report from the Planning Commission, Mayor Compton turned the attention of the group to the Consent Agenda. Any City Councilmember may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmembers read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows:

- A. Ordinance Number 27-17, An Ordinance Approving The Editing And Inclusion Of Certain Ordinances and Resolutions As Parts Of The Various Component Codes Of The Codified Ordinances; Providing For The Adoption And Publication Of New Matter In The Updated And Revised Codified Ordinances; And Repealing Ordinances And Resolutions In Conflict Therewith, be set for Public Hearing on December 18, 2017.
- B. Resolution Number 61-17, A Resolution Requesting Advances Out Of The Current Collection Of Real Estate, Personal Property And Estate Taxes Assessed And Collected On Behalf Of The City Of Centerville.
- C. Reappointment As Follows:
James Collins – Arts Commission – term of three years.

Mr. Palcher sponsored the Consent Agenda and moved for its approval. Mr. Serr seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-17
AMENDING SECTION 1420.01 BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE

Mr. Cahall provided the report on Ordinance Number 25-17 and stated the Ohio Board of Building Standards updates building codes on about a three-year cycle. The legislation

before Council would adopt the updated building code standards to be enforced and applied by the City of Centerville Building Department.

Several questions from Council followed. When Mr. Engert inquired when the new codes would become effective, Mr. Cahall explained they would become effective in the City of Centerville 30 days after passing per the referendum period on the Ordinance. The Board of Building Standards adopted the new building code in November 2017. Mr. Beals questioned whether the use of the type of sheathing which burned so quickly during the devastating fire in London had been addressed in the Ohio code. Mr. Cahall responded construction material of this type was eliminated some years ago by the International Building Code and would not be able to be used here without specific further testing.

Mayor Compton opened the Public Hearing and seeing no one come forward, closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Engert inquired as to how someone doing construction in Centerville would be able to access the changes. Mr. Cahall responded the codes were available on the website of the Ohio Department of Building Standards.

Mr. Beals sponsored Ordinance Number 25-17, An Ordinance Amending Section 1420.01, Regarding Adoption Of Standardized Building And Housing Codes; Mrs. Rau seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

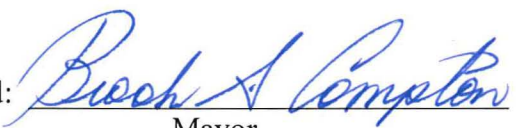
PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-17
AMENDING SECTION 1420.01 ELECTRIC CODE

The need to adopt updates to the National Electric Code was similar in nature to the need to adopt the Standardized Building and Housing Codes. It was mainly a housekeeping measure, so Building Inspection could enforce the most up-to-date regulations.

Mayor Compton opened the Public Hearing and, seeing no speakers, closed it.

Hearing no questions from Council, Mr. Serr sponsored Ordinance Number 26-17, An Ordinance Amending Section 1424.01, Regarding Adoption Of National Electric Code, Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

There being no New Business, Mayor Compton adjourned the meeting at 9:28 P.M. with the next regular meeting of City Council scheduled to take place on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:30P.M.

Approved: 

Mayor

ATTEST: 

Clerk of Council