

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
December 1, 2014

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor Mark Kingseed via Skype

Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton

Councilmembers: John Beals

Paul Gresham

Belinda Kenley

John Palcher

JoAnne Rau

Clerk of Council Debra James

Acting City Manager Steven Hinshaw

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Lieutenant Matt Brown

Drew Simon- WHIO

The City of West Carrollton is exploring alternative options for police and fire dispatch services. Lieutenant Brown summarized the offer that Chief Robertson sent in response to a request for a proposal and explained what personnel might be needed. He noted that the Centerville Police Department had already been updating radio consoles and 9-1-1 communications equipment and software. West Carrollton has asked representatives from the CPD to attend a meeting on December 9, 2014. Council concurred to move forward.

Dr. Hinshaw discussed the decision by the Sugarcreek Township Trustees regarding the creation of a fire district that will exclude the Cornerstone of Centerville development from receiving fire and EMS services as of February 1, 2015.

Mr. Beals entered the meeting at this time.

Staff and the City's counsel will be exploring all legal options in response to this change. Council authorized staff to move forward with forming a Centerville Fire District and will be evaluating all service delivery and legal options as more information becomes available.

Ms. Gopman reviewed the increases to the Benham's Grove rental rates which are to affect contracts signed after January 1, 2015. Annually, staff compares rates with Polen Farm in Kettering. Among the recommendations, Ms. Gopman proposed ending the peak season on October 31 rather than November 14 in 2015. Council concurred with the proposed changes. A previous ordinance

allows the City Manager to adjust fees up to 10 percent annually without new legislation, however some increases for the Barn and the Cottage are above that threshold, so legislation will be needed.

Dr. Hinshaw reported that in October 2009 the City had passed a resolution of support for construction of a proposed Wright Brothers monument to be located at the southwest quadrant of I-70 and I-75. The Wright Image Group, Inc. has requested an updated resolution or letter of support. Mr. Beals stated the monument would help the local economy more if it was put in a venue such as Carillon Park where it could be appreciated as an attraction. Council concurred to move forward, although Mr. Beals was not supportive of the resolution.

Dr. Hinshaw shared that the Ohio Senate is expected to pass HB5, a municipal tax reform bill, on Wednesday, December 3. The City will lose significant tax revenue as the result of the changes included in the bill.

Mr. Spitler gave an update on the construction on Feedwire Road; paving is scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday of this week, weather permitting. In spite of warm temperatures, the contractor did not work last weekend because he anticipated heavy holiday traffic.

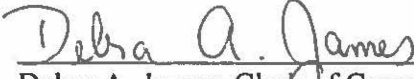
In Council Communications, Mr. Beals noted he had attended the Board Meeting of the Park District. Ms. Kenley reported that the Washington-Centerville Library will hold an open forum to share ideas on how the library can provide services to business owners. Dr. Hinshaw volunteered to find out about the event and share the information with Council.

Mr. Beals attended a mobile workshop on bicycle infrastructure at the National League of Cities in Austin, Texas that reminded him of Council's concerns about Zengel Drive. Lt. Brown took the opportunity to update Council on that area. The Police Department set up a speed board and had an unmarked car monitor traffic on Zengel Drive. He noted that the average speed was 27 mph; the police did not observe that speed was a problem.

Mr. Palcher announced that Art at the Trace, sponsored by the Arts Commission, will be held this year on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

In order to set the date for the annual retreat, Mayor Kingseed asked for members to everyone to contact Ms. James with availability for January and early February, so that a date can be set for the Council Retreat.

Dr. Gresham made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Litigation. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes. After no official business was conducted, Mrs. Rau moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes.


Debra A. James, Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor