

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
December 3, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor Mark Kingseed via Skype
Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton
Councilmembers: John Beals
Douglas Cline
Paul Gresham
Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
Public Works Director Robert James
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Human Resources Manager Ginger Yonak

Mr. Horn explained the 2013 Agreement between the City of Centerville and the Law Office of the Montgomery County Public Defender. This agreement provides legal services for indigent persons charged with jailable offenses. It is about a 3% increase over last year's rates. Dr. Gresham raised the question of whether Washington Township pays the same rate as the City. Mr. Horn will bring this question up with someone from the Kettering Municipal Court. The Resolution with regard to this agreement will be on the December 17, 2012 Agenda for the Council Meeting.

Mr. Horn indicated that there had been an article recently in the Dayton Daily News regarding hotel/motel tax. Approximately five to six years ago the City was told that there wasn't an opportunity for Centerville to implement the tax in Montgomery County. He began to wonder if they had changed anything in the law and asked staff to look into this issue. (The City did pass an ordinance with regard to the hotel/motel tax in Greene County with the chance of the Dille property being developed.) When Mr. Cahall looked through materials, he was of the opinion that we could implement a hotel/motel tax in the Montgomery County portion of the City. Mr. Liberman, the Municipal Attorney, further researched the topic. Mr. Horn has contacted Chief Robertson to run the police reports from the standpoint of police services at the Holiday Inn Express. Mr. Horn stated his belief that the City should adopt a Resolution with regard to hotel/motel tax. It was suggested to do a survey on what other jurisdictions are doing.

Mrs. Yonak reviewed recommended changes to the Pay Ordinances for 2013. Discussion was held and Council concurred to a 1.9% increase across the board for the 2013 annual pay adjustment for City employees. She also reviewed proposed updates to the Personnel Manuals for both the regular employees and the employees of Yankee Trace. The Ordinances will be passed as Emergency Ordinances on December 17, and the Public Hearings for the two Pay Ordinances and the Ordinance for Changes to the Personnel Manuals will be held on January 28, 2013. The proposed Personnel Manual policy changes include Wellness and Tobacco Usage, city vehicles being equipped

with GPS, Personal Appearance/Professional Image, Workers Compensation Injuries, FMLA and Vacation Usage During Probationary Period. After some discussion Council would like to revisit the topic of Wellness and Tobacco Usage at the Council Retreat in February 2013. The other proposed changes clarify the language and, basically, are housekeeping measures.

Mr. Cline entered the meeting at this time.

Mrs. Yonak also outlined the proposed Personnel Appeals Board Rules. The Board has heard only two cases in the past 30 years and currently does not have a formal set of procedures for appeals. The proposed rules are detailed and leave the door open for stipulations. Because the City would like to define and standardize the process, an Ordinance will be on the December Council Meeting Agenda to be set for Public Hearing. Dr. Gresham asked if the city provided some kind of orientation to the Board and Commission members. Mr. Horn noted that we used to have a representative from the Ethics Commission come in for a short presentation.

Mr. Horn informed Council that he was in receipt of a few memos with regard to the State funding to 911 PSAPs. Residents are now taxed a certain amount per cell phone; the money goes to the State of Ohio. The state is going to limit the number of PSAPs in a county that receive funding to five. Cutbacks are planned in 2014 and 2016, adding to declining revenues for many jurisdictions and encouraging regional and county-wide dispatch centers. Mr. Horn also gave Council an update on House Bill 601, the tax uniformity measure. He will talk to Representative Jim Butler.

Council concurred to reappoint Jan Prettyman to the City Beautiful Commission for three years. Mary Pizza will be appointed Chair of the Sister City Committee and Robert Vines as Co-Chair; these appointments are for one year.

Mr. Horn mentioned that the Compressed Natural Gas Presentation was held at the Centerville Police Department on Friday, November 30, 2012, with approximately 40 individuals from area cities, county offices and school districts attending. Smith Dairy and other experts in the field discussed the pros and cons of switching from diesel and gasoline to compressed natural gas. Mr. Horn will continue to follow-up and keep Council apprised on this topic. It is believed the County may construct a compressed natural gas fueling hub at the transfer station in Moraine.

Mr. Cline made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel and Real Estate. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Mr. Cline moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes.

Approved C. Mark Kingseed
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor

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