

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
July 14, 2008

TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor C. Mark Kingseed  
Councilmembers: Doug Cline  
John Beals  
Brooks Compton  
Paul Gresham  
Belinda Kenley  
James Singer  
Assistant Clerk of Council Julie Weaver  
City Manager Gregory Horn  
Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman  
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder  
Public Works Director Rob James  
City Engineer Doug Spitler  
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Mayor Kingseed opened the meeting shortly after 7:00 p.m. by introducing Jennifer Osterday, a new member of the staff of the Centerville Bellbrook Times.

Dr. Gresham made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. A roll call resulted in six ayes. Ms. Osterday and the staff exited the room at this time. After no official business was conducted, Mr. Cline made a motion to close the Executive Session. Mr. Compton, who had entered during the second interview, seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed seven ayes.

During the Council Meeting on July 21, 2008, Council will vote on the appointments of Mr. Walt Smucker and Mr. Robert Waker to the Arts Commission. The Clerk's Office is to ask if Christine Quijote-Oakes is interested in being appointed to the Sister City Committee.

City staff members returned to the Law Library at this time.

Tim Jackson, 910 Vintage Lake Drive, introduced himself as the Treasurer of Citizens for Reduced Property Taxes. This citizen action committee has established a checking account, so that donations may be accepted. His group will support initiatives to get the issue of a merger study commission on the November ballot so that facts about what is best for the community can be carefully considered and an educated recommendation about merging or not merging can be made. Mr. Jackson stressed the need to curtail taxes in order for Centerville and Washington Township to compete with northern Warren County for businesses and home buyers.

Discussion followed concerning plans for attaining the required signatures on the petitions. It was agreed to use a variety of resources. Councilmembers, volunteers and interns

will be collecting signatures over the next month or so. There was consensus to hire SPP Group for some services.

Council made suggestions and comments about a handout to be used as signatures are being collected. The basic information provided will include the logos for both the City of Centerville and Washington Township and will list the name of the political action committee, Citizens for Reduced Property Taxes.

Dr. Gresham will invite Mr. Jackson to come to the July 21, 2008, Council Meeting to be introduced.

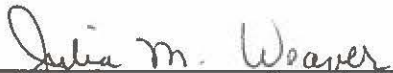
As previously requested by Council, Mrs. Wilder clarified the staff recommendation that building permit fees be increased by twenty percent across the board. She shared a graph showing departmental costs versus revenues for the past eight years. Even with a twenty percent increase, all expenses would not be covered and most of the City's fees would be less than those of Montgomery County and surrounding jurisdictions. At the next regular meeting, Council will be asked to set the proposed ordinance increasing the fees for public hearing in August.

Mrs. Wilder also gave an update to her report on inflatable swimming pools. According to former Fire Chief Parks, the code in Washington Township is very similar to ours. In the Township, any pool with water over twenty-four inches deep must have a five foot fence, a fence permit, and a county electrical permit. The majority of the communities surveyed have similar ordinances and enforce the rules when exceptions are reported by citizens or noticed by staff.

Mrs. Wilder explained the need for legislation to define the responsibilities of the owners/operators of rental units in setting appointments for the inspection of their rental units. At the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, Council will be asked to set for public hearing in August an ordinance stating landlord responsibilities in more detail.

Mr. Horn stated that demolition and clean up will soon be completed on the City property at the southeast corner of Alex-Bell Road and SR 48. Funds for planning the improvements for the site will be budgeted next year.

Dr. Gresham made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel and Litigation. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes. City staff, except Mr. James, left the meeting at this time. After no official business was conducted, Dr. Gresham made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes.

  
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Julia M. Weaver  
Assistant Clerk of Council

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C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor