

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
September 15, 2008

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor Mark Kingseed

Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline

Councilmembers: John Beals

Brooks Compton

Paul Gresham

Belinda Kenley

Clerk of Council Debra James

City Manager Gregory Horn

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Public Works Director Robert James

Assistant City Engineer John Sliemers

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Resident: Roger Hanks

Mr. Horn reported that the City had received the results of the bid opening for road salt for the coming year. The annual road salt bids have more than doubled in price from a year ago. The bid is a joint bid of Southwest Ohio Purchaser's for Government (SWOP4G) which is handled by the City of Middletown. It has been reported that salt reserves were depleted last year and this is the reason for a shortage this year. Mr. James indicated that the Public Works Department has been discussing how to conserve salt for this year. One strategy is pre-wetting with salt brine or calcium chloride. Mr. James is recommending that the City award a contract to the Morton Salt Company. The Resolution is on the Consent Agenda for this evening's Council Meeting.

Mr. Horn informed Council of the extensive damage within the City and the surrounding communities throughout the Dayton area from the severe winds on Sunday, September 14, 2008. The Public Works Department will remove tree debris if residents put it at the curb; the Department has already begun this task. Because there is monumental damage throughout the City, it will take weeks to remove the brush in our community even with the crews working overtime. Power is out in many areas of the City; hopefully, we will have an idea within three to four days of when power will be fully restored. Mr. Horn also reported that the emergency 911 was down during the storm on Sunday. Over 100 police agencies experienced the same problem. Many SBC and AT&T telephone lines were not working either. He will report back to Council if there is a need to reevaluate our system.

Council requested that the Resolution outlining conditions required for Council to support a merger between the City of Centerville and Washington Township be removed from the

Consent Agenda at the regular Council Meeting to follow this meeting. Council wanted to consider this item separately in order to highlight its importance. After the vote, a press release will go out immediately and an open letter making a contractual commitment to the community will be sent to the Centerville Bellbrook Times by the end of the week.

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Approved C. Mark Kingseed  
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor