

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of COUNCIL

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held March 1720 08

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Centerville Municipal Building. The Meeting was opened with an Invocation given by Pastor John Bradosky and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, with Mayor Mark Kingseed presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff present were as follows:

Deputy Mayor	Doug Cline
Councilmembers	John Beals
	Brooks Compton
	Paul Gresham
	Belinda Kenley
	James Singer

Clerk of Council Debra James
 City Manager Gregory Horn
 Finance Director Mark Schlagheck
 Public Works Director Robert James
 City Engineer Douglas Spittler
 Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman
 Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
 Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

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

Council Meeting -	February 18, 2008.
Work Session Meetings -	February 18, 2008.
	March 3, 2008.

Mr. Compton moved that the minutes of the foregoing Council Meetings, as distributed, be approved. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Dr. Gresham abstained from the vote on the minutes of the work session on March 3, 2008.

Mrs. James noted the receipt of a letter of resignation from City Beautiful Commission member, Linda Meily. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Meily for her service on the City Beautiful Commission and the excellent work she did as the chairperson.

Mayor Kingseed announced that the City is donating \$20,000 in support of the Americana Festival. Over 80,000 people attended last year, making Americana Ohio's eighth largest festival. Steve Wenstrup and Joy Brush were present to represent Americana Festival, Inc. and thanked the Council for the increased support.

Mayor Kingseed administered the oath of office to James Teske, as a member of the Centerville Arts Commission and to John Palcher as a member of the Centerville Planning Commission.

Mayor Kingseed noted the following in the Mayor's Report:

He explained that the Joint Financial Study analyzes what would happen to the tax liabilities and tax rates of citizens if the City and the Township should merge. Council

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believes that a merger committee should be formed to study the issue further. In order to explain the factors leading to this decision, the Mayor asked for the broadcast of a segment of "Let's Talk Centerville" where he and City Manager Greg Horn discuss the implications of the University of Toledo Joint Financial Study.

The Council feels there is sufficient reason to begin the process that could possibly lead to a merger. People must sign petitions to request a vote on the formation of a merger committee. If the electorate approves its formation, the merger study committee would have up to two years to examine the issue and make a recommendation. If the committee recommends a merger, the vote would once again come to the electorate. If the process starts with the election in November, the earliest the merger could take effect would be 2010. The explanation of the Joint Financial Study will be presented by staff from the University of Toledo and the Wright State Office of Urban Affairs at the Police Department, 155 W. Spring Valley Road, on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in a meeting which will be broadcast live. Washington Township Trustees and the Administrator will be present along with the Centerville Council and City Manager.

Belinda Kenley read a proclamation concerning Occupational Therapy Week, April 21- 28, 2008.

Mr. Horn announced the following in the City Manager's Report:

We are working with Washington Township, the Centerville-Washington Foundation and the Beals Foundation for the placement of a Verdin clock in the Architectural Preservation District. We hope to have the final site selection by next month.

Plans for the expansion of Tower Heights Middle School were approved by the Planning Commission at its last meeting. Since an area resident has filed an appeal of the approval, the Centerville Schools have asked that we hear the appeal as soon as possible in order to facilitate the construction schedule. Council has agreed to hear the appeal at a Special Council Meeting on April 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

In an update on the Dille development, Mr. Horn said that conversations continue with the Sugarcreek Local Schools related to the Memorandum of Understanding. Also, work is progressing with Hope Methodist Church on rights of way for Miami Valley Drive East.

Boris, our police canine, and his handler will be broadcast live on Channels 22 and 45 on Wednesday morning of this week.

Mr. Horn sent special greetings to Nick Farquhar, law director for the City for 30 years, and Marilyn McLaughlin, Clerk of Council for forty-one years. On behalf of everyone at the City, he wished both of them well as they battle serious illnesses.

He thanked the Public Works crews for their outstanding work clearing the streets this winter, especially during the last major storm.

He welcomed Huffy Corporation to Centerville and noted that the ribbon cutting for its headquarters will be at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19 at 6551 Centerville Business Parkway.

Mrs. Gopman outlined code violations and resolutions for the month of February 2008, and presented the community calendar for the coming month.

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Mrs. Kenley reported that she, Dr. Gresham and Mr. Beals had attended the conference of the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. She commended NLC for the helpful workshops on green living, first tier efforts and aircraft noise.

In addition to the workshops mentioned by Mrs. Kenley, Mr. Beals noted that, at the conference, Nancy Palozzi and Barney Frank spoke on issues important to local governments. He and Dr. Gresham met with Mike Turner's staff on Capitol Hill.

Mayor Kingseed thanked Mr. and Mrs. Beals for the cooperation of the Sally and John Beals Foundation in funding the Verdin clock for downtown Centerville.

Dr. Gresham noted that the National League of Cities, in the coming year, will lobby Congress to fund fully federal transportation programs, to stabilize the mortgage finance system, to increase federal crime prevention programs, to push energy efficiency and conservation block grants, and to reform immigration.

Mayor Kingseed thanked these three members of Council for representing the City of Centerville on the national level.

Mayor Kingseed explained that the Consent Agenda contains procedural and administrative matters that have been discussed in work sessions and have unanimous support of Council. Approval of these issues will be as a group with one motion being made. Councilmembers read the ordinance and resolutions, before Mr. Compton moved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- A. Ordinance Number 3-08, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 11-86, The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio To Regulate Signs That Incorporate An Electronic Message Center In Accordance With The Provisions Of Chapter 713 Of The Ohio Revised Code, be set for Public Hearing on April 21, 2008.
- B. Resolution Number 9-08, A Resolution Accepting Membership In The First Suburbs Consortium Of Dayton, Ohio, Council Of Governments.
- C. Resolution Number 10-08, A Resolution Accepting The Bid Submitted By Double Jay Construction, Inc. For Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements – 2008 And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract In Connection Therewith.
- D. Resolution Number 11-08, A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Participate In A Contract With The Department Of Administrative Services, Office Of State Purchasing, For The Purchase Of One Tub Grinder.
- E. The Following Reappointments Be Made:
 Lowell Stebbins, Board of Tax Appeals.
 James Durham, Planning Commission.
 Dan Carfagno, Property Review Commission.

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- F. The Following Appointments Be Made:
 John Palcher, Planning Commission.
 Bill Etson, Board of Architectural Review.
 Roberta Goodrich and Patty Kraft, Co-Chairs, City Beautiful Commission.

Dr. Gresham seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2-08 AMENDING PAY RANGES, GRADES, RATES OF PAY AND REGULATIONS AT YANKEE TRACE

The public hearing was held for Ordinance Number 2-08, An Ordinance To Amend Subsection D And Subsection E To Attachment A Of Ordinance Number 34-07, Establishing Class Titles, Pay Ranges, Grades, Rates Of Pay, And Regulations For Employees Associated With The Food Service, Maintenance And /Or Golf Operations Of The Golf Club At Yankee Trace, City Of Centerville, Ohio. Mr. Horn gave background for this agenda item, stating that there were four adjustments to rates of pay at Yankee Trace. The recommended changes are for the positions of golf cart support, sauté cook/swing cook, general cook staff, and second assistant golf pro. Mr. Cline moved for approval of Ordinance Number 2-08, and Mr. Beals seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Guglielmetti, 1205 Spring Ash Drive, Washington Township, spoke about a program for matching charitable contributions through his employer, Dayton Power & Light. The company will match employee personal contributions up to \$2,000 for qualified non-profits and charitable organizations. Eligible groups include education, arts, culture, civic, community, health and human services.

Mr. Joseph Koussa, 1537 Beaver creek Lane, Kettering, Ohio, asked God to bless the troops. Naming products made in foreign countries, he told a story of a man's day in order to point out the need for American-made products and jobs.

Ray Mitchell, 259 Cardington Street, Dayton, Ohio 45459, invited everyone to participate in Access TV and be interviewed on his program (McCracken & Mitchell Report). He noted a recent meeting in downtown Dayton about rail service to the south suburbs. In his comments on the proposed merger, he stated that he likes the rural feel of the township. He said that the difference in the size of the City and the Township is significant. He suggested talking to Mr. Kenneth Curp who was Mayor at the time Riverside merged with Mad River Township about the experience there. He does not believe that retired people will save enough on property taxes to offset their income taxes. (In actuality, unearned income is not taxed).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: E. Mark Kengreel
Mayor

ATTEST: Debra A. James
Clerk of Council