

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of *COUNCIL*

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held *December 18*20 *06*

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, December 18, 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 led by Cub Scout Troop 516, with Deputy Mayor Doug Cline presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff present were as follows:

Councilmembers     Brooks Compton  
                                Robert Corbin  
                                Paul Gresham  
                                Susan Lienesch  
                                James Singer

Clerk of Council Debra James  
 City Manager Gregory Horn  
 Finance Director Mark Schlagheck  
 Chief of Police Steve Walker  
 Lieutenant Dave Williams  
 Public Works Director Robert James  
 City Engineer Douglas Spitler  
 Assistant Engineer John Sliemers  
 Operations Manager Mary Lou Pence  
 Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder  
 Management Analyst Kristen Gopman  
 Arts Coordinator Angie Tapogna  
 Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mr. Singer moved that Mayor Kingseed be excused from this meeting. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council Meeting – November 20, 2006.  
 Work Session Meetings – November 20, 2006.  
    December 4, 2006.  
    December 11, 2006.

Mr. Compton moved that the minutes of the foregoing meetings, as distributed be approved. Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Cline presented a certificate of congratulations to Eagle Scout Alex Verslype, whose Eagle Project focused on improvements at Rosewood Park.

Deputy Mayor Cline administered the oath of office to newly appointed City Beautiful Commission member Roberta Goodrich.

Angie Tapogna, Project Manager, gave a Create the Vision update, stating 2006 was a very fruitful year. One hundred twenty of the one hundred ninety-eight strategies are currently in process or complete. Mrs. Tapogna outlined meetings she attended, groups she addressed, articles published relating to Create the Vision and honors received by the group. Create the Vision met once a month in 2006, but will meet only on May 9<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> in 2007. The group's annual report is posted on the website at [www.CreatetheVision.org](http://www.CreatetheVision.org).

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Since her duties for Create the Vision are winding down, Mrs. Tapogna has accepted new duties as the Arts Program Coordinator for the Centerville Arts Commission. The Arts Commission is working on three major events at the Golf Club at Yankee Trace for the coming months: a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater in January, Art at the Trace in February, and a string quartet from the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra in March.

Deputy Mayor Cline expressed the opposition of the Centerville City Council to joining the proposed countywide fire and police dispatch system at this time. Currently all dispatch calls are handled locally at our Police Department or at Washington Township Fire Dispatch on McEwen Road. Our dispatchers are very familiar with our local businesses and the street system. Our police and fire dispatches have superior response times. The Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and City staff have attended numerous informational sessions. After debating the issue in work sessions, City Council found no compelling reason to consider closing our existing dispatch and joining the proposed operation at this time. The Council is concerned about a potential loss of quality in service and response time, loss of control of decisions affecting operations and the accuracy of the information about cost savings. While we appreciate the need to foster regional cooperation, we do not believe this particular initiative is in the best interests of the citizens of Centerville. The Council will continue to explore with Washington Township the possibility of combining the dispatch systems of the Washington Township Fire Department and the Centerville Police Department. Though not present, Mayor Kingseed participated in the discussions and was in agreement with the Council.

City Manager Greg Horn used a power point presentation on the issue of the consolidated dispatch system which covered its background, its cost and the quality of service. Initially, GEOCOMM, a qualified outside consultant, analyzed the situation. In September, 2006, its report cited the potential for savings of \$4.8 to \$6 million per year if the seventeen local dispatch centers became one. The City of Dayton would save about two thirds of the total, while Centerville costs would increase by \$30,933. When the Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget reexamined the numbers in-house, the cost figures changed from the fee of \$8.38 per call suggested by GEOCOMM to \$6.65 per call, plus a \$.50 per call charge for the improvement fund. In this event, Centerville would save \$123,739.

Mr. Horn said even if the City joined the countywide system, the City would need to maintain a minimum level of staffing or "backfill" at the Police Department building to insure the security of the building and allow timely access to help and records; the City of Centerville does not want the Police building to be closed nights and weekends. Mr. Horn estimated that it would cost the City \$275,000.00 a year to backfill with appropriately qualified individuals, leaving a net increase of \$151,261 per year—even when using the more favorable estimate from the County.

Mr. Horn pointed out that regional cooperation has been cited in connection with this issue. He listed numerous ways that Centerville has partnered in the past with its neighbors for the good of the area. Mr. Horn stressed that Centerville has been a leader in regional cooperation over the past several decades.

Mr. Horn next discussed quality of service issues, and Chief Stephen Walker and Lt. David Williams shared with Council their concerns that Centerville has invested heavily in technology. Joining the countywide system would mean giving up the use of important parts of it. They voiced concerns about inconsistent penetration of the countywide signals

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into heavier steel buildings, talk-over problems and officer interruptions when larger numbers of jurisdictions share a limited number of frequencies, and curtailment of our current cellular capabilities. The police cruisers of the City of Centerville and the City of Kettering are equipped with highly efficient computer systems which allow e-ticketing and which transmit data directly to the Kettering Courts. Staff currently believes we would have to give up this capability if we were to join the countywide system; we do not know if we could maintain this unique service in isolation from the City of Kettering Police Department. Mr. Horn added that the in-car computer systems are able to transfer photos and streaming video for the protection of officers and the enhancement of the performance of their duties. The consolidated system does not have these capabilities at the same quality levels.

Local control is an issue. Local government control is crucial for safety of officers, providing quality service, having accountability, and supervising dispatchers. Centerville has a tremendous record of quality dispatching. We have 15 years of our own history which instant record retrieval makes available to our officers before they enter a situation.

Some jurisdictions will save dollars by going to the County system and some will receive better service. Mr. Horn stated he does not believe there would be a net dollar savings or a quality improvement for the City of Centerville. Whether we could maintain our quality is an unknown. He does not recommend that we make a change at this time.

Lt. Williams, the Commander of Staff Services Division overseeing our communications and records, and Chief Walker answered questions from Council. Mr. Compton asked for a description of how calls would be prioritized with central dispatch. Lt. Williams responded that consolidated dispatch groups agencies in a manner which will delay some Centerville response times. There is competition for priority in dispatch and for radio air time.

Mr. Corbin asked for verification that joining the consolidated system would "dilute" our service. Lt. Williams concurred that Centerville is technology ahead of many jurisdictions, and could lose some capabilities because there is a difference between the RF (radio frequency) used by the County and the cellular system Centerville is using. One example is the Automatic Vehicle Locator which allows the dispatchers to see exactly where the cars are when calls come in or when an officer needs assistance. Taxpayer dollars have been spent for state of the art equipment which would not be able to be utilized. Mr. Corbin also asked if we could function with our system if Kettering should go with the consolidation. They own the equipment and we pay monthly airtime. Lt. Williams replied we would need to evaluate if we can continue without Kettering. Chief Walker talked about the technology, especially the locator systems, that would be lost if the City were to return to strictly an RF system.

Mr. Compton asked if we will have the ability to communicate with the County system. Chief Walker answered that we are fully inter-operable with everyone who has the 800 megahertz frequencies used by the County system, but probably not with information related to the in-car computers.

Mr. Compton noted that centralization does not seem to be the responsible thing to do for safety. Dr. Gresham voiced his concurrence with those opposed to joining the consolidation at this time. Chief Walker reiterated that Centerville has been involved with many regional efforts, but said that this one is not a good one for the City.

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

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Leaf pickup is completed. However, pick ups can still occur, if citizens call the Municipal Building for pick up. A minimal fee will be charged.

The Service Awards Holiday Luncheon was held for all City employees on December 13, 2006, at Yankee Trace.

Appreciation was given to Mr. Schlagheck, his staff, Chair Jim Singer and Council for the efforts in preparing the 2007 Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

The Peoples' Choice Awards named Yankee Trace as the best golf course in the Greater Dayton Area for 2006.

Mrs. Wilder has been working on the Rental Inspection Checklist and the Advisory Group has seen it. The checklists will be going out in the next few days. The first inspections should occur at the end of January.

Mrs. Gopman outlined code violations and resolutions for the month of November, 2006, as well as the community calendar for the coming month.

**SESSLAR MEDICAL – RECORD PLAN**

Mrs. Wilder reviewed a Record Plan for Sessler Medical located on Centerville Business Parkway north of Clio Road. She explained the change requested for the record plan for Sessler Medical is seeking to consolidate two lots into one single lot for the construction of a medical facility. The zoning on the 1.1412 acres of land is Industrial Planned Development which permits medical offices. The Planning Commission, by unanimous vote, recommended approval of this Record Plan to City Council. Dr. Gresham moved that the Record Plan for Sessler Medical, be approved. Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wilder, reporting for Mr. Feverston, advised that An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 11-86, The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio To Make It Applicable To The Area Of Sugarcreek Township Annexed To The City, has been recommended for consideration by City Council. Mr. Singer moved that said Ordinance be set for Public Hearing for January 22, 2007. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Compton reported that the Unified Development Ordinance Task Force met on December 6, 2006.

Deputy Mayor Cline explained that the Consent Agenda contains procedural administrative matters. Approval of these issues will be as a group with one motion being made. Mr. Horn gave a brief summary of the Consent Agenda items. Mr. Corbin moved that the following Consent Agenda items be passed:

- A. Approval of the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Program.
- B. Ordinance Number 33-06: An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Centerville, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007. (Set for Public Hearing on January 22, 2007)

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- C. Ordinance Number 35-06: An Ordinance To Repeal Ordinances Numbers 20-05 And 2-06 In Their Entirety And To Establish Class Titles, Pay Ranges, Grades, Rates Of Pay, And Regulations For Employees Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio. (Set for Public Hearing on January 22, 2007)
- D. Ordinance Number 37-06: An Ordinance To Repeal Ordinance Numbers 22-05 And 4-06 In Their Entirety And To Establish 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. (Set for Public Hearing on January 22, 2007)
- E. Ordinance Number 39-06: An Ordinance To Repeal Ordinance Numbers 17-99, 42-00, 41-01, 26-02, 24-04, and 05-05 In Their Entirety And To Establish The Personnel Manuals Of The City Of Centerville. (Set for Public Hearing on January 22, 2007)
- F. Resolution Number 59-06: A Resolution Requesting An Advance Of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) Out Of The Current Collection Of Real Estate, Personal Property And Estate Taxes Assessed And Collected On Behalf Of The City Of Centerville, be passed.
- G. Resolution Number 60-06: A Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Manager On Behalf Of The City Of Centerville, To Apply For Funding From The Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority To Construct A Gazebo Bus Stop Shelter On Clio Road At The Entrance To The Miami Valley Hospital Campus In The City Of Centerville, be passed.
- H. Resolution Number 61-06: A Resolution Accepting The Bid Submitted By Double Jay Construction, Inc., For Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements (SS-1C-06) And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract In Connection Therewith, be passed.
- I. Resolution Number 62-06: A Resolution Accepting The Bid Submitted By PohlKat Inc., For Pond Dredging At Yankee Trace And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract In Connection Therewith, be passed.
- J. Appoint Rich LaRue as a Member of the Arts Commission.

Mr. Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 28-06 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-06  
ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE  
ADD SECTION 302.16 VEGETATION

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The Public Hearing was held concerning Ordinance Number 28-06. Mrs. Wilder explained that legislation on vegetation was part of the former Property Maintenance Code but was overlooked when the International Property Maintenance Code was adopted. This ordinance would allow the City to order removal of dead trees and shrubs which are considered to be dangerous to other plants or property. Mrs. Lienesch sponsored Ordinance Number 28-06, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 16-06, Adoption Of The International Property Maintenance Code Of The Centerville Municipal Code, To Add Section 302.16 Vegetation, and moved that it be passed. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## ORDINANCE NUMBER 29-06 ENACTING NEW CENTERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 840.05 EXEMPTION TO THE RENTAL UNIT INSPECTION REGULATIONS

The Public Hearing was held concerning Ordinance Number 29-06. Mr. Horn explained the scrivener's error with the use of "bi-annual" rather than "biennial" since the intent was for inspections every two years. Language was added to exclude dwelling units for which one has paid a one-time lump sum in exchange for lifetime rights or health related services. Mr. Corbin abstained because of personal interest in the matter. Mr. Compton sponsored Ordinance Number 29-06, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 840 To Correct A Scrivener's Error And Enacting New Centerville Municipal Code Section 840.05 Exemption To The Rental Unit Inspection Regulations, and moved that it be passed. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed with five ayes with Mr. Corbin abstaining from the vote.

## ORDINANCE NUMBER 31-06 2006 APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Compton sponsored Ordinance Number 31-06, An Emergency Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 18-05 To Make Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Centerville, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006, and moved that it be passed. Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## ORDINANCE NUMBER 32-06 2007 APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Horn reviewed an Emergency Ordinance to adopt appropriations for the budget for 2007 and allow the City to expend dollars between the first of the year and the passage of the regular Ordinance at the January 22, 2007 meeting. Mr. Singer sponsored Ordinance Number 32-06, An Emergency Ordinance To Make Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Centerville, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007, and moved that it be passed. Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## ORDINANCE NUMBER 34-06 CITY PERSONNEL

Dr. Gresham sponsored Ordinance Number 34-06, An Emergency Ordinance To Repeal Ordinances Numbers 20-05 And 2-06 In Their Entirety And To Establish Class

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Titles, Pay Ranges, Grades, Rates Of Pay, And Regulations For Employees Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 36-06 YANKEE TRACE PERSONNEL

Dr. Gresham sponsored Ordinance Number 36-06, An Emergency Ordinance To Repeal Ordinance Numbers 22-05 And 4-06 In Their Entirety And To Establish 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, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Corbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 38-06 UPDATE PERSONNEL MANUALS

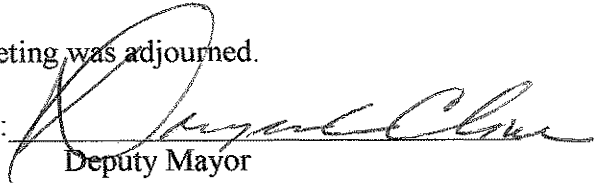
Mr. Compton sponsored Ordinance Number 38-06, An Emergency Ordinance To Repeal Ordinance Numbers 17-99, 42-00, 41-01, 26-02, 24-04, and 05-05 In Their Entirety And To Establish The Personnel Manuals Of The City Of Centerville, and moved that it be passed. Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joseph Koussa, 1537 Beaver creek Lane, Kettering, Ohio asked that troops come home safely. Mr. Corbin asked Mr. Koussa if he had any business relevant to the Centerville Council. Mr. Corbin left the meeting at this time. Mr. Koussa displayed letters from various dignitaries and jurisdictions.

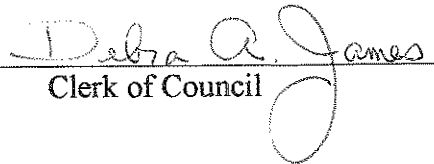
Deputy Mayor Cline wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season as well as a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

  
Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Council