

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
November 9, 1998

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library
PRESENT: Mayor Sally Beals
Deputy-Mayor James Singer
Councilmembers: C. Mark Kingseed
James Reppert
Susan Lienesch
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
Assistant Clerk of Council Peggy Whisman
City Manager Gregory Horn
Assistant City Manager Judith Gilleland
Public Works Director Steve Weaver
Administrator/Museum Curator Lynn Russell
Assistant to the City Manager Kelly Fackel

Residents Robert Looper, Jack Kindler
Dayton Daily News Reporter Katherine Ullmer

Centerville Arts Commission member Stevie Hardy; Centerville Historical Society members Robert Moore, Robert Daley, and Betty Anne Perkins; and Marlene Orendorf, member of the Centerville Four Corners Association, were present at this meeting to present to Council a proposal for the future use of the Asahel Wright House. Mrs. Hardy outlined achievements made for the City of Centerville over the past several years by the Arts Commission, the Historical Society and the Centerville Historical Commission. She emphasized the need for additional space for exhibits, storage, the display of artifacts, office space, and meeting room for the three organizations concerned. Mrs. Hardy explained how the Asahel Wright House and the building in front could be used as a Visitor/Information Center, thus providing visitors knowledge relative to the many businesses located in the Centerville/Washington Township Community. It would provide an informational anchor for all organizations and services in the City and Township. She reviewed the historical value of the house and what it means to the Community. Mrs. Hardy outlined how the Visitor's Center/Confectionery could serve as a starting place for bus and walking tours in the Architectural Preservation District. Also incorporated into its use could be a place to sell old-fashioned penny candy, greeting cards, local artwork, wooden toys and Centerville memorabilia. Mrs. Hardy presented to Council budgetary expenses and income if the Asahel Wright House was occupied by the interested organizations. Mayor Beals outlined the monetary concerns which Council must consider in order to render a decision on the future use for the Asahel Wright House and the small building in the front: improvements, repairs, maintenance, utilities, etc.

Mr. Horn reviewed for Council a proposed Ordinance to increase various fees associated with The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Upon suggestion of Mr. Reppert, Council concurred that Green Fees, Monday through Thursday, for Centerville Residents be changed from the proposed \$32.00 to \$31.00, and for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays be changed from the proposed \$38.00 to \$37.00.

Mr. Horn explained a request from the Dayton Power and Light Company for a ten foot wide easement for the installation of gas and electric utilities along the west side of Yankee Trace Drive in Section Fifteen and identified the location of this easement on a diagram.

Mr. Kingseed announced the formation of the Architectural Preservation District Task Force. The first meeting will be scheduled during the first or second week in December.

Mr. Horn advised that on Wednesday, November 11, 1998 a meeting has been scheduled with Primestar, a potential occupant for the old Kmart building on South Main Street. Primestar has a \$10,000,000.00 payroll and has an employment of approximately 475. An application has been submitted for a \$500,000.00 EDGE grant.

Mr. Horn reviewed a recent meeting of the Montgomery County Solid Waste Financial Advisory Committee at which time recommendations were agreed upon that the tipping fee be reduced from \$39.50 to \$32.00 and that the annual property tax charge be reduced from \$23.50 to \$21.50. These recommendations will now be presented to the Montgomery County Commissioners.

Mr. Horn updated Council on the issue of joint records and joint dispatching in the proposed joint police/fire facility. Discussion followed relative to the County 911 plan and the fact that Washington Township is not in favor of these joint services in the proposed joint City/Township facility. Upon suggestion by Mr. Singer, a joint meeting will be arranged to afford the City and Washington Township an opportunity to discuss these two issues.

Mr. Reppert moved that Council convene into executive session to consider compensation for public employees of the City of Centerville. Mr. Kingseed seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes in favor of the motion.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor