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CENTERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 1977

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio met in Regular Session on Monday, January 24, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Centerville Municipal Building. The Meeting was opened with an Invocation given by Reverend Wayne Wade from the First Church of the Nazarene and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with Mayor Victor Green presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff present were as follows:

Deputy Mayor J. V. Stone
Councilmembers Ralph Spencer
Charles McQueeney
Leonard Stubbs
Nora Lake
Russell Sweetman
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
City Manager Darryl Kenning
City Planner Garth Reynolds
City Engineer Karl Schab
Service Director Richard Bishop
Director of Parks and Recreation John Dunathan
Director of Finance William Bettcher
Chief of Police William Randolph
Municipal Attorney Robert Farquhar

The Minutes of the following Meetings were distributed prior to this Meeting:

Council Meeting:
January 3, 1977.
Council Work Session Meeting:
January 3, 1977.

Mr. Spencer moved that the Minutes of the foregoing Meetings be approved, as distributed. Mr. Sweetman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion; Mr. McQueeney abstained.

Mayor Green recognized Mr. D'Arcy Frawley, 7665 Stanley Mill Drive, in the audience who addressed Council concerning fire protection in the City of Centerville on behalf of Black Oak residents. Questions were asked concerning policies and procedures of the Washington Township Fire Department and the Montgomery County Sanitary Department. Mr. Frawley urged City Council to pursue the following recommendations:

1. Request the Fire Department to immediately dispatch the tanker truck to all structure fires.
2. Contract for supplemental fire protection from the Bellbrook Fire Department.
3. Establish responsible party for fire hydrant inspection and develop a program for all hydrants to be inspected at least once per year.
4. Encourage residents to report instances of unauthorized hydrant use.
5. Another tanker truck for Centerville be purchased.
6. Another Fire Station be established in the east end of Centerville with increased full-time staff.

Fire Chief Randall Staley reviewed response time and water problems encountered the night of the Stanley Mill fire. He advised that a new station is proposed for the northeast section of Centerville. Mutual Aid

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is established between the Washington Township Fire Department and the Bellbrook Fire Department. Chief Staley recommended that the following topics be addressed at a Meeting between the Fire Department and the County Sanitary Department:

1. A formal hydrant inspection program be established.
2. The procedure for issuing permits for hydrant use be reviewed.
3. Enforcement procedures be developed concerning illegal use of fire hydrants.
4. Joint inspections be made of newly installed hydrants.
5. Communications be improved between Montgomery County Sanitary Department and the Washington Township Fire Department.

Mr. Staley recommended that the public be educated in the following areas:

1. What to do and how to report illegal use of fire hydrants and damaged hydrants.
2. Encourage the installation of Home Fire Alarms.
3. Instruct citizens not to open doors which are hot or are seeping smoke.
4. Call the Fire Department immediately when suspicious odors or fire is detected. Upon question of Mr. Stubbs, Chief Staley explained why the Fire Department has not been making hydrant inspections, they were requested to discontinue in 1975. The Fire Department is now making sight inspections only, to determine that they are dry and not frozen. Upon question of Mr. Sweetman, Chief Staley advised that the only full time Staff on duty around the clock are the Fire Dispatchers. There are six other full time employees with the Division during certain hours of the day. Mr. Sweetman suggested that these employees be utilized during second and third shifts to possibly reduce response time.

Mr. Sweetman was concerned with two other fires in the City of Centerville since the Stanley Mill fire and wondered whether any problems were experienced in their fight. Chief Staley advised that no equipment problems were experienced, a freeze in a small water hose was normal under existing conditions and was cleared rapidly.

Mr. Sweetman made reference to a possible frozen water line in the center of Centerville. He expressed concern with the water system in that area. Chief Staley advised that water flows have been determined just above adequate at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets.

Various other questions were asked by Black Oak residents concerning the Stanley Mill fire. Chief Staley answered the questions. Mayor Green advised that this matter has been referred to the Public Health and Safety Council Committee to review and report back to Council. Mayor Green invited concerned residents to attend the Committee's Meeting. He advised that the City is considering legislation which would prohibit the use of fire hydrants by unauthorized personnel.

Mr. Gene Cronk, Engineer, Montgomery County Sanitary Department, reviewed his hydrant inspection program and outlined improvements made to water systems in Centerville. He agreed that some affirmative action must be taken to prevent this disaster from reoccurring.

Mr. John McIntire, 200 Weller Avenue, asked for direct action inovative programs by the Fire Department to cope with anticipated problems. He requested that Council pursue such programs with the Washington Township Trustees. Mayor Green advised that information concerning this matter should be available during the February 7, 1977 Council Meeting.

As questioned by Mr. Sweetman, Mr. Cronk listed priorities for maintenance to frozen water lines.

Mayor Green advised that Mr. Ted Baker, Transportation Coordinating Committee, has up to date information concerning I-675 and State Route 725,

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the projected time frame for moving ahead. This information will be forthcoming in writing.

Mayor Green requested that the Finance and Long Range Council Committee review tax proposals for additional revenue this year. Mrs. Lake suggested that this matter be discussed during a Council Work Session first, in order to establish intents and purposes.

Mayor Green requested that the Legal Council Committee study the possible organization of an Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Kenning reviewed the following during his City Manager's Report: Activities of the Police Department during the month of December, 1976 were outlined.

Energy conservation efforts in the Municipal Building were announced.

Mr. Bishop reviewed the procedure used in the removal of snow on City streets. Driveable conditions have been maintained at all times.

Mr. Kenning complimented the Waste Collection Department for their performance in sub 0 temperatures.

Mr. Stone congratulated the City Staff for work performed under the current abnormal conditions.

Mr. McIntire questioned the equipment used to remove snow. He believes the City has regressed in this area of service due to type of equipment being used.

Mr. Sweetman announced the receipt of a response submitted to the Board of Trustees of Miami Valley Cable TV Council regarding rate increase and density fairness doctrine proposed by Continental Cablevision. The response was made by Mark Hannahan, Director, Miami Valley Cable TV Council. Mr. Hannahan recommended approval of the rate hike and rejection of the density fairness doctrine.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2-77 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUD

The Public Hearing was held concerning Ordinance Number 2-77. Mr. Sweetman sponsored Ordinance Number 2-77, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 15-61, The Zoning Ordinance, By The Addition Of Section 36 - Conditional Use - Residential Planned Unit Development, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

W. M. SHERK & J. W. WOODS, MDS, INC. SIGN

The Public Hearing was held concerning an Appeal filed by Dr. W. M. Sherk and Dr. J. W. Woods against the Planning Commission's denial of a variance request to permit a sign within the required set back on Loop Road. Mr. Reynolds reviewed the Site Plan and outlined considerations made by the Commission during their review. The sign had been erected prior to acquiring a permit and is located four feet from the front property line. The Planning Commission denied this request to conform to the newly adopted sign Ordinance. Dr. Woods outlined occurrences which took place during review of the Site Plan. Discussion during Planning Commission review and review by the City Planner lead Dr. Woods to believe that the location of the sign and the sign were approved. Mr. Elmer Tate, Chairman of the Planning Commission, advised that he did not remember the sign location being discussed during Commission Meeting but did remember discussion concerning square footage. Mr. McQueeney moved that the variance request to permit the sign at 80 Loop Road for Dr. Sherk and Dr. Woods to remain erected, be granted. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 3-77 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FEES

Mr. Sweetman moved that Ordinance Number 3-77, An Ordinance Amending

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Ordinance 15-61, The Zoning Ordinance, Section 25 Relating To Filing Fees, be set for Public Hearing on March 7, 1977. Mr. Stubbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

Upon question of Mr. McQueeney, Mayor Green advised that he is meeting with a representative from the State of Ohio, Tuesday, January 25, 1977 to discuss the school crossing at the Incarnation School on State Route 48.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2-77 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

Mr. Stone read and sponsored Resolution Number 2-77, A Resolution Authorizing And Directing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Board Of County Commissioners Of Montgomery County, Ohio Concerning The Participation Of The City Of Centerville With Montgomery County, Ohio In Projects Under The Housing And Community Development Act Of 1974, and moved that it be passed. Mr. McQueeney seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3-77 APPRECIATION

Mr. Stubbs sponsored Resolution Number 3-77, A Resolution Of Appreciation For The Services Of Susan Erion As A Member Of The City Beautiful Commission Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio, and moved that it be passed. Mr. McQueeney seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4-77 CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

Mr. Stubbs moved that Ordinance Number 4-77, An Ordinance To Appoint Suzie Holloway To The City Beautiful Commission Of The City Of Centerville And Establishing A Term Of Office, be set for Public Hearing on February 7, 1977. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 5-77 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Mr. Stone moved that Ordinance Number 5-77, An Ordinance To Appoint Michael Callahan To The Parks And Recreation Board Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio, And Establishing A Term Of Office, be set for Public Hearing on February 7, 1977. Mr. Stubbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

Mayor Green requested that the City Manager review the Citywide Development Corporation, involved in granting loans to people and businesses, moneys to be used to improve property for energy conservation; perhaps something could be obtained for the City of Centerville.

Mr. Kenning proposed that due to energy emergency, Council Meetings begin at 6:00 P.M. instead of 7:30 and 8:00. Council concurred with this proposal.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council