

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Work Session
August 25, 1975

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, August 25, 1975, at 7:30 P.M., in the Law Library, of the Centerville Municipal Building. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Paul Hoy. Council members and City staff present were as follows:

Councilman J. V. Stone
Councilman Russell Sweetman
Councilwoman Nora Lake
Councilman Leonard Stubbs
City Manager, Darryl K. Kenning
Administrative Assistant, John C. Levermann
Finance Director, William Bettcher
Chief of Police, William Randolph
City Planner, Garth Reynolds

The first item up for discussion was the Police levy, renewal and additional. Mayor Hoy began the discussion by stating that a five mill Police levy was passed five years ago and presently we have a .76 mill levy. J. V. Stone stated that he was in favor of putting a two mill levy on the ballot. Mr. Stubbs stated that he felt we had a good case for the one mill levy, plus the .24 mills that were lost a few years ago. Mr. Stubbs was in favor of going for a one mill renewal, plus one additional mill. Mayor Hoy then asked Mr. Kenning how much revenue a one mill levy would generate. Mr. Kenning responded that one mill would generate approximately \$90,000 and two mills approximately \$180,000. Mr. Kenning further stated that the two mill levy would mean an increase in property taxes of \$24.00 to the owner of a home valued at \$57,000. Mayor Hoy expressed a concern that the one mill renewal and the one mill additional be separate issues. His concern centered around the possibility of Mr. Victor Green campaigning for Mayor on the issue that the present members of Council were "spend thrifts". Both Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Stone stated that they felt that two questions on the ballot, one for the renewal and one for the additional mill may invite a "no" vote on the additional mill. Both felt that the questions of the renewal and the additional mill should be one question. Mr. Sweetman also stated that he felt both issues should be contained in one question. Mr. Sweetman further stated that he felt that the administration and the Council had better have a good explanation of why the two mill levy was needed and what it would be used for. Mayor Hoy then asked for a decision as to whether the one mill renewal and one mill additional would be placed on ballot as separate questions or as one question. All members present were in favor of placing both issues on the ballot as one question.

The next item on the agenda for discussion was the Liquor Permit reports. Mr. Kenning asked the members of Council how they would like the reports to read. Mayor Hoy stated that he felt the reports should be discussed in

secret session due to the fact that personalities would be involved. Mr. Stone agreed that such discussion would be dangerous at a public meeting. Mr. Sweetman stated that he did not want a written report given to him and that he would like his name taken off the list. Mr. Sweetman felt that the report should be given verbally, rather than given to the Council in writing. The Mayor stated that Council could only object on the grounds of location or reputation. Mrs. Lake stated that she felt it would be a good idea to check with the State and see if we were looking for the right information and make sure that we were not wasting our time. Mr. Stone said that he felt that even if there was a remote chance that the permit would be denied, the investigation should still be made. Mr. Kenning then stated that he was still not clear as to the direction Council wished him to take. Mayor Hoy then told Mr. Kenning that it was the wish of Council that he make a thorough check on all requests for liquor permits and present the results of such investigation to the Council at an executive session.

The third item on the agenda was the Auxiliary Police Proposal. Chief Randolph stated that if it was Council's wish to have an Auxiliary Program similar to the County's, he felt that all the auxiliary policemen should be given the same tests and meet the same prerequisites as the regular full time officers. Mr. Sweetman said that he was against such rigid and extensive testing and further stated that he felt if this was required, we would have a hard time getting any auxiliary policemen. Mr. Stone stated that it was his impression that the only way the Chief would accept an Auxiliary Police Program was if he had complete control. Mr. Kenning and Mr. Sweetman agreed that this is the way the program should be run, that is, with the Chief of Police having complete control. Mayor Hoy stated that he felt it would be a good idea to have a work session with Centerville's present auxiliary policemen. Mr. Stone then asked for a clarification of his impression that the administration did not want an Auxiliary Police Force. Mr. Sweetman then said that he felt that this attitude was the result of former Police Chief James Smith's hard-nosed attitude toward the County and their auxiliary. Mr. Kenning and the Chief of Police then stated that they would accept an Auxiliary Police Program if the auxiliary men were equally qualified and a part of the regular Police Department. Mr. Stubbs then said that he felt the question centered on whether the City wanted police helpers or equals. Mayor Hoy then asked how we could expect a dollar per year policemen to equal the expertise of a regular full time policeman being paid \$12-14,000 a year. Mayor Hoy then reiterated that he felt there should be a meeting with the police auxiliary and a work session held concerning the type of program which the City wanted. Mayor Hoy further stated that he felt that such a study should extend past the election and that we should not jeopardize the Police levy on the November ballot by antagonizing the police auxiliary. Mr. Stone then stated that he felt the City should go for a full Auxiliary Program or forget about the program altogether.

The fourth item on the agenda was the A. P. District proposed revision. Mr. Reynolds began the discussion by explaining several maps he had of the A. P. District, each of which delineating existing A. P. boundaries and various alternatives for revision. Mayor Hoy stated that the only map which he agreed with was the map which reduced the size of the District. All members of Council, with the exception of Mrs. Lake, stated that they felt the District should not be extended any further except along the north side of West Franklin Street. Mayor Hoy then stated that he felt that the A. P. District should only

extend one lot deep on the south side of West Franklin Street and the west side of South Main Street. Other properties included in the A. P. District in that area should be removed. Mr. Stone and Mr. Sweetman felt that the City should not remove these properties from the A. P. District. Mr. Stone further stated that the property owners involved would be justified in bringing suit against the City if the City took such action. Mr. Kenning then asked the Council members what their opinion was on the proposed rezoning of the properties on the north side of West Franklin Street. Most members of Council seemed to express favor with this proposal.

The fifth item on the agenda was an update on the East Franklin Street Project. Mr. Kenning stated that on the previous Friday, (August 22, 1975), a 75% payment was made to Mr. Rutledge after receiving a statement from Mr. Rutledge that he had paid the prevailing rates and wages to all those sub-contractors and workers involved in this project. Mr. Kenning further stated that although 25% of Mr. Rutledge's money was withheld by the City, there only remains approximately \$200 worth of work to complete.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.