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CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 1974

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio met in Special Session on Sunday, December 29, 1974 at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Centerville Municipal Building. The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with Mayor Paul Hoy presiding. Council Members and City Staff present were as follows:

Deputy Mayor J. V. Stone
Councilwoman Nora Lake
Councilmen Ralph Spencer
Russell Sweetman
Charles McQueeney
Clerk of Council Marilyn J. McLaughlin
City Manager Darryl Kenning
Director of Finance William Bettcher
Municipal Attorney Robert Farquhar.

Mayor Hoy advised that Councilman Leonard Stubbs was out of town, thus his absence at this Meeting. Mr. Stone moved that Councilman Leonard Stubbs be excused from this Meeting. Mr. McQueeney seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 95-74 Appropriations 1974

Mr. Bettcher reviewed proposed Ordinance 95-74; represented are adjustments and increases in various funds: increases due to inflation, additional equipment repairs, office and operation supplies due to the new Municipal Building and utilities costing more than estimated.

Councilwoman Nora Lake entered the Meeting at this time.

Discussion followed concerning increases for particular items in various Departments. As questioned by Mr. Sweetman, Mr. Bettcher advised that the City will begin 1975 with a balance of approximately \$280,000.00, \$200,000.00 he estimates is needed. Mr. Sweetman stressed the importance for the City to end the year without a deficit or surplus in funds. Mrs. Lake expressed her desire to see exactly what monies are for, if there is a cushion it should be so defined. Mr. McQueeney pointed out the need to have monies available to work for other monies - matching funds. Mr. Stone sponsored Ordinance Number 95-74, An Emergency Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 25-74, To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Centerville, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1974, and moved that it be passed. Mr. McQueeney seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 96-74 APPROPRIATIONS 1975

Mr. Kenning explained proposed Ordinance Number 96-74, it is merely an operating budget for the first three months of 1975. The Ordinance represents a quarter of the total Budget as previously prepared by Mr. Thompson. The Ordinance will not be needed for the entire three months, the 1975 Budget will be before Council by January 30, 1975. Mayor Hoy pointed out the fact that total appropriations for 1975 will be reviewed in depth by Mr. Kenning. Mr. McQueeney sponsored Ordinance Number 96-74, An Emergency Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Centerville, State Of Ohio, During One Quarter Of The Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1975, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes in favor of the motion, Mrs. Lake voted no.

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As the poll of Council was taken, the following comments were received:

Mr. McQueeney requested to see totals spent by the City on particular items, same items contained in all funds such as office supplies, office equipment, etc. Mr. Kenning advised that a summary breakdown will be forthcoming with the 1975 Budget.

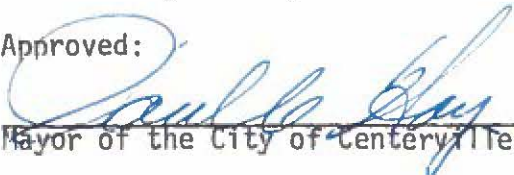
Mr. Sweetman expressed his concern with dumping water into the elevator shaft to eliminate a drainage problem in the Municipal Building, he reviewed previous problems with the elevator, he believes this to be a poor decision, he is against this method of solving the drainage problem. Mr. Sweetman requested that the Administration look closely at this and provide funds in the Budget for elevator repairs. He encouraged the City's contact with Architect Robert Makarius to get all problems in the Municipal Building corrected properly as soon as possible.

Mr. Sweetman expressed his opposition to City labor and equipment being used for tiling under shrubbery in front of the Municipal Building. Mayor Hoy requested that the Contractor be billed for City labor and materials.

Mrs. Lake questioned semi-trailers being used for storage at the Gold Circle Store for a long period of time. Mr. Farquhar advised that this is presently permitted, legislation could be considered to prohibit this procedure. Mayor Hoy suggested that the Planning Commission consider such an amendment. Mr. McQueeney pointed out the need for this type of storage in certain circumstances. He suggested careful consideration of legislation which would restrict businesses.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Centerville, Ohio

Attest:


Clerk of the Council

Mr. Stone reminded Council that with new leadership in administration Council must disengage themselves from the administration of the City and get back into their proper function - formulating policy and passing Ordinances. Council should not be in the City Manager's arena, the City Manager should advise Council when they are over stepping their bounds, Council must function in accordance with the Charter.