

**CITY OF GREENDALE
Council Meeting
January 11, 2017**

Mayor Weiss called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: MAYOR ALAN WEISS
 TY BOWELL
 JERRY ABBOTT
 VINCE KARSTETER
 SCOTT LIBBERT
 MATT McCOOL
 KURT MOLLAUN
 WALT WILSON
 CITY MANAGER STEVE LAMPERT
 CITY ATTORNEY ANTHONY SMART
 CLERK TREASURER MARY JO LYNCH

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Weiss stated that he **reappointed Walt Wilson as Deputy Mayor for 2017. Councilman Wilson accepted. Councilman Karsteter made a motion to reappoint Walt Wilson as Council President for 2017. With a second by Councilman Bowell, the motion carried by voice 7-0.** Mayor Weiss asked Council to renew its appointment to the Planning Commission or make a new appointment. **Councilman Karsteter made a motion to renew Councilman Scott Libbert's appointment to Planning Commission for 2017. With a second by Councilman Wilson, the motion carried by voice 7-0.**

The Contract with City Attorney Anthony Smart was renewed for 2017.

Mayor Weiss announced that Bill Harvey (Mayor's appointment) retired from the **Redevelopment Commission.** He announced his 2017 **appointment Lori Howard.**

Councilman Bowell commended Bill Harvey for the great job that he did on the board of the Redevelopment Commission.

Mayor Weiss renewed all his appointments to the Planning Commission. He commented that the members are doing a great job.

Mayor Weiss announced that Bob Miller had to resign from the **BZA** as he ran for an elected position as LHS Board Member and the law states that he cannot serve dual positions (as an elected and an appointed on two boards). The Mayor announced his 2017 **appointment Dave Roark.**

Mayor Weiss asked for approval of the **December 14, 2016 minutes**. **Councilman Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes. With a second by Councilman Bowell, the motion carried by voice as follows: Abbott: Aye; McCool: Aye; Bowell: Aye; Karsteter: Aye; Wilson: Aye; Mollaun: Aye and Libbert: Abstain. The motion carried 6-0.**

Mayor Weiss asked if there were any audience comments. There were none.

Council had the **Financial Report and Riverboat Summary** in front of them. CT Lynch asked if there were any questions. There were none.

CT Lynch explained that the FLSA Rule for OT that was to go into effect on December 1, 2016 was overturned. Because of this decision, City Mgr. Lampert asked that his employee Jay McMullen's salary be changed from hourly back to *salaried non-exempt* so that he would be compensated for all board meetings that he attends. City Mgr. Lampert stated that he would be keeping track of his attendance at the monthly meetings and Mr. McMullen would take this overtime as *comp time* in the next month after the meetings. **CT Lynch read Ordinance 2017-1 amending Ordinance 2016-16. Councilman Karsteter made a motion to approve and waive all further readings on Ordinance 2017-1. With a second by Councilman Abbott, the motion carried as follows: Abbott: Aye; McCool: Aye; Bowell: Aye; Karsteter: Aye; Wilson: Aye; Mollaun: Aye and Libbert: Aye. The motion carried 7-0.**

Council had received the Redevelopment Commission report in their package. ED Abdon was not at the meeting as he was on vacation. Mayor Weiss commented to Council that if they had any questions to please contact Al or the Mayor.

There was no Unfinished Business.

With regard to **the sale of 231 Park Grove**, City Mgr Lampert opened and read the **one bid that was received from Daniel Bihn in the amount of \$16,501**. City Atty Smart will contact Mr. Bihn to let him know that he is the winning bid on the property. CT Lynch stated that when she receives the funds from the sale of property **she will deposit them into the Riverboat Funds. Councilman Mollaun made a motion to sell 231 Park Grove for \$16,501. With a second by Councilman Bowell, the motion carried as follows: Abbott: Aye; McCool: Aye; Bowell: Aye; Karsteter: Aye; Wilson: Aye; Mollaun: Aye and Libbert: Aye. The motion carried 7-0.**

With regard to the Code Report, Officer McMullen stated that the city still has 18 abandon homes. He indicated that the **City is moving forward with a February 8 Unsafe Building Hearing on 72 Ridge Avenue.** There was discussion.

Mr. McMullen stated that back at the first of the year the Board set a deadline for the owner to make improvements for **528 Ludlow Street.** City Atty Smart indicated that they are moving forward with an unsafe building hearing. He also commented that he was going to send a letter to the owner to let him know what clean-up he needed to do and if he doesn't do the clean-up and the City has to do the work, the City will bill him for the work and if he doesn't reimburse the City for the clean-up a lien will be placed as an assessment on his property taxes. There was discussion about how to proceed on this property.

Under New Business, Mayor Weiss commented that there is **13.4 acres owned by Brandon Willis where the City's Water Tower sits on the hillside off of Park Side.** Mr. Willis has offered to sell the property to the City and is asking **\$145,000 for the 13.4 acres.** He read Mr. Willis' letter wherein Mr. Willis has asked the **City to indicate its desire to purchase the property by February 15, 2017.** City Mgr. Lampert offered Council a little background on the property from 1955 regarding the Water Tower, slippage and easements.

After lengthy discussion, **Councilman Karsteter made a motion to authorize City Atty Smart to go ahead and get 2 appraisals so Council can make a decision how they want to proceed. With a second by Councilman Mollaun, the motion carried by voice as follows: Abbott: Aye; McCool: Aye; Bowell: Aye; Karsteter: Aye; Wilson: Aye; Mollaun: Aye and Libbert: Aye. The motion carried 7-0.** Councilman Wilson asked City Mgr. Lampert if the Board decides to do nothing, does he still have access to the Water Tank. Mr. Lampert replied yes.

Mayor Weiss indicated that someone had asked him if we were going to do any rate studies. He stated that the City will be doing **rate studies for all utilities within the next couple months.**

With regard to sick leave benefits, Mayor Weiss commended the **Police Department which had 7 employees who used "no sick leave for 2016". He commended Chief Uhlman and his department.**

Mayor Weiss added that **Guy Buddenberg, 37-year employee with the Water Dept, who just retired** never called in sick this year and year's past. Mr. Buddenberg asked the City

for whatever they would have given him for a retirement gift to donate the monetary value to an employee who is sick. Mr. Buddenberg was commended for his generosity and dedication to his job. Everyone agreed that this was a class act and he is a great guy!

Mayor Weiss indicated that he received a **letter from the Greendale Police Dept thanking the City, Council and Redevelopment Commission for money that went toward safety**. The donation will be used for radars and updating equipment. The Mayor thanked all of the City's safety departments for their work and stated that they are the best!

Mayor Weiss indicated that in speaking with the **Dearborn County Community Foundation, Director McCarter indicated that the DCCF cannot handle the City's request to handle donations that the City would have given funds to**. The Mayor stated there are two options: (1) go back to the way that donations have been given but only have **501(c)(3) or non-profit organizations with Tax IDs** complete Donation Applications and get applications to Advisory Committee who would bring request back to Council; or (2) use the members from the BZA as the Advisory Committee who would make recommendations to Council and Council would approve the recommendations. Also a suggestion was made that Council review sponsorship / contributions request on a quarterly basis. Clerk Treasurer Lynch reminded Council that the law states that Riverboat Funds can be used for sponsorship of community organizations, but they must be a 501(c)(3) or not-for-profit organization and have a TID to report so that the organization can file taxes on the funds. She stated that when preparing the City's annual report, one of the mandates from the State of Indiana is to report all contributions/donations given out and if donations are given to a not-for-profit she is tasked to state the purpose of the donation.

After lengthy discussion, **Council decided for the February meeting to review the current donations and make a decision as how much to give each, if anything. The Board advised Atty Smart to put together an Ordinance and Policy and include particulars in the policy as well as the maximum amount that can be given to a 501(c)(3) or not-for-profit organization. Council asked that a draft be sent to them.**

Council agreed to allow the **Mayor to give \$100 or less for contribution/donation requests for sponsorship/advertising from the Riverboat Mayor Sponsorship Appropriation. Councilman Karsteter made a motion to allow the Mayor to approve any request for \$100 or less from the Riverboat Mayor Sponsorship budget. With a second by**


Councilman Bowell, the motion carried by voice as follows: Abbott: Aye; McCool: Aye; Bowell: Aye; Karsteter: Aye; Wilson: Aye; Mollaun: Aye and Libbert: Aye. The motion carried 7-0.

Under the City Atty Report, Atty Smart indicated that the Agreement the City has with the EMS wherein the City purchases gas for the EMS is due for renewal. **Councilman Bowell made a motion to renew the EMS Agreement for 2017. With a second by Councilman McCool, the motion carried by voice as follows: Abbott: Aye; McCool: Aye; Bowell: Aye; Karsteter: Aye; Wilson: Aye; Mollaun: Aye and Libbert: Aye. The motion carried 7-0.**


Greg Rahe, from audience, discussed internet service (Comcast) for residents. Mayor Weiss indicated that he's had a couple meetings with Cincinnati Bell Telephone System (CBTS) and they've indicated that if Greendale wants to foot the bill, they'd be happy to come in and serve the community. CBTS is not willing to entertain residential internet at this time. Lastly, he expressed that he would like to see **Council meetings being taped and placed online.** He wants to come by and visit with the Mayor. He has some ideas that he wants to run by the Mayor.

Mayor Weiss commented that the gentlemen that had come to a Council meeting months ago suggesting a park be put on the City's landfill, visited with him the other day. This guy has a committee discussing ideas for the property. Mayor Weiss suggested that the committee bring a plan before Council. There was discussion.

There being no further business to come before the board, Councilman Karsteter made a motion to adjourn. With a second by Councilman Abbott, the motion carried by voice 7-0.



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