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CITY OF GREENDALE
Council Meeting
November 9, 2016

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 Veterans Day is Friday, November 11 and thanked all veterans and any in the audience for their service. He asked for approval of the **October 12, 2016 minutes**. **Councilman Karsteter made a motion to approve the minutes. With a second by Councilman Bowell, the motion carried by roll call: Abbott-Aye; Bowell-Aye; Karsteter-Aye; Libbert-Aye; McCool-Abstain; Mollaun-Aye; Wilson-Aye. The motion passed 6-0.**

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

Clerk Treasurer Lynch passed out the Financial Report for October. There were no questions. Council had the **Riverboat Summary** in front of them.

Clerk Treasurer Lynch presented **Resolution 2016-9 titled Resolution reducing Line 2 of the General Fund**. She explained that in order to cut the 2017 Budget by \$800,000, she cut the 2016 General Fund Budget by \$300,000 and this Resolution is required by the Department of Local Government Finance. **Councilman Karsteter made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-9. With a second by Councilman Bowell, the motion carried by roll call: Abbott-Aye; Bowell-Aye; Karsteter-Aye; Libbert-Aye; McCool-Aye; Mollaun-Aye; Wilson-Aye. The motion passed 7-0.**

Clerk Treasurer Lynch presented **Resolution 2016-10 titled Resolution reducing Line 2 of the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund**. She explained that in order to cut the 2017 Budget by \$800,000, she cut the 2016 MVH Budget by \$60,000 and this Resolution is required by the

Department of Local Government Finance. **Councilman Abbott made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-10. With a second by Councilman Wilson, the motion carried by roll call: Abbott-Aye; Howell-Aye; Karsteter-Aye; Libbert-Aye; McCool-Aye; Mollaun-Aye; Wilson-Aye. The motion passed 7-0.**

Clerk Lynch stated that a Public Hearing and Special Council meeting is needed to approve Additional Appropriations (*permission to spend funds*) for the CCD Fund, Rainy Day Fund, LOIT *Special Distribution Fund* and the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund. The meetings will be scheduled for **November 28th – Public Hearing @ 5:30pm and Special Council Meeting @ 5:35pm.**

Councilman Karsteter asked if the generator was up and running yet. Clerk Treasurer Lynch stated not yet, she thinks that we are still waiting for it to arrive, but will check with Mr. Hartman.

Council had the Redevelopment Commission report in front of them. ED Abdon stated that he just wanted to mention that there was a ribbon cutting today at Ivy Tech for the advanced manufacturer's program. Ivy Tech acknowledged Greendale for its support of the program.

Code Enforcement Officer McMillen gave the **Code Enforcement Report and the Unsafe Building Report.** He stated that there are 17 vacant homes in Greendale. Also, with regard to **72 Ridge Avenue he mentioned that he is working with City Atty. Smart regarding moving forward with an Unsafe Building procedure.**

Mayor Weiss presented Council with an Agreement between the City and Bible Baptist Church. He explained that at the last Council meeting we dismissed the ongoing lawsuit with Bible Baptist and in return they would take down its sign. The Mayor met with the Pastor of the church and both expressed their concerns. The Agreement was put together after discussions between the Mayor and the Pastor. After discussion, **Councilman Karsteter made a motion to authorize Mayor Weiss and Clerk Treasurer Lynch to sign the Agreement between the City of Greendale and Bible Baptist Church. With a second by Councilman Howell, the motion carried by roll call: Abbott-Aye; Howell-Aye; Karsteter-Aye; Libbert-Aye; McCool-Aye; Mollaun-Aye; Wilson-Aye. The motion passed 7-0.**

Mayor Weiss announced that he has put together a **Safety Board** / team that are working on putting together a Safety Manual. The Union representative supports the Board and process.

Jay McMullen has been appointed Safety Coordinator. He mentioned that he has talked to others and looked over safety manuals and feel comfortable putting together the manual. The Mayor stated that if anyone is interested in attending the safety meetings please let him know and he will add you to his email list to let you know dates of the upcoming meetings.

Mayor Weiss stated that the **Recycling Survey** ended on 11/6. Dearborn County Solid Waste conducted the survey and provided the Mayor with the results of the survey. He stated that if anyone wanted a copy to let him know. The Mayor concluded that they would review the results and would be discussing ideas.

Mayor Weiss advised Council that the BOW made a motion to accept the offer of Dearborn Leasing donation of a 120' parcel with a 2 x 20' easement for the Electric Substation. City Atty. Smart stated that he would bring a Resolution accepting the donation of property to the 12/14/16 meeting for Council to sign.

Prior to the **City Attorney's Report**, Mayor Weiss thanked both Councilman McCool and Councilman Libbert for their time spent on the Planning Commission working on the draft to the current Sign Ordinance. He commented that discussion on the Sign Ordinance is welcome. He commended the two Councilmen for their hard work.

City Atty. Smart referred to the **draft Sign Ordinance** that he had provided to Council. He stated that the Planning Commission has had several meetings where the public was invited for comments in drafting the Ordinance. Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation on the draft with the following four issues: **(1) Distance between electronic message boards; (2) Fees charged for permit; (3) Digital Signs / Boards and (4) Wayfarer signs.** Atty. Smart suggested that we schedule a Public Hearing and invite the public and then take that comments into consideration when drafting a final ordinance. Councilman Mollau addressed the distance between electronic message boards. He felt that the City shouldn't dictate distance between signs. Councilman Howell said he had mixed emotions about digital and lengthy reader signs as it becomes a safety issue with motorists reading signs while driving. Councilman McCool added that there are national requirements that have to be met with the reader / digital boards (brightness and length of message). Councilman Karsteter asked that they add "electronic message boards" to the ordinance. He added that Council needs to think about when businesses come to Greendale and bring their sign, the Board needs to decide should there be a distance restriction if we want to get businesses to come to Greendale. Councilman

Karsteter acknowledged the three car dealerships in the audience and asked to hear their opinions on the city sign ordinance.

Mayor Weiss asked Assistant Chief Jeff Lane from a police prospective what his opinion was. He stated that most of the accidents on US 50 are from traffic; he said he's never had anyone say that their accident was from reading signs. Councilman Libbert stated that the Planning Commission has worked on addressing the sign ordinance for a couple months. Councilman Mollaun commented that they've been working on amending the ordinance for a long time and need to move on and get it done.

Mr. Abdon gave a brief history of when reader boards were initiated in the past. Councilman Karsteter commented that he spoke with businessman Casey Knigga earlier tonight and he stated that he had a prospective business that needs a reader board. Councilman Karsteter commented that St. Elizabeth is looking at a digital sign with a message.

After lengthy discussion, with regard to reader board, **Council agreed that City Atty Smart should take out the reference to distance in Zone A.**

Jim Simon with the **Jeff Wyler group** offered the following comments: 1) dealerships do need signs, it can be expensive, but what they would like is a sign that works for their lot; and 2) maybe make reader boards restricted with size of lot. He discussed the type of signs he has in Ohio. He commented that all brands and franchises have restrictions. Council thanked him for his testimony.

With regard to the **Fees** charged for a permit, Councilman Karsteter said that \$25 doesn't cover the administrative and personnel costs. He threw out the suggestion of a \$100 fee. A representative of **Kelsey Chevrolet** commented that a sign is very important to his company. He thanked the Board for their diligence on working on the sign ordinance. He commented that he would much rather have a sign than all the money that they spend on the advertising of bringing people to the dealership. He stated that digital would help and he will spend the money to make his sign look classy to the City's specifications. He concluded that he is very happy to be in Greendale. After discussion, **Council all agreed that the fee for the sign permit should be \$100.**

With regard to the **Digital Signs**, **Council agreed that the signs would be a static free sign and would not be changing constantly.** Atty Smart will add this amendment to the ordinance.

With regard to **Wayfarer signs**, Councilman Karsteter stated that we have big dollar businesses that want to have wayfarer signs. After discussion, Councilman McCool added that it was Planning Commissions thought that all of the wayfarer signs on US 50 would have the same design and size. They want the signs to be uniform. Councilman Karsteter stated that he would much rather have a pole sign that you can see rather than a ground sign. Kevin Mollaun, Haag Ford agreed with Councilman Karsteter.

Planning Commission Chair McCool suggested to Council to take home the draft Sign Ordinance that our City Attorney has prepared. He asked the group to **pay special attention to the section on “non-conforming signs”**. There was brief discussion from the audience.

Lastly, Mayor Weiss suggested that a **policy be put in place for the request of donations**. His suggestion is as follows: (1) organizations pick up a Request for Donation from the City Building; (2) a committee would be appointed to review the forms and make a recommendation to Council and (3) organizations do not have to appear before Council. He stated that City Atty. Smart will look into the legalities of this procedure and report back to the Council at its next meeting.

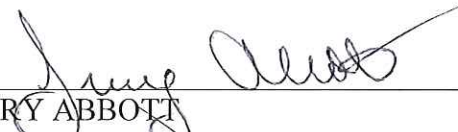
Mayor Weiss concluded that he is working with other companies for suggestions on *“speeding on roadways”*. He is hoping to get ideas for Ridge Avenue and will share the information at a Public Hearing.

Mayor Weiss if there were any other questions or comments. CT Lynch thanked Greg Rahe in the audience for his concern with the City website, but asked him instead of posting negative comments on Facebook regarding the site (when he received an error code), to pick up the phone and call either her or someone at the City Building. She explained that the website is new and they are still transitioning. She also explained that the City has a website Administrator that they coordinate with; no one in the City Building administers the site.

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




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