

PRESENT: Mayor Maxine Gilman; Council Members Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Jeff Sanner, Harold Robinson; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Patrick G. Carney; Director of Economic Development Kathy Perkins; Fire Chief Jack Keister; and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Waymire.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilman. Pastor Doris Arnett-Whitaker, First Presbyterian Church, gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mr. Sanner to approve the Regular meeting minutes of July 11, 2006. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih – yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Sanner to approve the Public Meeting minutes of July 18, 2006. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih – yes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** **AUGUST 1, 2006**

Mayor Gilman read the proclamation indicating the National Night Out would be held August 1, 2006 at Wilson Park.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN AT MIAMI AVE. AND MAIN STREET

Mr. Robinson indicated that he was astounded at the amount of work put into researching this possibility. He had originally brought it up because of the cost of maintenance to Miami Avenue due to wear and tear of large trucks. He indicated that the public meeting had been well attended and he felt the public had been very considerate and had voiced their opinion. The two main concerns were the Middle School youth walking to school, and the senior residents who walk around this area. Due to the students walking to school, he would like to withdraw his suggestion to remove the stop sign. He indicated that he would still like to see us pursue cost cutting ways to save on maintenance costs in this area.

Mrs. Lotspaih said the safety of the children is very important and she would like the stop sign to stay.

Mrs. Fryman indicated the same desire, and stated that maybe they could consider a concrete pad in that area to save wear and tear on the roadway. She also thought that sometime in the future, maybe the schools could consider busing the students.

Mr. Sanner indicated the same concerns, and stated that no one at the meeting had expressed a desire to see the four way stop sign removed.

Mr. Bowers stated that the citizens were eloquent in their objections and stated he felt the stop sign should remain.

Mrs. Jones echoed that sentiment.

The Mayor stated that she had been opposed to the removal of the stop sign from the beginning, and she had always felt that it would create unsafe situations. She indicated that the survey didn't show any pedestrian traffic.

Mayor Gilman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman not to remove the four-way stop at Miami Avenue and Main Street. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2006

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a project application and execute a contract for obtaining a grant from Issue 2 funds allocated to this area of the state for

infrastructure improvements to Miami Avenue, Central Avenue, and Dixie Drive. Mr. Sanner introduced and motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve Resolution No. 21-1006. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers – yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes. The motion carried.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Williams indicated that they had opened bids for the purchase of two (2) refuse vehicles. He was happy to report that the bids were considerably lower than amount budgeted.

He concluded by stating that due to action by Senator DeWine and the U.S. Senate, the Central Avenue/Dixie Drive interchange has been approved for funding. He stated that he anticipated the funding would be approved.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to nominate Mary Beth Evans to the longest term possible on the Recreation Board. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman – yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes. The motion carried.

She inquired about large dead trees on properties, are these a city issue or property maintenance for the homeowners?

Mr. Robinson stated that several months ago he had asked if the city had a comprehensive plan, and was told that the plan they had was put together in 1994. He inquired as to what the plan is to put together a new strategic plan.

Mr. Williams responded that in 1994 the Planning Commission and Council adopted a comprehensive plan that was effective until 2010. Most of the goals have been achieved, and an updated report has been given to council every two years. He agreed that it was

definitely time to put together a new plan. Mr. Williams indicated that the new candidates that have been interviewed for the new Director of City Planning position have been asked about their experience in writing a comprehensive plan.

Mr. Williams indicated that citizen involvement and public input would be critical to preparation of the plan.

Mr. Robinson said he was thrilled to see the guidelines for the use of the new city logo, and indicated that he hoped that this would set the groundwork for other guidelines and policies. He concluded by stating that Mike Robinette had resigned from MVRPC recently and that he would be greatly missed.

Mayor Gilman reminded the residents that the Relay for Life would be August 11 & 12. She stated that she had known Mike Robinette for many years, and he was indeed a friend to the city. Mayor Gilman inquired if Mr. Robinson had a copy of the current comprehensive plan, and stated that Mr. Williams could get a copy to him if he did not have the current one.

RECESS

A motion was made by Mayor Gilman, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih, to recess to an executive session to discuss a personnel matter per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Section G1, to be followed by a work session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Council adjourned.

WORK SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council held an executive session. In attendance in addition to City Council were Janet Cooper and G. Tracy Williams.

Following the executive session, the City Council reconvened into work session. Janet Cooper left the meeting.

SPEED LIMIT ON CENTRAL AVENUE

Bob Wert and Kevin Miller, traffic engineers with the firm of Lockwood, Jones & Beals (LJB), made a presentation and presented their findings regarding the speed limit on Central Avenue between Miami Avenue and Cedar Street. Based on their research, it was their recommendation that the speed limit be increased from 30 mph to 35 mph. They also discussed a need for a modification in traffic signal timing. Rich Norton, Service Director, indicated that he would be moving ahead to modify the timing on the traffic signals. After discussing this matter, it was the consensus of the majority of City Council that the speed limit should be increased to 35 mph. City Manager Williams

indicated that he would issue a traffic control order making that change as soon as possible.

At the conclusion of this discussion, Mr. Wert, Mr. Miller and Rich Norton left the meeting.

REZONING ON THE FORMER FRASER PAPER MILL SITE

Acting City Planning Director Jeff Bothwell reviewed a memo which he had prepared proposing that the zoning on the former Fraser Paper mill site be changed. Mr. Bothwell recommended that the zoning south of the creek be changed from M-3 to either R-1 or R-2, and that the zoning on the property between the creek and Central Avenue be changed from M-2 to B-2. He noted that this rezoning would also include the former parking lot sites owned by Fraser just east of Elm Street.

After discussion on this matter, City Council requested that staff pursue this rezoning with the Planning Commission and bring the matter before City Council for their consideration.

Mr. Bothwell emphasized the importance of this rezoning in order to attract desirable development.

Following discussion on this matter, Jeff Bothwell left the meeting.

CITY LOGO

Kathy Perkins, Director of Economic Development, reviewed a set of guidelines and policies regarding the use of the city's new logo and slogan. Following discussion on this matter, City Council requested that these guidelines be placed on the next City Council agenda for their consideration.

Following discussion on this matter, Kathy Perkins left the meeting.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES (NLC)

The City Council decided to postpone discussion on this matter until a later time.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Jody Jones noted the recent death of Woody Bowman, owner of Woody's Market. Also, Councilmember Jones noted that the girls softball team would be honored at a future City Council meeting for their successful season and accomplishments this year.

Councilmember Angie Fryman inquired as the city's policy in dealing with dead trees on private property. Councilmember Fryman also commented on the recent Centerville City Council meeting during which the Centerville City Council adopted regulations requiring inspections for rental property. City Manager Williams noted that he would get a tape of this meeting from the Miami Valley Communications Council for Council to review. Councilmember Fryman also inquired as to whether or not city employees are allowed to wear shorts. The City Manager indicated that this question has been raised before and

that it is the city's policy that employees should wear long pants for protection and safety.

City Manager Williams stated that he would ask the Human Resources Manager to review this policy, noting that Sherry Callahan, the new Human Resources Manager, would begin her position on August 1.

Councilmember Jim Bowers commented on his recent letter to the editor of the Dayton Daily News.

Mayor Gilman reviewed the upcoming schedule of various civic activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Linda Lotspaih moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Bowers to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL