

PRESENT: Mayor Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Jim Folker, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson; City Manager Brad Townsend; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Service Director Rich Norton, and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Norton.

EXCUSED:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sanner. Pastor Ed Doolin, WCPD Chaplain gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Sanner gave the Oath of Office to James F. Folker, Councilmember, Angie Fryman, Councilmember, and Jody Jones, Councilmember.

Mr. Robinson motioned seconded by Mrs. Jones to appoint Mr. Bowers as Deputy Mayor. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson – yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker -yes.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 26, 2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker -yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Greg Brush, Montgomery County Clerk of Courts,
Auto Title Office Services Information

Greg Brush gave a brief presentation of the services that they offer. He stated that a lot of people don't realize that they do passports, and then went over some of the procedures to get a passport. He stated that with a group of 15 or more, they will come to your location and process the documents and take pictures there. Mr. Folker asked if they do Visa's and the response was no they don't. Mrs. Fryman stated that a local hockey team was supposed to go to Canada for a tournament and had been told they didn't need a passport and she asked if this was true. Mr. Brush stated that they would need one, but the passports could be expedited within 6 weeks.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ATTORNEY LORI KIRKWOOD

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement with Attorney Lori E. Kirkwood to serve as Law Director. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner – yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker -yes.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH ERIKA MATTINGLY TO SERVE AS PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT

Mrs. Fryman stated that when they created this position, they wanted to get the good word out about West Carrollton. She stated that Erika Mattingly had done a wonderful job promoting the city.

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to authorize the city manager to enter into an annual contract with Erika Mattingly to serve as Public Relations Consultant. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker -yes.

CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR BOARDING/DISPOSING OF CATS

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to authorize the city manager to enter into an annual contract with the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center for boarding/disposing of cats. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones – yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Sanner –yes, Mrs. Lotspaih –yes, Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Folker -yes.

ORDINANCE #3366

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of city vehicles/equipment and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3367

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of road salt and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3368

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of chemicals and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3369

An Ordinance levying special assessments for the repair of certain described sidewalks and curbs in the City Of West Carrollton, Ohio.

ORDINANCE #3370

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for repair and construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway approaches and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3371

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for street resurfacing and repair and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000.

ORDINANCE #3372

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the collection and disposal of recyclables in the City of West Carrollton and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3373

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for WWTP infrastructure repairs and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3374

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for Old West Carrollton Infrastructure Improvements Phase 2 and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3375

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for Gibbons Road Improvements Phase I and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

ORDINANCE #3376

An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for Traffic Signal Interconnect Phase I, South Alex Road and to expend a sum in excess of \$25,000 therefore.

Mr. Norton gave a brief description of all Ordinances. All Ordinances were held for the first reading.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Townsend stated that they had finalized the agreement with Grub Steak this week. He stated that the owners were a little bit behind on the remodeling schedule, but they were still planning on opening this month. He indicated that the 2008 budget was still in the review process, and that the General Fund would be decreased \$447,000. He stated that the 2008 budget didn't look much better, and that there were tough choices that will have to be made and that the budget should be discussed further at the retreat. He mentioned that the \$100,000 roof repair for the Civic Center would be looked at again.

He stated that the retreat was currently scheduled for January 18 at the Engineer's Club. He stated that Dr. Maisie will be there and if there was anything else council needed they should let his office know. He concluded by stating that the Litehouse groundbreaking ceremony was scheduled for January 20 at Noon. He had a list of invitees that had been given to council and if there was anyone else that should be invited they should contact his office.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

Josef Kouseff

Asked God to watch over the troops and bring them home safely. He stated that many businesses have moved their operations overseas, resulting in a loss of jobs for the American economy. He stated that everyone should make a lot of noise to bring the business back to America and bring back the jobs. He stated that we had lost a good manager, but we got a good manager in return. He welcomed Mr. Townsend and Mr. Folker.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

All councilmembers welcomed Mr. Folker to council, congratulated Mayor Sanner, and that they were looking forward to a great year with everyone on council and the new city manager. They concluded by offering their best wishes to the newlywed Mr. and Mrs. Norton.

Mayor Sanner thanked Mr. Folker for wanting to serve on council, and stated that he felt it was a great council. He stated that he would have an open door policy and that he wanted everyone to be included in everything. He indicated that he was looking forward to the retreat. He thanked Tracy Williams for the gift of the gavel, and concluded by extending his best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Norton.

RECESS

Mayor Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to a work session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call carried the motion.

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Jim Folker, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson; City Manager Brad Townsend, Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Norton, and Service Director Rich Norton.

Mayor Sanner went over the council rules and asked if they wanted a special committee to meet and review the rules and come up with some rules that council can adopt for future meetings. Mr. Robinson stated that Mrs. Lotspaih and Mr. Sanner had tried to come up with some ideas, and they had been whittled down to one sheet. Mrs. Lotspaih indicated that a special committee was fine, and she agreed to be on the committee. They went over the 2008 boards and liason list. Mayor Sanner inquired how council felt about doing away with the invocation. He indicated that it is difficult to find ministers to come in for just the invocation. Council agreed that it would be ok to take the invocation off the agenda, but they felt the residents needed to be informed why it was being done. Mayor Sanner indicated that if a minister indicated that they wanted to do an invocation, they would be allowed to do one before a meeting.

Mr. Robinson indicated that in addition to the retreat, he wanted an executive session where council could sit and talk to Brad about personnel issues.

Mayor Sanner asked Mr. Townsend to go over the details of the retreat. It was stated that the retreat would be January 18 and would start at Noon. It was decided that everyone should eat their own lunch prior to the retreat, and they would still be served beverages and snacks. Mr. Norton reminded everyone that parking areas at the Engineer Club was strictly designated and they would be towed if they parked in the wrong area.

Mr. Bowers asked if anyone would be representing West Carrollton on the Washington trip in March and it was indicated that Mr. Folker and Mr. Robinson would be attending.

Mrs. Lotspaih asked that if Appleton Papers was having all this construction work done, and all these additional people were working there, shouldn't we be receiving taxes from them. Mr. Townsend stated that we should be collecting taxes from anyone working at that site.

Mayor Sanner stated that Martin Luther King festivities schedules had been given to the councilmembers if they wanted to attend anything.

ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of the session, Councilmember Jody Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Harold Robinson. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.