

PRESENT: Mayor Maxine Gilman; Council Members Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson, and Jeff Sanner; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Patrick G. Carne; Planning and Economic Development Director David Humphreys; Parks and Recreation Director Christian Mattingly; Police Chief Rick Barnhart, Deputy Police Chief Doug Woodard; and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Waymire.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilman. City Manager Tracy Williams gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Gilman swore into office the following persons:

James R. Bowers, Councilmember
Linda Lotspaih, Councilmember
Harold L. Robinson, Councilmember
Jeffery W. Sanner, Councilmember

Mrs. Jones nominated Mr. Sanner, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to serve as Deputy Mayor for 2006. A roll call vote was taken: Mayor Gilman- yes, Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones- yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lotspaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner- abstain. The motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Lotspaih seconded by Mr. Sanner to approve the Regular meeting minutes of December 27, 2005. A roll call vote was taken: Mayor Gilman- yes, Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lotspaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner- yes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION 1-2006

A resolution designating May 6, 2006 and October 7, 2006 as "Garage Sale Saturdays" in West Carrollton.

Mr. Sanner motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve Resolution 1-2006. A roll call vote was taken: Mayor Gilman- yes, Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, Mrs. Lotspaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner- yes. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE 3317

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

Mayor Gilman indicated that the Police Department would be replacing three cars. Mr. Robinson inquired as to whether this would be acted on immediately, or if there was some time involved before this would be implemented. Mr. Williams responded that this would not be acted upon immediately, and a list of pros and cons on leasing or buying vehicles would be presented to Council at a later date.

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance No. 3317. A roll call vote was taken: Mayor Gilman- yes, Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lotspaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner-yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Ordinance No. 3317. A roll call vote was taken: Mayor Gilman- yes, Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lotspaih- yes, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner- yes. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER

Consideration of an Agreement with the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center for stray cat boarding and disposal services.

Mr. Carney had not had an opportunity to review the agreement. Consideration for this Agreement was tabled for the next meeting.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Williams introduced the new Parks and Recreation Director, Christian Mattingly. He indicated that Christian is married with two young daughters, and he comes to the city from Preservation Parks in Delaware County. He has had nine years experience in the Parks and Recreation area. He graduated from Otterbein College with a degree in Natural Resources. Out of 41 candidates for the position, Mr. Williams, city staff, and council felt Mr. Mattingly was the best qualified for the position. Mr. Williams went on to say that Rick Bolton had retired after twenty years with the City of West Carrollton.

Mr. Williams stated that on January 5, he and Mr. Robinson attended the MVRPC Board of Directors meeting, and at that time they voted on how projects would be ranked. He reported that Exit 47 had been ranked as #1 and subsequently approved.

Mr. Humphreys welcomed the new Council Members, expressing his enthusiasm at being able to work with them in the future. He congratulated the returning Council Members on their re-election.

Chief Barnhart welcomed the new Council Members and congratulated the returning Council Members.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded by Mr. Sanner, to rescind the motion to have the work sessions broadcast by MVCC. Mayor Gilman indicated that this had been passed in good faith so that residents would no longer think they were having secret meetings. She stated that she felt the original motion should stand as originally passed.

Mrs. Fryman indicated that she felt that if there was more discussion about ordinances during the meetings, the residents would see the discussions prior to the voting and would know that decisions weren't being made in secret. She went on to say that she felt that having the work sessions televised might deter some visitors from coming before council. For example, a business considering a possible move into the city may not want the current city in which they are located to know as final decisions haven't been made. Having the work sessions televised may make them uncomfortable, and actually act as a deterrent.

A roll call vote was taken: Mayor Gilman- no, Mr. Bowers-yes, Mrs. Jones-yes, Mr. Robinson- yes, Mrs. Lotspaih- no, Mrs. Fryman- yes, Mr. Sanner- yes. The motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Bowers extended his thanks and appreciation for the city staff who came and helped with the Operation Share Christmas by unloading the food trucks.

He congratulated the Newsletter staff on the publication of the Winter Newsletter. He indicated the new format and layout was very professional and speaks well of the improvements for the city.

Mrs. Jones welcomed the new Council Members, and the new Parks and Recreation Director.

Mr. Robinson thanked all who supported him during the campaign. Since the election he and Mr. Bowers have tried to find out what the issues are for the city. He commended

Mr. Williams for the excellent staff at the city. He went on to outline a few of the things that he feels should be implemented to encourage growth for the city.

Mr. Robinson wants to change attitudes in the thought process. When considering proposals for projects, he encourages city staff to find the best way, not just the cheapest way. Then if the funding isn't available, we can work down from there.

Mr. Robinson indicated that Mr. Williams needs to hire an Economics Development Director, and this must be done immediately.

Mr. Robinson encouraged staff to be creative in their thinking, and to think outside the box. He indicated that city staff is very talented and we need to encourage them to be creative to encourage growth.

Mrs. Lotspaih thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and welcomed Christian as the new Parks and Recreation Director.

Mrs. Fryman reminded residents that the Lindbergh Neighborhood Watch meeting is on January 12 at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed the new Parks and Recreation Director, and concluded by saying she is very excited about working with this Council.

Mr. Sanner indicated that he appreciated Mr. Robinson's comments. He took the opportunity to welcome Christian. He then went on to say that a couple of weeks ago, a resident had removed trees at Liberty Lane and Alex Rd.

A neighbor stated that she had been told that this screen of trees was to be permanent, but then they were removed. Mr. Humphreys had indicated that the resident was within his rights to remove the trees, that they were in his right-of-way. Mr. Sanner inquired as to whether residents had the right to remove trees which the City planted if they were in the right-of-way, and requested that this incident be looked into further.

Mayor Gilman thanked Joe MacKenzie for filming City Council. She congratulated Mr. Sanner on his election as Deputy Mayor. She indicated that there were several functions that she had been invited to the following week that she would not be able to attend. She asked for volunteers to attend in her stead.

Mayor Gilman indicated that following Council Members have been appointed to the following list of Boards and Committees:

Coordinating Committee	Angie Fryman – Jody Jones
Special Studies Committee	Linda Lotspaih – Jeff Sanner
Operations Review Committee	James Bowers – Harold Robinson

LIAISONS WITH BOARDS

Technology Advisory Group	Linda Lotspaih, Jeff Sanner
Planning Commission	Angie Fryman, Harold Robinson
City Beautiful Commission	Linda Lotspaih, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones
Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals	Linda Lotspaih, Jeff Sanner

Business Advisory Council	Mayor Gilman, Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman
Board of Zoning Appeals	Jim Bowers, Linda Lotspaih, Jeff Sanner
Recreation Board	Angie Fryman, Jody Jones
Income Tax Board	Jim Bowers, Jeff Sanner
Board of Water & Sewer Charge Adjustment	Jody Jones, Jeff Sanner
Personnel Appeals Board	Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman
First Tier Suburbs Consortium	Linda Lotspaih, City Manager Williams
City Council/School Board	Linda Lotspaih, Delegate Angie Fryman, Delegate Jody Jones, Alternate
MVRPC	Harold Robinson, Delegate Jeff Sanner, Alternate City Manager Williams, Alternate
TAC	Tracy Williams, Delegate Rich Norton, Alternate
MVCC	Bill Gordon, Delegate Jim Bowers, Alternate
South Metro CC	Harold Robinson, Representative David Humphreys, Alternate Tracy Williams, Alternate

RECESS

A motion was made by Mayor Gilman, seconded by Mr. Sanner, to recess to a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Council adjourned.

WORK SESSION

OLD FIRE STATION NO. 1

Tom Robbins, owner of AppleHeart Embroidery, presented his thoughts concerning acquiring the old fire station located at the corner of Central Avenue and Locust Street to convert it for use as the new location for his business. David Humphreys reviewed the memo which he had prepared concerning this proposal from Mr. Robbins.

Following the discussion on this matter, City Council indicated that they would take the matter under advisement and may make a decision at the next City Council meeting.

Mr. Robbins left the meeting.

EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Architect John Poe made a presentation concerning the proposed expansion and renovation of the police department. Discussion was held concerning whether or not the proposed expansion was sufficient to meet future needs of the department, and other related matters. It was requested that staff and the architect review the plans one more time, and make a further report on this matter at the next City Council meeting.

Architect John Poe left the meeting.

POLICE CAR DESIGN

Police Chief Barnhart showed City Council a proposed new design for West Carrollton police cars that would include the new city logo, as well as going to a black and white car which has been a traditional color of police cars for many years. City Council indicated that they like the black and white design as well as the proposed lettering.

Chief Barnhart left the meeting.

SIGN CODE ORDINANCE

City Council postponed discussion on the proposed new Sign Code to a later time.

YELLOW ROSE NIGHTCLUB

City Manager Williams noted that he had been advised by Law Director Pat Carney that the city needed to send a letter to the Division of Liquor Control in Columbus indicating that the city has no objection to the liquor licenses remaining at the location of the Yellow Rose Nightclub, in conjunction with the sale of this business. However, City Council reserved the right to comment further on this pending their customary notification from the Division of Liquor Control regarding this transfer of ownership.

WOODY'S MARKET SITE

It was suggested that staff attempt to set up a meeting with the owners of the former Woody's Market, or the trustee for the business, to explore their interest in cooperating with the city to remove the building from the property in order to expedite redevelopment on the site. City Manager indicated that he would try to arrange such a meeting.

BUDGET PROCESS

City Manager Williams discussed with City Council different options for approaching the 2006 Budget. Council indicated that they would like to have each of the department

directors attend the budget work sessions to discuss those budgets for which they have responsibility.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Angie Fryman indicated that she would like to see the City Council meeting time changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It was the consensus of City Council that this would be a worthwhile change, and that they would discuss this matter and make a final decision at the next regular City Council meeting.

City Manager Williams noted that he had already discussed this matter with Miami Valley Communications Council and that MVCC indicated that there would be no problem in changing the scheduled time for the West Carrollton City Council meetings.

Councilmember Harold Robinson indicated that he wanted to discuss the recent salary adjustment for city employees at a later time.

Mayor Gilman reviewed various upcoming meetings, including the Business Advisory Council in February, and also discussed upcoming Ohio Municipal League meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Gilman, seconded by Councilmember Jody Jones to adjourn. All present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.