

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 2, 2017

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, immediately following the Special Meeting in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemmer

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor said that 5,389 pounds of material was shredded on Saturday. Director Costello was on site along with the CERT Team. 200 flyers were distributed explaining what CERT does and how residents can be a part of the Community Emergency Response Team. The Furniture Bank received limited material but are very excited about the partnership with the city and hope to return again.

The Mayor discussed the R.I.T.A. Board of Trustees' Meeting that was held at the end of September. As of the end of August, the cost of collections was 1.63%, well below the 2% that was stated in the contract and well below the 3% that the city was paying C.C.A. a few years ago. There will be some upgrades with their phone system in the next three months and 17 new members will be coming online. Six of these entities will be collecting income tax for the first time in their history.

Leaf collection will be starting soon. A Ready Notify will be sent providing information concerning leaf collection. Leaf collection will be picked up in construction zones on Fridays with more specific information being sent to the residents impacted.

Next week, the Mayor is meeting with all the Directors concerning their budget requests.

Homecoming is this Friday with the parade kick-off at 6:00 p.m.

The Business Expo will be held on Thursday, October 12th at the Civic Center at 2:00 p.m. through the evening.

The Mayor reminded Council about setting up a Safety Committee Meeting with Chief Stillman and Bowen & Associates to answer any questions regarding the presentation last week of the police department building.

- Mr. Furry asked if there have been complaints regarding R.I.T.A. The Mayor said that early on there were some concerns along with some data transfers. Thanks to Director Thomas for addressing those concerns. There have not been any additional complaints.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Hunt would like to schedule a Safety Committee Meeting on October 16th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Council should forward questions for Chief Stillman and Bowen & Associates prior to the meeting. Director Costello and Chief Stillman would be happy to set up any additional tours of the current police department.

- Mr. Klym asked for jail statistics concerning outsourcing and current utilization of the current jail prior to the October 16th meeting.
- Mr. Shepherd also asked for the vision as far as future utilization of the jail.
- Mayor Bobst encouraged Council to review last year's Annual Report specifically the statistics from the Detective Bureau along with arrest statistics, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 55-17: Mr. Moran said that this Ordinance will pay the Division of Water \$58,342.42, a reimbursement for overpayment on the 2016 Lakeview Avenue Water Main Improvement Project. This will be read for the third time next week and added to a consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-17: Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance has been pending for a few weeks. Mr. Hunt has had several conversations with Director Bemer and is scheduled to meet with Director Bemer and Fire Prevention Officer Crowe tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Hunt wanted a general idea from Council this evening regarding the 1501.13. Mr. Hunt feels that the additions to 1501.01 are warranted and are clearly applied from the Ohio Fire Code regarding grills and open burning barbecues on porches and open balconies on one or two family dwellings. However, the new language in 1501.13, which was in the code adopted in 1991 but was withdrawn when the code was updated with Walter Drain, could be accomplished by using 521.09 which discusses noxious or offensive odors and add a practical application of notifying a resident if there is smoke or fumes from a fire pit. Mr. Hunt asked Council to look at 521.09 and provide feedback if that would work as opposed to adopting the new language in 1501.13.

- Mr. O'Donnell asked why this language was removed. Mr. Bemer said it was an oversight when Walter Drain took over the Codified Ordinances. Mr. Bemer feels it would fit better in 521.09.

ORDINANCE NO. 57-17: Councilman Hunt said that this ordinance is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with OCHS, Inc. Life Insurance Co. to provide life insurance for full-time employees of the city. Some of the highlights are a change in provider along with the rate being locked for three years. The current provider doubled the rates without any additional benefit. OCHS was determined to be the best proposal.

- Mr. Furry said that said that Dearborn doubled the rate, but this is double the coverage for 1.5 times the rate. The Mayor said it will be \$7.50 per month, per employee for \$50,000 in coverage.

Mr. Hunt said that this will be read for the third time next week and added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-17: This ordinance is another reimbursement to Cleveland Water Department in the amount of \$371,993.02 for the 2016 Wooster Road Water Main Improvement Project. This will have a third read next week and will be added to the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this authorizes the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2018 & 2019. This is used to purchase salt and an occasional truck if pricing is good. There is no cost to participate. This will be read for a third time next week and added to a consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this authorizes the administration to extend an agreement with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. for the Hampton Road (South) Lakeview Avenue Sewer Improvement

Project, for additional work mandated by the Cleveland Water Division. This should not exceed \$544,700. This is for additional water work that will replace lead pipe all the way to the houses if necessary. The estimate of this work was \$338,200 but the additional money requested would cover any unfound problems underground so the sewer project isn't delayed. This is scheduled for a third week next week and added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-17: Mr. Moran said that Ordinance No. 66-16 is the budget for last year and Amended Ordinance No. 30-17 requires adjustments as noted in this ordinance. After the annual review of health insurance benefits, several adjustments were needed. Chief Stillman requested additional needs and the Law Enforcement Trust money will be used to equip several new patrol vehicles. Also additional salary and pension funds will be used in the Community Diversion Program. The Wastewater Treatment Plant appropriation is needed for the engineering costs approved by City Council with Ordinance No. 49-17. The contract cost is being split between 2017 (\$58,000) and 2018 (\$140,000). This will have a third read at next week's meetings will be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-17: This is the first of the annual "sewage keeping" ordinances. This is specifically for the exercise of a one-year renewal of cationic polymer for 2018. The polymer is added to the liquid sludge prior to the dewatering process to aid the dewatering of the digested sludge which then becomes sludge cake which can be hauled off. This is a one-year renewal of last year's price from our current supplier Polydyne, Inc, of Riceboro GA. Plant Superintendent Rosemark is pleased with the product's performance and also noted that due to hurricanes hitting the south some of this product has had some volatility so locking it in for an additional year. This is slated for three reads with non-emergency language and is necessary to comply with our NPDES permit. This will be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 66-17: This is for the removal of raw sewage sludge from the WWTP and is in place for emergency purposes only due to mechanical failure. This has not been utilized in the past and hopefully will not be utilized during this contract but needs to be in place for our NPDES permit. Two bids were received in 2016 with a range of \$42.10 to \$47.95 with Rumpke of Northern Ohio submitting the lowest and best bid and have honored a one-year extension at the same pricing structure. This is also slated for three reads and although it is for emergency purposes we will not be utilizing emergency language. This will be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-17: This ordinance is for the removal of grit and screenings from the WWTP. Grit is removed by the grit tanks by the screening building and screenings are separated by the bar screens at the Headworks building and are removed by mechanical means and must be sent to landfill. Two bids were received in 2016 with Rumpke of Northern Ohio Inc. being the successful bidder at \$65/ton and Rumpke will honor the same pricing for an additional year. This is slated for three reads and should be noted that we are not utilizing emergency language but is necessary for compliance with the NPDES permit. This will be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-17: This ordinance is a one-year renewal of sodium bisulfite for the WWTP from JCI Jones Chemical at \$1.145 per gallon. This is also necessary for compliance with the NPDES permit and will also be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-17: This is for the removal of digested sludgecake for the WWTP to a landfill and is a one-year renewal at the current price of \$42.10/ton. Rumpke was the lowest bidder as the other bidder was \$47.95/ton. This was formerly for the months of December 1st to March 31st due to regulations set by the EPA for the renewal of our NPDES permit last year. During the other months we could send it all to Yaworsky Farms at a far more economical cost. Again this is slated for three reads and will also not be using emergency language and is necessary to comply with our NPDES permit. This will be added to the consent agenda.

- Mr. O'Donnell noted that these are all annual renewals. He is wondering if there would be more savings if the city renewed for multiple years. Director Costello replied that the bid specifications say that the

city is open to renew on an annual agreement. The Mayor added that Director Thomas needs an annual agreement because of the total cost of these. Mr. Bemer added that everything beyond a year is subject to appropriations from the legislative body. All the contracts should reflect that. Director Costello and Mr. Furry will ask Superintendent Rosemark.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-17: Mr. Shepherd said this was discussed at length at the Special Meeting. This will be read for a second time next week. This is to enter into a contract with Konstruction King, Inc. for the 2017 catch basin program at a cost not to exceed \$368,610 primarily in the West River Estates.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 71-17: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety-Service to purchase gasoline, fuel oil and allied products on the open market at the best prices possible for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. This is an annual ordinance. This only allows the city to shop the price on the open market but does not prevent the city to purchase from the state coop. The average savings this year has been 14 cents a gallon on unleaded gas and 15 cents a gallon on diesel fuel. This will have three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-17: This is a companion ordinance to 71-17. This allows the Safety-Service Director to purchase tires on the open market for the best possible prices for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. This allows the city to shop the price on the open market but does not prevent the city to purchase from the state coop.

- Mr. Moran asked if this has to do with being a part of the Metropolitan area and transportation where the rest of the state is further away from depot sections of gasoline and tires. Director Costello said that this is a volatile market and there will be fluctuations due to hurricanes etc. The city however is able to use vendors that are closer in proximity.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council