

**Record of minutes and proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Salem City Council held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, with Mrs. Weaver presiding.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Weaver called the regular meeting of council to order, followed by the invocation by Joanne Dota of the Hospice of the Valley and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll with 7 members present.

**JOURNAL**

The Journal of the March 16, 2010 Regular Meeting and the Journal from the March 26, 2010 Special Council meeting were approved as presented.

**PETITIONS & REMONSTRANCES**

None

**VISITORS**

Mike Kopachy, Tom Harp, Joshua Krugel, Jean & John Logore, Nancy Haskin, Jim Bonfert, Lisa Kobart, Jeff Hughes, Tina Cutright, Ann Brantingham, Brandon & Michelle Smith, Tammy & Norb Hettinga, Cara Milhoan, Charles Shafer, John Panezott, Mary Ellen Pizzino, Rubert Elffy Cline, Aveyah Beiling Cline, Elijah JP Beiling, Kevin Bryan, Ken Vernon, Dustin Lucas, Jeff Olinger, James Wonner, Steve Mix, Shawn Mesler, Mike Bryan, Patty Colian, Brad Davis, Scott Mason, David H. Turner, Austin French

Mike Kopachy of Beechwood Road spoke on the negative impact of the proposed low income housing development and his concerns with crime, traffic, and property values. He presented Council with a petition with approximately 60 signatures wanting to stop NRP Homes of Salem from building low income housing off Beechwood Road. (The petition is filed with the Clerk of Council.)

Tom Harp of Beechwood Road also spoke on his concerns of the project and hopes Council listens to the voters.

Josh Krugal stated he is representing approximately 230 residents in Salem who are concerned about the safety forces layoffs. He asked if all employees were asked to take pay cuts and suggested looking at a 1% income tax increase and repealing reciprocity. He expressed his concerns about officer safety and citizen safety with only 3 officers on duty. Thanked Chief Hughes for his leadership in his department and in his opinion, thinks Chief Floor should resign.

Aveyah Beiling Cline spoke about safety in the community and bringing back the safety forces. (A copy of her statement is attached to the original minutes.)

Rubert Elffy Cline spoke about safety in the community and asked four questions. 1) Are our streets going to be safe for our kids in the future? 2) Do our citizens feel safe in our town? 3) Is our Mayor using his best interest in keeping our town safe? 4) How many Safety Forces are going to be laid off over your money vs. our safety?

Elijah Beiling asked about the safety of children in the community.

Norb Hettinga of Lion and Lamb spoke about his concerns of closing Broadway during the Quaker City Weekend Cruise. He stated he is not against the event, but closing the street during that week will hurt his business.

David Turner of First Energy introduced himself and is assuming the responsibilities of Paul Harkey.

Tina Cutright, a Salem Police Department Dispatcher invited anyone on Council to ride with an officer during the afternoon shift to see what the officers have to deal with on a daily basis.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Wolford reported meeting with the Planning Commission, Salem Health Board, Investment Board, Tourism Board and with George Morris to discuss health insurance issues. He swore in 2 new members of the Salem Police Auxiliary and answered several questions from the Auxiliary during a regular meeting. Mayor Wolford reported Greg Oesch resigned his position effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, and thanked Mr. Oesch for his past efforts while working for the city. He reported meeting with the non-bargaining employees to discuss financial issues, and they agreed to contribute 2% of pension pick-up, for a total contribution of 3.5% effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. They would like to see what the Unions will do at this time. Mayor Wolford also responded to a list of questions that were presented to City Council at the last meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **LAW DIRECTOR**

Mr. Zellers had no formal report.

## **AUDITOR**

Mr. Armeni had no formal report.

## **TREASURER**

Mr. Tullis stated Council has an ordinance for depositories that is done every 5 years to authorize the Auditor and Treasurer to deal with certain banks. He reminded everyone that April 15<sup>th</sup> is next week and the tax office is open for any questions and there is a night drop off box in the Police Department entrance. He reported the tax collection is at \$938,571 which is about \$5,000 up from last year at this time, although there are no guarantees from month to month.

## **SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Mr. Andres reported the 30<sup>th</sup> house has been torn down in the house demolition program, 3 houses are still in the process and 11 houses have paperwork complete. The Street Department has used about 50 ton of cold patch and we are waiting for the hot patch to be produced. Mr. Andres reported the Buttermilk Run Dredging project bid opening will be April 7<sup>th</sup>, and there will also be another tire collection set up in Timberlanes parking lot April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Mr. Andres also needed approval from Council for the Auditor to pay an invoice that was for a transmission on a dump truck.

Mr. Nestic asked about the progress on the signalization project. Mr. Andres has a meeting with ODOT on April 13<sup>th</sup>, a 60 day study is underway to monitor traffic, to work out any problems and to make any adjustments.

## **UTILITIES**

Mr. Weingart had no formal report.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

Mr. Faber reported meeting with the Parks staff, Parks Commission, and the Beautification Committee. He is working with the Salem Retail Association to plan a car show with the Tri-County Antique Auto Club for Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. He reported the lake opening on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and softball and little league games have started. Mr. Faber stated Luke Wallace from the Parks Department is now a certified pool operator.

## **CLERK**

Mrs. Bricker had no formal report.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **FINANCE**

Mr. Apple reported the Finance Committee met on March 17<sup>th</sup> to go through the budget line by line and some adjustments were made.

Mr. Apple made motion to approve Mr. Andres request to pay the invoice for the transmission on the dump truck, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Mr. Whitehill. Approved by a 7/0 roll call vote.

### **STREETS, ALLEYS & SIDEWALKS**

Ms. O'Leary reported committee has not met, and had no formal report.

### **UTILITIES**

Mr. Groves reported he will have a Utilities Committee meeting regarding the electric aggregation on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and will schedule another meeting after the election on May 4<sup>th</sup> if the issue passes. The informational meeting that was first held in January regarding the electric aggregation will be aired on Channel 9 several times before the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and Mr. Tullis will continue to run the meetings until the election.

### **TRAFFIC & SAFETY**

Mr. Whitehill reported committee has not met, and had no formal report.

## **RULES & ORDINANCES**

Mr. Radin reported committee has not met, and had no formal report. He rescheduled the next Rules and Ordinance meeting for April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm regarding the bed and breakfast issue.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

Mrs. Dzuracky reported committee has not met, and had no formal report.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Nestic reported committee has not met, and had no formal report. He will be scheduling a meeting soon to give an update on SAIDC and to discuss an application received for the Economic Development Incentive Program.

## **COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE**

Mr. Nestic reported committee met on March 26<sup>th</sup> to go through the budget in detail.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> READINGS OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION**

none

## **INTRODUCTIONS OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- **Resolution No. 100406-20 Being a resolution designating financial institutions as depositories for funds of the City of Salem, Ohio, pursuant to chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.**

Mr. Apple made motion to suspend Council Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Leary. Approved by a 7/0 roll call vote. Mr. Apple made motion to suspend Statutory Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Leary. Approved by a 7/0 roll call vote. Resolution was read by the Clerk.

*Resolution No. 100406-20 was declared passed by a 7/0 roll call vote.*

- **Resolution No. 100406-21 Being a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with First Energy Solutions Corp., for a municipal electric aggregation program and declaring an emergency.**

Mr. Groves made motion to suspend Statutory Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Leary. Approved by a 7/0 roll call vote. Resolution was read by the Clerk.

*Resolution No. 100406-21 was declared passed by a 7/0 roll call vote.*

## **PLEASURE OF COUNCIL**

Mr. Groves had nothing.

Ms. O'Leary had nothing.

Mr. Whitehill had nothing.

Mrs. Dzuracky stated she would like a Committee of the Whole meeting set in the near future to discuss an income tax increase, reciprocity, and a safety levy to help produce revenue and bring back the safety forces.

Mr. Apple stated a tax increase was defeated for capital improvements last fall, he thought people may consider a safety levy considering the amount of people that are concerned with the safety layoffs. He hoped these citizens would be willing to go door to door asking for people to support the levy. Mr. Apple stated he is available to listen to anyone who has suggestions to solve the financial problem. He thought the suggestion to go along with the officers to see what they deal with on a daily basis was a good idea, but the problem is still a matter of money.

Mr. Radin stated the Community Clean-Up Day is this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – noon, anyone interested in helping can meet at the Chamber.

Mr. Nestic feels the re-negotiating the health insurance is a good idea since it is such a large cost to the city, and thanked the non-bargaining employees for offering to pay 2% of pension pick-up and hope the other departments also make an offer. He suggested having a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the pension pick-up ordinance again.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Deborah S. Bricker, Clerk

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Mickey Weaver, President