

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE
APRIL 14, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of Council of April 14, 2009 for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was Called to Order by Council President, Dale O. Langbehn, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:
Aye: Andrew M. Rose, Vice President
Aye: David R. Eva
Aye: Susan M. Shirley
Aye: Sharleen Connolly
Aye: Troy D. Elam
Aye: John Hawkins
Aye: Dale O. Langbehn, President

READING OF MINUTES: March 24, 2009 – Regular Meeting of Council

MOTION MADE BY MR. EVA, Seconded by Ms. Shirley, to approve the Minutes for the March 24, 2009, Regular Meeting of Council, as submitted by the Clerk. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Connolly, Elam, Hawkins, Langbehn. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

CORRESPONDENCE: (none)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor and Safety Director – Mayor Rogers

7:03 p.m.

Swearing in of Mark Burton as Part-time Patrol Officer for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, by Mayor John M. Rogers.

7:04 p.m.

Swearing in of Joseph Respondek as Part-time Patrol Officer for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, by Mayor John M. Rogers.

7:03 p.m.

Swearing in of Jean McPeak as Part-time Communications Officer for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, by Mayor John M. Rogers.

Mayor Rogers said he has received a few calls regarding deer population in the community. He had Mr. Molenaar copy information from ODNR regarding Deer Damage Control. One of the items mentioned is putting up a nominal electric fence to keep deer out, but the City does have an ordinance restricting such fences. It is a low voltage fence they are recommending, and this may be something that Council may want the Ordinance Committee to look at. Mayor Rogers said he told those residents that he would bring this matter to the attention of Council.

Mayor Rogers stated that he has also received stray cat complaints and he wanted to remind Council that the City does have hard traps available for use by residents at no charge, but there is a deposit required.

The City is in the process of looking at their annual renewal of health insurance, and their current provider is saying they can expect a 29-30% increase. Mayor Rogers said they are in the process of negotiating this matter with them and shopping the market with other carriers.

Mayor Rogers said that Ms. Shirley has mentioned the house that was burned down recently, and he said that Mr. Lyons is looking into this matter. They will be sending out a letter to the property owner.

Mayor Rogers asked that Council support the Resolution appointing Michael Piuonno the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of David Brazus.

Administrative Director – Mr. Molenaar

Mr. Molenaar asked that Council Members complete the applications he gave them prior the Council Meeting and return them to him after the meeting.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons

Mr. Lyons said he is working on various items the Mayor has assigned to him, and hopefully he will bring them to a conclusion.

City Engineer – Mr. Sayles

Mr. Sayles reported they hope to have the 2009 Road Program out for bids next week. If all goes according to scheduled, they anticipate have their recommendation to Council by the first week in May.

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: (none)

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation Board / Meeting of March 26, 2009 / Mr. Rose

The Parks & Recreation Board met on March 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Chair, Suzanne Durachinsky, Nancy Marts, Diana Remaley, Lynn Hawkins, Andy Rose, and Recreation Director, John Crocker.

The Recreation Director reported the blue rubberized mulch has been ordered and should be installed soon at Overlook Beach Park. The new bleachers are being installed at McMinn Field #1, and the bleachers at McMinn Field #2 are being repositioned as one of them was sinking in on the one end.

The City-wide Yard Sale Maps will be available at Cal's Marathon, McDonald's and City Hall. There was also an article in the News-Break informing the residents of the yard sale, and telling them to pick up their maps and permits at City Hall.

Mr. Rose said there was a bid received from a Company called Fun Services, and they have used them for many years in the past to provide activities for the children at Mentor Beach Park for the Labor Day activities. They will be bringing this activity back, as well as the antique car show.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board is scheduled for April 30, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission / Meeting of April 6, 2009 / Mrs. Connolly

The regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by John Rampe at 7:08 p.m. Present were John Rampe, Suzanne Cason, Sharleen Connolly, and Dwayne Bailey.

Under Old Business they discussed the huge undertaking of the zoning code review which is still in progress. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet with the Law Director when he has completed his review to discuss any potential changes prior to submitting it to Council.

Under New Business they reviewed the Menu Board Sign Ordinance. The members voiced their concerns about portions of the ordinance, and had several suggestions. However, no action was taken due to the fact that only three members were in attendance. The issue was tabled until the May 4th meeting.

The next meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission will be held on May 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:16 p.m.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:17 p.m.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-R-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO 2009 POLICE CARS FROM CLASSIC FORD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROSE, Seconded by Ms. Shirley for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Connolly, Elam, Hawkins, Langbehn. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

Council Member Elam asked how many marked cars the City currently has. Mayor Rogers said they have 6 marked and one unmarked detective's vehicle. Mr. Elam said he thinks there are 3-4 officers on the road most of the time. Mayor Rogers said it depends on the time of the day. Mr. Elam said he was wondering if we need that many patrol cars. Mayor Rogers said historically at 70-75,000 miles they have been buying a new one, which is about the time they start to experience a lot of repairs to the vehicles. Mayor Rogers said that last year they did not purchase the new vehicles. Council Member Connolly asked if this was in the budget for the year. Mayor Rogers said this purchase is in the budget. She asked if certain police officers are assigned to certain vehicles. Mayor Rogers said generally this is correct.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROSE, Seconded by Ms. Shirley for Passage. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Connolly, Elam, Hawkins, Langbehn. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-R-06

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL J. PIUNNO TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DAVID M. BRAZUS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION MADE BY MR. EVA, Seconded by Mr. Rose for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Connolly, Elam, Hawkins, Langbehn. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

(RESOLUTION NO. 2009-R-06)

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROSE, Seconded by Ms. Shirley for Passage. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Connolly, Elam, Hawkins, Langbehn. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Elam said he has raised the issue of the condition of the McMinn Fields and once again wants to bring this to the attention of Council. He took a walk on the fields and was not happy with the conditions he saw. It was the same as it was 4-5 years ago when he raised the issue. He said there is a ridge from the infield to the outfield, and the outfield is very uneven. Mr. Elam said that one resident informed him that her neighbor's son had a ball pop up and broke a tooth out. He said he has seen no change or improvement since he walked the field 3-4 years ago. Mr. Elam said he wonders if the Service Department really knows what they are doing. He said it is an embarrassment to the City and unsafe for play. Mr. Elam said this is a good center of activity for the City and their pride and joy and believes it needs the best care and upkeep that can be given to it. Mr. Elam said he would like to see it where other teams and leagues would want to use the fields and bring business into the City.

Mayor Rogers said the McMinn Leagues comes to them with recommendations and he knows the Recreation Director and the Service Department works with them on various requests. He said he will address the issue and will bring Mr. Elam's concerns to them. He said they talked to the League about stripping the outfield and then not utilizing the field for a year's service, and they did not want them to do that. It is something that could possibly be looked at this year, as it is his understanding the leagues do not have the number of children playing as they have in the past.

Mr. Elam said that all he asks is that everyone take a walk around the field to see for themselves. He said there is a 4-5" ridge from the infield to the outfield. Mr. Elam said he is not happy at all with the conditions. Mayor Rogers said there is an open door policy with all department heads, and Mayor Rogers said that he could make arrangements to have him walk the fields with Mr. Elam. Mr. Elam said there should be no need for this as anybody can see the problem if they walk the fields.

Council Member Hawkins said he has to remind everyone that this is a zero budget year. He said that if someone has ideas for volunteer work then that would be wonderful. Mr. Hawkins said a lot of that was topsoil over buried stumps, and this will settle and cause a real problem. Mayor Rogers said the fields have not yet been worked on this year. He said there were some funds appropriated for this.

Council President Langbehn said that he is sure the Parks & Recreation Board will provide some cost effective solutions and will do their best to find a solution to this problem.

Council Member Elam said his point is that the conditions of the fields are the same as they were five years ago when the issue was raised. Council Member Connolly said that the safety issues should be the real concern here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Ordinance Committee	April 16, 2009	6:00 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals	April 20, 2009	7:00 p.m.
Agenda Meeting of Council	April 23, 2009	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting of Council	April 28, 2009	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Board	April 30, 2009	7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MS. SHIRLEY. Seconded by Mrs. Connolly for Adjournment.
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Connolly, Elam, Hawkins, Langbehn. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

Date

Dale O. Langbehn
President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council