

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE
FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of Council of February 24, 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: February 10, 2009 – Regular Meeting of Council

MOTION MADE BY MS. SHIRLEY, Seconded by Mr. Eva, to approve the Minutes for the February 10, 2009, Regular Meeting of Council, as submitted by the Clerk.
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Connolly, Langbehn. Nays: None. Abstain: Council Member Elam and Hawkins. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0/2

CORRESPONDENCE: (none)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor and Safety Director – Mayor Rogers

Mayor Rogers said two legislative items are on the agenda this evening. The budget Ordinance in one of the items on the agenda. Mayor Rogers thanked the Department Heads and Members of Council who were present for the budgetary hearing on February 14th. Mayor Rogers said it is a very conservative budget, and is approximately \$70,000 less than the budget of last year. Mayor Rogers asked for Council consideration in the passing of this budget this evening.

Administrative Director – Mr. Molenaar

Mr. Molenaar said he would answer any questions Council may have this evening pertaining to the appropriation ordinance.

Asst. Law Director – Mr. Lyons (no report)

City Engineer – Mr. Sayles (no report)

Service Director – Mr. Bailey

Mr. Bailey said he met with the Director of the Storm Water Management, and they will be putting a project list together. In past years the monies have been earmarked for the Andrews Road Project, and since this project is completed it should open up some funding for other projects. They do not have, at this time, the capability of cleaning the storm interceptors that were required by the EPA to be put into the storm sewers. Mr. Bailey said the first round of cleaning; he is going to request that a contractor do this and have it funded through the Storm Water Management.

Mr. Bailey stated that, as weather permits, they will be patching the pot holes throughout the City.

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: (none)

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Finance Committee / Meeting of February 14, 2009 / Mr. Hawkins

The Finance Committee met on February 14, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Eva, Mr. Rose, and Mr. Langbehn. The Administration was also present along with the various Department Heads. Mr. Hawkins said the budget will not be much different from last year. There are two events which could possibly change the budget as recommended at this time. The City is waiting on funds as promised by Congressman LaTourette for the Andrews Road Reconstruction Project, and they are not certain if they have received the final change orders for this project.

Mr. Hawkins said the Finance Committee recommends that Council adopts the budget as presented by the Administration.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:08 p.m.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:09 p.m.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-O-02

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE FOR THE YEAR 2009, REPEALING ANY ORDINANCE PRIOR THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. CONNOLLY, 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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-O-03

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING LIENS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE AND/OR CULVERT REPAIRS, 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

MOTION MADE BY MR. EVA, 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:

Discussion /Adoption of Council Rules:

Council Member Rose said he feels that the position of President of Council should be served on a rotating basis among all Members of Council. He feels it is healthy for organizations to rotate leadership positions. Mr. Rose said he feels that everyone who is elected to Council has the ability to serve as both President and Vice-President of Council. His thought process is that the President could serve one year, then step down and become a Member of Council and if that Member so chooses to come back and run again he may do so after a one or two year break, depending on how Council would feel on this matter. Mr. Rose said he feels this would be an appropriate change to the Rules of this Council.

Council Member Elam said this has been suggested numerous times, and he has vacillated pro and con on this issue throughout the years. He feels that one of the worse things the State has done was to put in term limits, and Mr. Elam said he feels if the President of Council is doing a commendable job for the City then he or she should stay as long as they are voted in by Members of Council. Mr. Elam said he would like to see it move around some, but he would not want to see this done on an official basis. He would be opposed to making this a fixed item that it would be rotated and is opposed to this change.

Council President Langbehn asked Mr. Molenaar how often Council President has changed over a specific time. Mr. Molenaar said he believes since 1992 there have been four different Council Presidents.

Council Member Hawkins said he has brought this issue to Council on numerous other occasions. Mr. Hawkins said the election of President in the last few years has been straight forward, but he is still in favor of trying this and would amend this to begin next year when the rotation would begin. Mr. Hawkins said the Rules can always be changed back to what they are now. He would refer the change to Mr. Lyons so the wording in Council Rules would be consistent.

Council Member Eva said he would agree with Mr. Elam as far as an unwritten rule. Mr. Eva said perhaps at the end of this year, at the last meeting, under a new business item, they could discuss who would be interested in the President or Vice-President positions. This would eliminate coming in after the first of the year to find out who is seeking those positions. He would like to discuss the matter at the end of the year, and then the first of the year decide.

Council Member Connolly agrees with Mr. Eva on an unwritten rule in this matter. She said where they always fall short is they are not made aware in advance who wants to run for these positions and then it turns into a popularity contest. Ms. Shirley asked what their idea would be for a rotation. Mr. Hawkins said what he is saying is if an individual who would be elected for next year, then at the end of that year that person would be disqualified to run as president and for the next term it would have to be someone else.

MOTION MADE BY MR. ELAM, Seconded by Mrs. Connolly that at the first meeting in December for 2009 that Council meet as a Whole, as an Agenda item, where Council Members can express interest in leadership of Council for the next year. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Connolly, Elam, Langbehn. Abstain: Council Member Hawkins. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0/1

(Council Rules / continued)

MOTION MADE BY MR. ROSE, Seconded by Mr. Hawkins to amend Council Rules that starting in 2010 the current President for 2009 would step down, and there would be a new President in 2010, a new President in 2011 and so on. The President of Council has to change every year. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Hawkins. Nays: Council Member Connolly, Elam, Langbehn.

MOTION CARRIED: 4/3

MOTION MADE BY MR. HAWKINS, Seconded by Mr. Eva to adopt Council Rules as amended. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Rose, Eva, Shirley, Hawkins. Nays: Council Member Connolly, Elam, Langbehn.

MOTION CARRIED: 4/3

NEW BUSINESS: (none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Parks & Recreation Board	February 26, 2009	7:30 p.m.
Agenda Meeting of Council	March 5, 2009	6:00 p.m.
Ordinance Committee	March 5, 2009	6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting of Council	March 10, 2009	7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MR. EVA. 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 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

Date

Dale O. Langbehn
President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

