# Cuyahoga Falls City Council

# Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 26, 2015

Call to Order

Mrs. Pyke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Colavecchio

Mr. DeRemer

Mr. Iula Mr. James Mrs. Klinger Mr. Mader Mr. Pallotta Mr. Rubino Mr. Weinhardt Mrs. Pyke

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Mader.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DeWitt Girl Scout Troop #496.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting.

Approval of the minutes was deferred.

- 5. Reading of petitions, claims, communications and reports of City officials.
  - 1. A letter from the Mayor dated January 23, 2015 nominating Wes Johnson to a three year term on the Cuyahoga Falls Library Board.
  - A notice from the Department of Liquor Control dated January 13, 2015 regarding the issuance of a new C1 and C2 liquor permits to Dolgen Midwest, LLC dba Dollar General Store #14740, 3946 State Road.

The President recognized Mr. Mader, who asked the Law Director to provide information on any dry precincts in the area of this new permit. The Law Director agreed to do so. The President stated the matter would be held until then.

3. From the Finance director, Report 21 dated January 20, 2015, for the period ending December 31, 2014.

The President recognized the Mayor regarding the appointment of Mr. Wes Johnson to the Cuyahoga Falls Library Board. The Mayor stated that Mr. Johnson is being reappointed. The President recognized Mr. Johnson, who thanked the Mayor, and stated (inaudible).

The President stated that Mr. Johnson is passionate and deserves support in this role. The President recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who stated that Mr. Johnson is thorough and has done an excellent job.

The President recognized Mr. lula, who stated that Mr. Johnson is active and involved in the community, and deserves reappointment.

Motion by Mr. Mader to confirm Wes Johnson's appointment to the Cuyahoga Falls Library Board. Seconded by Mr. Iula. Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0.

Introduction of new ordinances and resolutions.

The following ordinances and resolutions were introduced and referred as noted:

To the Public Improvements Committee:

<u>Temp. Res. B-13</u>: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of a waterline in 2nd Street, from Broad Boulevard to May Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

To the Public Affairs Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-14: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as the Director of Public Safety to enter into agreements with various cities and townships for the provision of prisoner confinement services, and declaring an emergency.

7. Public Hearings.

There were no public hearings.

8. Reports of Special Council Committees.

There were no reports of special committees.

9. Reports of Council's Standing Committees

## Planning & Zoning Committee:

(No report.)

## Finance & Appropriations Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-1: An ordinance levying special assessments for the repair or replacement of sidewalks and drive approaches in the Sidewalk and Drive Approach Repair and Replacement District, for the year 2014, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adopt Temp. Ord. B-1. Seconded by Mr. Iula.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. Iula called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

## Public Improvements Committee:

Temp. Res. B-2: A resolution creating for the year 2015 a Sidewalk and Drive Approach Repair or Replacement District containing such streets, alleys, or public roadways within the corporate limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, declaring the necessity of repairing or replacing the sidewalks and drive approaches abutting on such streets, alleys or public roadways within said corporate limits and providing the method for levying special assessments, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Iula to adopt Temp. Res. B-2. Seconded by Mr. Mader.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None

Mr. Rubino called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The resolution was adopted.

#### Public Affairs Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-3: An ordinance authorizing the Directors of Safety and Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase or lease of various vehicles for use by the City, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-3. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-4: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of annual requirements of certain materials, supplies and services for use by the Garage Division during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-4. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-5: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of annual requirements of certain services, materials and supplies for use by the Division of Sanitation during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-5. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-6: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of annual requirements of certain materials and supplies for use by the Street Department during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-6. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-7: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of the City's requirements of certain services, materials and supplies for use by the Water and Sewer Division during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-7. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-8: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the purchase of the City's requirements for certain materials, supplies, and equipment for use by the Electric Division during 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-8. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Res. B-9: A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Service to apply for and accept a grant from the Summit Reworks, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Res. B-9. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The resolution was adopted.

Temp. Ord. B-10: An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement or adjustment of concrete sidewalks, drive approaches and curbs at various locations in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Pallotta to adopt Temp. Ord. B-10. Seconded by Mr. Weinhardt.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. DeRemer called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

### Community Development Committee:

Temp. Ord. B-11: An ordinance authorizing the Community Development Director to apply for and enter into an agreement for a 2015 Certified Local Government Grant authorizing the payment of the local share, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to adopt Temp. Ord. B-11. Seconded by Mr. Pallotta.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. Colavecchio called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

Temp. Ord. B-12: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition to accept a Strategic Initiative grant, including payment of the City's local share, to complete the Mill Pond-Mud Brook Greenway Master Plan; and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to adopt Temp. Ord. B-10. Seconded by Mr. Pallotta.

Remarks by the Committee Chair: None.

Mr. Colavecchio called the question.

Motion adopted by acclamation, 10-0. The ordinance was passed.

## 10. Announcement of Schedule of Council Committee meetings.

Planning and Zoning: Subject to call. Subject to call.

Public Improvements: February 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. February 2, 2015 at 6:35 p.m.

Community Development: Subject to call.

#### 11. Miscellaneous Business

The President recognized Mr. Pallotta who thanked the members of Council and the administration, including Mrs. Klinger, Mrs. Pyke, Mr. Balthis, and Hoffman who worked in a cooperative manner on the annual requirements purchase ordinances, providing both flexibility and accountability in the City's purchasing program.

The President recognized Mrs. Klinger, who asked the Finance Director Brian Hoffman to review the Report 21 for the period ending December 31, 2014. Mr. Hoffman stated this Report 21 shows year ending numbers for 201 as well as the status of notes for the year ending 2014. In general, the General Fund total revenue was \$546,000 higher in 2014 over 2013. Estate Tax revenue was down from \$1.2 million in 2013 to \$96,000 in 2014. Property tax revenues were down \$200,000 in 2014 over 2013. Mayor's Court revenues were also down. Transfers in to the General Fund from Income tax revenue was up \$1.8 million in 2014 over 2013. In short, declines in other revenue were offset by increases in income tax revenue.

On the expense side, personal services expenses were down \$166,000 in 2014 over 2013 due to positions being vacant and employee turnover. Transfers to other fund include \$400,000 to the Street Construction Fund (versus \$600,000 in 2013) and \$493,000 due to the 27<sup>th</sup> pay day in 2015.

Total income tax collections were up 3.66% in 2014 over 2013. Street Construction Fund balance decreased \$166,000 due to the harsh winter. The Sewer Fund balance experienced a positive variance of \$292,000 due to charges for services due to increased residential construction. The Water Fund balance was positive by \$31,000.

Self-Insurance Fund expenditures were \$385,000 higher in 2014 over 2013, due to prescription drug costs.

Total Leisure Time fund revenue in 2014 was down \$45,000 from 2013. Brookledge was positive by \$4,500. Quirk was positive by \$3,000. Downview was down due to weather. However, the total fund balance in Leisure Time is up \$510,000 due to reduction in expenditures.

Mrs. Klinger noted that the City's overall General Fund balance finished at \$8.5 million, which is higher than what was predicted. Mr. Hoffman stated the \$1 million increase in fund balance is due to \$733,000 transfer into the General Fund for the 27<sup>th</sup> pay day in 2015, increased income tax collections, and reduced personal services expenditures due to vacant positions.

The President and the Mayor entertained questions from Girl Scout Troop #496.

# 12. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Klinger to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Mader. Motion adopted by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pyke Council President

Paul A. Janis Clerk of Council