

**Record of minutes and proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Salem City Council held on Tuesday, June 15, 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 Steve Faber, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk called the roll with 7 members present.

**JOURNAL**

The Journal of the June 1, 2010 Regular Meeting was approved as presented.

**PETITIONS & REMONSTRANCES**

None

**VISITORS**

Fred Maurer of First Energy, Jim Bonfert, Mary Ellen Pizzino, Brandon & Michelle Smith, Steve Bauman, Andy Dzuracky, Patty Colian

Steve Bauman thanked Mayor Wolford and Steve Andres for taking care of a parking problem on Pershing by Reilly Stadium. He is also concerned with the Centennial Park retention pond and flooding problems in the area. He gave suggestions for grating so water goes in to the retention pond.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Wolford reported he met with Arcuri & Associates, the Finance Committee, non-bargaining employees, and AFSCME union representatives concerning health insurance and pension pick up issues. Mayor Wolford encouraged everyone to attend the Quaker City Weekend Cruise, June 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> and the fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both events have great activities planned for everyone.

**LAW DIRECTOR**

Mr. Zellers reminded Council the LGF ordinances will be coming up in July which is required each year.

**AUDITOR**

Mr. Armeni was not in attendance.

**TREASURER**

Mr. Tullis had no formal report.

**SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Mr. Andres reported the Service Department is working on grass cuts, water problems and catch basins. Thanked Ms. O'Leary and Mrs. Weaver for helping with the goody bags for the Weekend Cruise. The volunteers for the Cruise have passed out 9600 brochures all over the area. Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last meeting and anyone who wants to volunteer can contact City Hall. Custom Images donated t-shirts for the event volunteers. Mr. Andres explained registration, parking areas for cars and giveaways.

**UTILITIES**

Mr. Weingart had no formal report, but thanked the Council members and Mayor for attending the Utilities Commission meetings.

**PARKS & RECREATION**

Mr. Faber reported the pool and lake are both open. The parks department is continuing to mow daily and dealing with breakdowns. Flower planting should be completed soon. Mr. Faber reported plans for the antique car show is almost finalized. Mr. Faber also reported the Greenford Christian Church purchased some adirondack chairs for the parks department for their Great Day of Service project.

**CLERK**

Mrs. Bricker had nothing.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### FINANCE

Mr. Apple reported on two Finance Committee meetings. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> the committee met with George Morris of Morris Financial Group to discuss health insurance issues. He explained a plan that was most comparable to the bargaining units and what their contracts called for. The plan would include deductibles and office visit and drug card charges increasing. This plan would save 2% on health insurance. The current health insurance premium will be increasing 5%. Mr. Morris also explained the benefits of the city participating in the ERC program (Employee Resources Council). On June 10<sup>th</sup> the committee met with Auditor Jim Armeni and discussed the 2011 Tax Budget. The Mayor reported he has met with Morris Financial and Acuri Insurance to go over health plans for the city. He has discussed these plans with the unions and non-bargaining employees, and recommended that the city remain with the current Anthem plan this will increase the premium 5%. He felt this issue should be addressed during contract negotiations in 2011. The Electric Aggregation grant of \$147,000 will be designated for Capital Improvements. The Service Director, Mr. Andres, reported the service department has been patching potholes and mowing grass that is not in compliance with the city ordinance.

### STREETS, ALLEYS & SIDEWALKS

Ms. O'Leary reported committee has not met, and had no formal report. Ms. O'Leary thanked the Beautification Committee for their ongoing time and concern for our city, and thanked the Service Department for keeping up with the ongoing issues in the city. She asked all citizens, property owners, and business owners to help keep the city's appearance welcoming by keeping lawns mowed and weeds to a minimum, this will help with the beautification in our community.

### UTILITES

Mr. Groves reported there were two public hearings held today for the governance plan for the electric aggregation program and this will allow First Energy to finish the opt-out process.

### 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 stated the Planning Commission will be meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm to review the ordinances involving the Bed and Breakfast.

### 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.

### COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Mr. Nestic reported the Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss pension pick-up issues. The Mayor reported the unions are reluctant to open contracts at this time. It was decided Council would wait on changing pension pickup for union members until contracts expire next year. Council decided to create an ordinance for council members to pay pension pickup and any elected official willing to pay their pension pickup for their remainder of their term. Mr. Pamer gave a report on eliminating the tax credit and the impact of a tax increase. Mrs. Dzuracky gave a report on a safety levy. A discussion to form a task force to examine the structure of our operations and look into a charter form of government took place. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

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

**Resolution No. 100518-27** Being a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application to the State of Ohio, to participate in the FY 2010 small cities Community Development Block Grant formula program.

Mr. Apple requested 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Resolution was read by the Clerk.

*Resolution No. 100518-27 was declared passed by a 7/0 roll call vote.*

## INTRODUCTIONS OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

**Ordinance No. 100515-33** Being an ordinance authorizing appropriations as set forth below and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Apple requested 1<sup>st</sup> reading only. Ordinance was read by the Clerk.

**Resolution No. 100615-34** Being a resolution adopting the plan of operation and governance for the electricity aggregation program for the City of Salem with First Energy Solutions 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. 100615-34 was declared passed by a 7/0 roll call vote.*

## PLEASURE OF COUNCIL

Mr. Nestic had nothing.

Mr. Apple hopes everyone attends the Weekend Cruise.

Ms. O'Leary had nothing.

Mr. Groves hope everyone attends the cruise.

Mrs. Dzuracky hopes everyone attends the cruise and enjoys themselves.

Mr. Whitehill hopes everyone attends and enjoys the cruise and the fireworks.

Mr. Radin had nothing.

Council meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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Deborah S. Bricker, Clerk

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Mickey Weaver, President