
**CITY OF HIGHLAND HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
HELD: JANUARY 8, 2019
8:00 PM**

PRESENT: Council Representatives Brunello, D'Amico, Hargate, Mastrangelo, Murphy, Stickan; Clerk of Council Cahill; Fire Chief Turner; Police Chief Cook; Service Director Evans; Building Commissioner Grabfelder; Finance Director Filippo; City Engineer Mader; Law Director Paluf.

EXCUSED: Mayor Coleman; Council Representative Leo Lombardo

ACTION ON MINUTES: The reading of the Minutes of a Council Meeting held December 11, 2018 was dispensed with. Mrs. Murphy moved to accept the Minutes as written; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Turner reported for the year, there was a total of 1643 calls which has increased by 102 calls over 2017. The 2018 Annual Report should be available in a couple of weeks.

Item #1 on the agenda is the annual payment to the City of Cleveland for use of the fire hydrants. There is a slight increase over last year of approximately \$1,200 due to the addition of two hydrants on North Legend.

Item #4 is a proposed ordinance to change the administrative position of Captain to Assistant Chief. This is a title change only, no staff will be added.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Cook stated the installation of the cameras at Wilson Mills and Alpha Drive is complete and functional at Dispatch Center. The ordered sedan police vehicle has been delivered. A \$25,000 reimbursement was received from SPAN for the wages of the officer assigned to the DEU on a partial basis.

The Police Department received 18,100 calls for service in 2018 which is statistically similar to past years. Welfare check/community service calls for 2018 totaled 1,800 with 169 occurring in the month of December. Mutual aid to other departments was 1250 for 2018 and 129 for December. There were 200 motor vehicle accidents in 2018 with approximately 20 involving injuries. In 2018 the Jail facility held 286 inmates for approximately 6,000 hours.

Service Director's Report: Director Evans stated a meeting was held with Simple Recycling and the program is scheduled to start April 1st. Simple Recycling will send a notice to residents in March and information will be provided in the spring newsletter and city's website.

A representative of Asplundh Tree Service informed the city that they have been contracted by the Illuminating Company to trim trees around power lines in the city and surrounding areas. The city will be notified when working on city streets and the residents will receive a door hanger explaining the work and contact information for questions. These activities will be performed throughout the year.

The leaf collection program was completed by the end of 2018. A crew will be dispatched weekly to collect remaining leaf piles until there is snowfall.

Item #3 is the annual Resolution to allow online auctions of surplus equipment. Upon the passage of the Resolution, notification will be advertised in the newspaper. Information regarding the online auctions will also be in the spring newsletter.

Mrs. Murphy reported to the Service Department a property on Esther that has been experiencing frequent power outages. Director Evans will report the address to the Illuminating Company. A new Illuminating Company representative will be appointed at the end of the month. Director Evans will provide Council with the new representative's contact information.

Ms. D'Amico stated she received several calls, as well as Ms. Stickan and Mr. Brunello, regarding a card that was left at residences from the trash collector for Kimble extending a holiday greeting. Residents were confused that the card was from an individual and not from Kimble. Ms. Stickan will make the card available to Director Evans to review.

Building Commissioner's Report: Mr. Grabfelder reported for the month of December the Building Department issued 23 residential permits and 14 commercial permits. Five zoning notices were sent.

Mr. Grabfelder stated paperwork was filed with the Court for the property at 5386 Highland Road. General maintenance of the house and property was cited.

City Engineer's Report: Mr. Mader stated the Glen Eden Pump Station demolition is complete. The Avion Park sidewalk will resume in the spring.

Finance Director's Report: Director Filippo stated the Chiefs and Directors have received the 2019 budget numbers and once reviewed and returned the budget hearings will begin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commission on Aging: No report.

Park and Recreation Commission: No report.

Safety and Service Committee: No report.

Drainage Committee: No report.

Mrs. Murphy announced the Airport Noise Abatement Council will review 4th quarter operations at a meeting scheduled for January 10th at 10 AM at the Curtis Wright Parkway.

Legislative & Finance Committee: Mr. Hargate scheduled a Legislative and Finance Committee meeting for January 22, 2019.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Mr. Mastrangelo stated a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be held on January 14, 2019.

Law Director's Report: Mr. Paluf stated the property on 5943 Wilson Mills Road has transferred and is owned by the city. The Service Department will have access to the dwelling and secure the utilities.

Mr. Mastrangelo questioned the status of the proposal from Cleveland Water Department to take ownership of the waterlines. Mr. Brunello stated Council was in agreement to move forward. Mr. Paluf will review the guidelines and proceed as necessary.

Mr. Mastrangelo questioned the status of the demolition of the house on Miner Road. Chief Cook stated the Building Department cited the property and it is currently before the Court.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Excused.

Council President's Report: Mr. Brunello stated a Community Day Meeting will be scheduled for the end of the month.

Mr. Brunello received and distributed a letter from Jack & Victoria Thomas expressing their appreciation for the demolition of the Glen Eden Pump station and requesting trees and/or shrubs be planted on the lot.

Mr. Brunello announced that 2018 Council Legislation and Motions have been posted to the city's website and are accessible to view. The information will be updated as 2019 progresses. Mr. Brunello and Council thanked Marlene Kole for her diligence in adding this new feature that will assist residents.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: No items were added.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the audience.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION FOR PAYMENT: Moved by Mr. Hargate to authorize payment to the City of Cleveland, Division of Water, in an amount not to exceed \$21,834.07, for the annual charge for water based on the number of hydrants, per Codified Ordinance No. 535.28; seconded by Mr. Mastrangelo. Ayes all; motion carried.

FIRST READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 1-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 1-2019 which description is: "A Resolution providing for the employment of an Engineer for the City of Highland Heights and establishing the compensation of the City Engineer for 2019, repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Scott E. Coleman and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Resolution 2-2019 which description is: "A Resolution authorizing the City to allow for the sale or disposal of municipal property determined to be no longer needed for municipal purposes by way of internet advertising and auction and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Scott E. Coleman and Council as a Whole)

FIRST READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1-2019: Council listened to the First Reading in title only of Proposed Ordinance 1-2019 which description is: "An Ordinance amending Section 133.01 of Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Highland Heights pertaining to the Fire Department Composition and repealing all legislation inconsistent herewith and declaring an emergency." (Mayor Scott E. Coleman)

President Brunello referred proposed Ordinance 1-2019 to the Finance Committee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Mr. Hargate to adjourn into Executive Session by roll call vote pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code and Highland Heights Charter 4.05 to discuss labor negotiations; seconded by Ms. D'Amico. Roll Call: Ayes: unanimous.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Mastrangelo and seconded by Ms. D'Amico to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all; motion carried. Said meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President of Council