



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE MARCH 26, 2019

The Regular Meeting of Council of March 26, 2019, for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Desirea Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Aye: **At Large:** JIM LUNDER, Vice President
Aye: **Ward 3:** ROB JOHNSON
Aye: **At Large:** KEVIN BITTNER
At Large: PRESTON WOLK (Absent/Unexcused)
Aye: **Ward 1:** DAVID CHABUT
Aye: **Ward 2:** PAUL MORRIS
Aye: **Ward 4:** DESIREA THOMPSON, President

READING OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of Council – March 12, 2019

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Johnson, for Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None. Abstain: Council Member Chabut.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0/1

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read an invitation from Danbury Senior Living for its Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, April 4, 2019, from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. The Danbury Senior Living is located on Lakeshore Boulevard in Mentor, Ohio.

The Clerk read a lengthy email from Michael Huelsman, Retired Battalion Chief, Mentor-on-the-Lake Fire Department dated March 18, 2019. A copy of his email was also sent to all Members of Council and Mayor Eva. Mr. Huelsman stated his concerns about Fire Department staffing and adding another full-time firefighter. He also stated his concerns about other issues in the Fire Department, including the use of the new Fire Department vehicle.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva asked Ptl. Tina Messinger and her family to come forward for Ptl. Messinger to be sworn in as a Full-Time Patrol Officer for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake. Police Chief Gielink gave a short history of her time with the Mentor-on-the-Lake Police Department. The Mayor administered the oath

of office and she was congratulated by all those present.

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Administrative Director – Mrs. Bartone

Mrs. Barton advised on tonight's Agenda is the expenditure approval for the City's insurance for this year and asked that this be passed tonight. The policy expires at the end of the month. She just received the renewal information last week and did shop three other offers which were all higher.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (No Report)

City Engineer – Mr. Sayles (No Report)

Police Chief – Mr. Gielink

Chief Gielink advised Sergeant Daubenmire is at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio, taking a two-week course in crash investigation. In February, four officers were sent to search and seizure updates that were sponsored by the Eastlake Police Department.

Also in February, Ptl. Tina Messinger successfully became a certified drug recognition expert. The Drug Recognition Expert course is a series of three training phases that, collectively, prepare police officers and other qualified persons to serve as drug recognition experts. This training developed as part of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program under the auspices and direction of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the International Association of Chiefs of Police and has experienced remarkable success since its inception in the 1980's. Drug recognition expert school has been present in Ohio since October 2010, and since then, less than 300 people in the State have successfully completed this training. Ptl. Messinger completed this federally funded three-week training program which began at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy and concluded in Jacksonville, Florida. She successfully passed all parts of this training and earned her certificate. She is the 9th female in the entire State of Ohio to have this certification.

In December, Detective Strauss and Ptl. Braidic attended several classes on evidence collection and conducting background investigations.

Several officers have been off for medical conditions and the Police Department is very thankful to the part-time Patrol Officers for stepping up to help fill shifts.

As of today, the Police Department has had a total of 1,555 calls for service in 2019, which is about the same as last year at this time.

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Council Member Chabut asked Mrs. Bartone what Inland Marine insurance means. Mrs. Bartone advised it was the category for the heavy equipment, things like that.

Council Member Lunder said he and Chief Gielink had a discussion yesterday about the incident over the weekend. There were several posts on Facebook asking questions and there were a lot of people calling Dispatch wondering what was going on in the City. He knows it is an open investigation, but he asked Chief Gielink if there is anything that can be done to warn residents. Chief Gielink said currently there is

no notification system other than what is being used with social media. It is difficult to get information out in a quicker way, and this was the only criticism he saw on Sunday. There was really no chance to do anything, and the question is if they really want to call people at 10:00 at night and warn them to stay in their house and keep the doors locked. You might be waking someone up and causing more of a panic. He can say it was a shoplifting incident at Giant Eagle. The store management did not want them to go inside the store to confront the suspect, and wanted them to wait until the suspect came outside. When the suspect did come outside, he started running and the Officer gave foot pursuit and lost him. Council Member Lunder said what concerns him the most is what the residents are saying about the Police Department. There was a lot of bad press on Facebook, and the other thing that disturbs him is just like when the power goes out, Dispatch is flooded with phone calls. He cannot believe people would call that much to find out what is going on in the City; this is disturbing to him. Chief Gielink said unfortunately they only have one Dispatcher working at a time and it is difficult when she is trying to coordinate a foot pursuit. She did a fantastic job getting other units there, the other two cars were tied up on another disturbance call and she contacted Mentor Police immediately and they had five cars down here. The response was actually very good. He understands when people see police officers running through their back yards, with an increased police presence, that this would panic people. They want to know what is going on but the Police Department does not always have the time to respond. Council Member Lunder said it was just disturbing how some of the residents over-react on something like that.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee / March 25, 2019 / Mr. Morris

Council Member Morris advised the Ordinance Committee met on March 25, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. to discuss unfinished business concerning language of Ordinance 678.019(c) "Litter," Ordinance 1242 "Fees," Ordinance 1448.02(d) "Property Grades," and Ordinance 1464 "Point of Sale Inspections." Present were Council Members Morris, Johnson, Chabut, Council Vice-President Lunder, and Council President Thompson, Service Director Mr. Moore, and Frank Gallow, Owner of Anderson's. Council Member Morris advised the meeting started off with Mr. Gallow commenting that the ordinance change concerning temporary signs would not permit him to use the current sign that he uses due to the size of it. He explained that he believes the sign helps him general business. He was told that the Committee would look at the changes that were made two years ago in the near future and see if anything can be done. The Committee turned to the issue of Ordinance 678 "Weeds and Litter," specifically 678.01(c) where it refers to items that are "unsightly." After some discussion, it was agreed by all members present to remove the word "unsightly" as it was felt that the word was too subjective. The topic then turned to Ordinance 1448 "Property Grades." All members present agreed to repeal Section 1448.01 at the request of the Service Director and the Administrative Director. The Committee further agreed to amend the fees stated in 1448.02(d) to be as follows: (1) Residential from \$250.00 to \$100.00 which concern property grades; (2) Multi-Family from \$150.00 to \$200.00; (3) Commercial from \$150.00 to \$200.00. The Committee also wants to include an application review fee of \$25.00 to cover the cost of the plans being reviewed by the City. The Committee then turned to Ordinance 1464 "Point of Sale Inspection." It was proposed that we have the City conduct an exterior inspection only and rely on the buyer's inspection to cover the inside of the home. After a lengthy discussion on this issue, it was decided to leave this Ordinance the way it is. The Committee discussed the proposal of adding a building/zoning application fee. After discussion it was decided to make all of the fees non-refundable. This was proposed due to the time taken to review plans that were presented and permits not picked up. All fees are to be paid in advance. Mr. Moore then presented the Committee with some other items he wished the Committee to look at. A brief discussion was held concerning the list, and they will be discussed at a future meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:22 P.M.

Caterina Cocca, Office/Account Manager, GIMA Real Estate LLC. Ms. Cocca said GIMA Real Estate represents the property at 7905 Munson Road. She wanted to address Council and the Administration about people parking on their property and going to the establishment next door. She has talked to the Police Department concerning this and they were very helpful. She was here tonight to see if there is some information about the parking requirements are, if they are being met, if there is a variance on that property as it seems there is not enough parking for that establishment. This is causing problems for GIMA Real Estate as potential tenants and current tenants are complaining. She also would like to know whether there has been any changes to the footprint of that particular premises to find out if they had eliminated any parking spots. She advised she has reached out to the establishment; she has talked to the owner about the parking situation; and she feels that it is still not being resolved and the owner has not gotten back to her. She has sent letters, and nothing has happened. She is reaching out to Council to fix this or to investigate this. Mayor Eva asked when was the last time she had contact with the owners. Ms. Cocca stated she sent a letter to the owners of the property as well as the owner of the establishment. Mayor Eva asked her to send the Administration a copy of her letter. She thanked Council and stated she looks forward to hearing back on this.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:27 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-04

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2019 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED: 6/0**

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Johnson, for Passage of Resolution No. 2019-R-04. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED: 6/0**

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

Expenditure Approval:

Vendor: Travelers Insurance Company
Cost: \$67,461
Item: Renewal of various insurance policies

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
General Liability	\$ 2,340	\$25,000
Employers Overhead Liability	\$ 521	\$25,000
EMS Liability	\$ 3,600	\$25,000
Employee Benefit Liability	\$ 192	\$25,000
Auto	\$22,186	\$1,000-\$10,000
Property	\$10,417	\$1,000
Inland Marine	\$ 1,097	\$1,000
Law Enforcement Liability	\$10,285	\$25,000

Expenditure Approval (Continued):

Public Entity Mgmt. Liability	\$ 3,203	\$10,000
Public Entity Employment Practices Liability	\$ 6,409	\$25,000
Umbrella Coverage - \$2m	\$ 6,616	\$25,000
CyberFirst Liability	\$ 595	\$ 1,000
	\$67,461	

(per Memorandum of March 20, 2019, from Mrs. Bartone)

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Morris, for approval of the Expenditure Request for the renewal of the City's various insurance policies with Travelers Insurance Company.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:28 P.M.

Michael Huelsman, 7600 Pinehurst Road. Mr. Huelsman asked if the City had purchased a brand new SUV strictly for the Fire Chief's use. At this point in time, it is only being used by the Fire Chief. It has been represented that the on-shift people do not drive it, they still drive the old police cruiser. Now, did the City buy a vehicle strictly for the Fire Chief's use? Council Member Morris stated it was his understanding, and he thinks he can speak for everybody on Council, is no, they were led to believe they were replacing one of the vehicles from the Department, either the white Crown Vic or the police cruiser that was being used. One of those two were going, and it was Council's impression that vehicle was bought for the general Department use just like the other vehicles. Mr. Huelsman said he has not heard a yes or no, is it or was it. Council Member Morris said it was not bought for the Fire Chief's personal use. Mr. Huelsman asked why it was not being used except by the Chief of the Fire Department. Right now you can go talk to the shift on duty; they do not have a key, they cannot use the vehicle. The Fire Chief's gear is in the back. Council Member Morris said he did not think anyone on Council can answer that question, it was for the Administration. Mr. Huelsman said he would definitely take into consideration any more money for this City.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Parks & Recreation Board	Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.
Planning & Zoning Commission	Monday, April 1, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.
Ordinance Committee	Monday, April 15, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Agenda Meeting	Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Council Meeting	Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Adjournment. ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

APPROVED:

April 9, 2019
Date

Desiree Thompson
Desiree Thompson
President of Council

Attest: Joyce M. Durb
Clerk of Council