

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2015 HELD AT THE TEMPORARY CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING #15 NORTHPOINT DRIVE AT 1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order.

TIME: The Committee of the Whole (Workshop) began at 1:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Lansford, Councilwoman Tara Bedei, Councilman Ed Brozak, Councilman Brian Crouch and Councilman William Phelan.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Scot Wrighton, Linda J. Underwood, City Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Pamela K. Leonard, Joseph Birkey, Birkey & Noble (Auditor) and Fire Chief, Gary Bird.

Prior to the start of discussions, Scot Wrighton, City Manager questioned Council as to whether they would like to hold the Council meetings in the conference room of Suite #15 instead of Bruce Township Hall. It was the consensus of the Council to hold regular council meetings after the December 16th meeting at Northpoint Drive Conference Room #15.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one requested to speak.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1.) AUDIT HIGHLIGHTS & AUDITOR'S REPORT.

City Manager, Scot Wrighton, introduced Joe Birkey of Birkey & Noble, the City's auditor. Mr. Birkey reviewed the audit highlights with the Council stating that there was no material weaknesses and the policies remained inside what was set by Council. Council had no questions for the auditor.

2.) BURNING RESTRICTIONS IN APRIL AND NOVEMBER

Wrighton stated that staff had received and forwarded multiple citizen complaints regarding the burning of yard waste any day during the months of November and April. Citizens were complaining that they could not open their windows or go outside during nice weather due to the burning and requested that the burning days be reduced to the same as the other months. Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council as follows:

- To have Tuesday and Saturdays as the only burn days throughout the year.
- To ban all burning on any city streets.
- To allow for fires in manufactured fireplaces

Wrighton asked the Fire Chief to prepare the ordinance for inclusion in the Council's January regular meeting packet.

3.) INCUBATOR UPDATE

Wrighton updated Council on the progress of the Incubator stating:

- That there are 3 signed leases
- With 5 businesses interested and 2 commitments
- 5 teams have signed up for athletic events
- That walking has been re-started.
- That bleachers have been donated and are going to be bolted to the east wall in an effort to mitigate scratching of the gym floor.


ADJOURNMENT: With no other items for discussion, Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Brozak made the motion; seconded by Crouch.

ROLL: Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Phelan, and Mayor Lansford

TIME ADJOURNED: 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda J. Underwood, City Clerk