

## CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 4, 2005

A regular meeting of the City of Powell Council was held on January 4, 2005 and called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dan Wiencek. Other Council members present were Jim Seta, Dave Lackey, Art Schultz, Richard Cline, Don Grubbs, and George Kaitsa. Also present were Stephen A. Lutz, City Manager; Ken Molnar, Director of Law; David Betz, Director of Development; Nan Metz, Finance Director; Chief of Police Gary Vest, and Dawn Nauman, Clerk of Council.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was none.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 21, 2004 were approved as printed.

## CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSION

A brief discussion was held regarding the implementation of the consent agenda which was provided for in the Charter amendments which take effect this year. Mr. Grubbs asked that the action requested from each consent agenda item be included on the listing on the agenda. Steve Lutz, City Manager, said that a Resolution will be presented at the next meeting itemizing possible items to be listed on the consent agenda.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Liquor License Notice – 7459 Sawmill Parkway Powell Marathon

**MOTION:** Mr. Cline moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Seta seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Y 7 N 0

## CLERK OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

## OTHER REPORT

Jeff Snyder, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Service, reviewed the snow removal procedure from the storm that occurred Christmas week.

Mr. Cline asked how Mr. Snyder felt the quadrant concept worked for snow removal. Mr. Snyder said he doesn't know how he feels, there are several different ways to approach this process. He said the residents have high expectations for snow removal. He received several calls mid-afternoon on Thursday in the middle of snow emergency level 3 wondering why cul-de-sacs weren't clear. He said that changing the approach so that everyone does priority streets as a team the same time may mean that cul-de-sacs get done later or it may mean they get done earlier because priority streets are done more quickly. He said this storm didn't let up, and every time someone went down Sawmill Parkway, they had to come back through. He said his Staff works directly with the Police Department to determine high priority areas and then they target those first.

Mr. Seta said the quadrant philosophy is used everywhere, and he feels this is the right approach in this type of storm, because main roads are definitely a priority. While he thinks there are always complaints, he thinks Staff did an unbelievable job. Mr. Lackey concurred and said the City streets were better than any neighboring communities, even better than some major roads in Columbus.

Mr. Seta asked how many plows the City has. Mr. Snyder said there are 5 salt truck/plows and an F-350 used for municipal parking lots. He said there are 5 employees. Mr. Seta asked if another truck is needed. Mr. Snyder said at the current staff level, it would sit unused. However, salt storage is an issue. He reviewed the salt storage capacity the City has and said because the salt supplier won't deliver under a certain amount, the City was below the maximum before this storm.

Mayor Wiencek asked if it is safe to have people working 33 hours straight. Mr. Snyder reviewed the break schedule for the employees every 8 hours. He said that the break requirements were probably not met with this particular storm, but Staff did get a few opportunities to rest. He said that they could go to shifting employees, but that would mean 2 on and 2 off, and those that are on would do the primary roads without the secondary

roads getting done for quite a while. He said had the City continued to receive that kind of snow, it wouldn't have had a choice but to do that. Mr. Lackey said this is an unusual circumstance. Mayor Wiencek agreed, but said he wants to make sure this is used as a learning experience. He asked for details regarding forecasting and the response of Staff to forecasted storms. Mr. Snyder reviewed that there is satellite radar in the Public Service Department, and that the City relies on the Police Department to let them know when the roads need their assistance.

Mayor Wiencek said that the crew did a great job, but he wants to continue to consider the procedures for snow removal. He said that plowing is a service to the residents, but if they can't get out of their houses to get to the roads that are clear, the service is being provided to the thru-community. He said he thinks residential streets should be passable.

Mr. Cline noted that there should be additional Staff next year and that will help.

Mr. Seta said he knows the City isn't responsible for Powell Road hill but he asked if the City will ever get to a point that it will shut it down because of ice. Mr. Snyder said that is within the Ohio Department of Transportation's authority.

Mr. Schultz asked if there is variation in the work accomplished in each quadrant. Mr. Snyder said there was. Mr. Schultz suggested rotating staff because of the variation in skill level. Mr. Snyder said that is a good suggestion.

**SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2004-82: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWELL.**

Stephen A. Lutz, City Manager, reviewed that the fee schedule is reviewed for amendment every other year, and these revisions were reviewed by the Finance Committee. He noted that Council may get feedback regarding the changes in fees to the Community meeting room rentals. He noted a detailed memorandum from the Clerk explaining the changes.

Mayor Wiencek opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

Mr. Cline said he felt the adjustments to the rental to the meeting room made a lot of sense and were probably overdue. Mr. Kaitsa agreed that while it is great to make it available, the City needs to cover its costs.

**MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2004-82. Mr. Seta seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: Y 7 N 0**

**MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2004-82. Mr. Seta seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: Y 7 N 0**

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2005-01: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2005 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Stephen A. Lutz, City Manager, reviewed that this Ordinance is required to accept the grant that the City was awarded to promote its clean indoor air ordinance. He said the City has been provided an extension to permit spending the money this year rather than by the end of December as was the original award.

Mayor Wiencek reviewed the mailing intended to be sent with the funds from this grant. He is working with Shea Allmont, Community Affairs/Special Events Coordinator on this project. Mr. Lutz recommended approval tonight if Council feels comfortable.

Mayor Wiencek opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

**MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2005-01. Mr. Seta seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: Y 7 N 0**

MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2005-01. Mr. Seta seconded the motion.  
VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Development Committee: Mr. Seta said the Committee will meet February 1.

Finance Committee: Mr. Cline said the Committee will meet January 11 to discuss the Liberty Financing Authority and possible portions of the budget that could possibly be eliminated. He said there may be 2 meetings in January. Mr. Lutz said the Committee will also begin to review the necessary paperwork to complete the renovation of the Police Department.

Operations Committee: No Report.

Downtown Committee: Mr. Grubbs reported the next meeting will be held Thursday, January 13.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Stephen A. Lutz, City Manager, reminded Council of the Olentangy School meeting. He said this is an information meeting where a presentation is made and they will entertain questions from the public.

Mr. Lutz reported that one of the City's Police Lieutenants has resigned, and said that Staff is recommending replacing that position with a Sergeant.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m in accordance with ORC Section 121.22. (G) (1) Personnel: Employee Compensation.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Seta seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to readjourn into regular open session at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Seta seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Mr. Cline moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Seta seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: January 18, 2005

Dan Wiencek 2/1/05  
Dan Wiencek Date  
Mayor

Dawn Nauman 1/28/05  
Dawn Nauman Date  
Clerk of Council