



City of Powell, Ohio
City Council

MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2010

A regular meeting of the Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Art Schultz on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. City Council members present included Sara Marie Brenner, Richard Cline, Tom Counts, Don Grubbs, Jim Hrivnak and Brian Lorenz. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Jeff Robinson, Public Information Officer; Susie Ross, City Clerk; and members of the Press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Schultz opened the Citizen Participation session for items not listed on the agenda. Hearing none, he closed the Citizen Participation session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2010 as submitted. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the minutes were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item

- Monthly Building Report
- Monthly Development Report
- Monthly Financial Report
- Monthly Historic Downtown Powell, Inc. (HDPI) Report
- Monthly Police Report

Action Requested

- Receipt of Electronic Report*
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MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the Consent Agenda was adopted. The Monthly Reports were received.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2010-01: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010.

Steve Lutz, City Manager, said this year's budget includes \$100k for unexpected expenses. He said this ordinance appropriates \$1,200 from that fund to pay Saperstein and Associates for conducting the Goal Setting Session.

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

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to suspend the rules in regards to Ordinance 2010-01. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the rules were suspended.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2010-01. Councilman Counts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

RESOLUTION 2010-04: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TOM COUNTS' TENURE AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POWELL 2008-2009.

Mayor Schultz read Resolution 2010-04 in recognition of the tenure of former Mayor Tom Counts.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Resolution 2010-04, recognizing the outstanding service of Tom Counts as Mayor of the City of Powell 2008-2009. Councilman Grubbs seconded the motion.

Mayor Schultz said he is personally very pleased and happy to present this honor to Tom Counts. He said

as Mayor he realizes the effort Mr. Counts put into the position. He said as the resolution indicated, Mr. Counts went above and beyond to ensure that he attended functions and communicated what Council was trying to do. He said Mr. Counts served the City well and it is appreciated. Mayor Schultz presented an award of service to former mayor Counts.

Councilman Counts said being mayor is one of those daunting tasks that when accomplished, one realizes how much the City really means to you. He said he was able to see everything that happened in the City, meet residents and all sorts of good people who work hard for the City's residents. He said it was a pleasure to serve as mayor and to continue to serve for the good of the City.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0 Abstain - Counts

RESOLUTION 2010-05: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.

Mr. Lutz said under the ORC, local governments are authorized to contract with each other to establish county-wide emergency management agencies. He said the City of Powell along with all other government jurisdictions in the county are part of the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Mr. Lutz said this comes before Council each year. He said the City of Powell serves on the executive board of this group and the cost for each jurisdiction is \$0.40 per capita.

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

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Resolution 2010-05. Councilman Counts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

Item 9, GOAL SETTING SESSION, was moved to the end of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: Councilman Hrivnak said the Committee met earlier this evening and discussed two items on the agenda. He said they discussed at length the formation of a Community Improvement Corporation in Powell. He said the Committee recommends the formation of this corporation with the purpose to advance, encourage and promote industrial, commercial, distribution and research facilities in the City of Powell and Delaware County. He said it will be necessary for the City to file an Article of Incorporation with the State of Ohio and Mr. Betz will work with the Law Director to make that happen. Councilman Hrivnak said Council should see an agreement between the City and the CIC in February. He said they also discussed 44 N. Liberty Street. He said the grant was approved by the Ohio Dept. of Development and now requires approval from the Ohio Historical Society. Councilman Hrivnak said after that approval, the grant from the County will allow them to make changes and improvements to the building to make it ADA compliant. He said Mr. Betz said the project should be completed by the end of 2010. Councilman Hrivnak reviewed the P & Z agenda for their upcoming meeting and said he will provide ongoing reports to Council. *Next Meeting: March 2nd, 6:30 p.m.*

Finance Committee: Councilman Cline said the Committee held their last meeting with the Capital Improvements Committee. He said at the next Finance Committee meeting they will discuss feedback from the CI group and staff efforts regarding income tax collections. *Next Meeting: February 9th, 7:00 p.m.*

Operations Committee: Councilman Grubbs said the Committee met on Tuesday and received two presentations. He said Johnson Controls was invited to provide information on how the City can take advantage of other financing options to upgrade energy expenses within the City facilities. He said they informed the Committee about the use of performance contracting where improvements regarding energy usage can be financed and funded through the savings over time. He said it was an interesting presentation which dovetailed with discussion about grants applied for by the City. He said it was most interesting to learn about Eric Fischer's depth of knowledge regarding grant writing. He said it is comforting to know they have a staff member who is way ahead of the curve in that area. Councilman Grubbs said the other presentation was from the president of the Powell Place HOA, concerning replacement of traffic control signs in the subdivision. He said the Finance Committee has been working on this issue wherein the City must comply with new uniform reflectivity requirements for traffic control and other signs. He said the discussion was that the City would proceed with the replacement of the traffic control signs in Powell Place, using a standardized pole and sign that will meet the new requirements. He said later in the year the Committee will review a plan for total upgrades of this type of

