

**COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

Council President Mr. Morley opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members of Council in attendance were Mr. Knuchel, Mr. Matheke, Ms. DePledge, Ms. Vaughn, Mr. Hoefle, Mr. D'Ambrosio and Council President Mr. Morley. Also attending was Council Clerk Mrs. Cendroski.

Attending from the Administration were Mayor Andrzejewski, Law Director Klammer, Finance Director Slocum, CBO Stigalt, City Engineer Gwydir, Police Chief Reik, and Fire Chief Whittington.

Also in attendance were members of the public.

**LEGISLATION PROPOSED:**

12-13-(01): CONTRACT: STATE AUDITOR: COMPILATION SERVICES: 2011, 2012, 2013

12-13-(02): CONTRACT: NORTHEAST LUBRICANTS, LTD.: MOTOR OIL & GREASE

12-13-(03): CONTRACT: OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE CO.: STONE & SLAG  
AGGREGATE PRODUCTS

12-13-(04): CONTRACT: OSBORNE CONCRETE & STONE CO.: ASPHALT/CONCRETE  
PRODUCTS (ASPHALT)

12-13-(05): CONTRACT: TECH READY MIX, INC.: ASPHALT/CONCRETE PRODUCTS

12-13-(06): CONTRACT: SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION: ASPHALT/CONCRETE  
PRODUCTS (ASPHALT) 2012 WITH OPTION YEAR 2013

12-13-(07): AGREEMENT: CITY OF EASTLAKE & LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS: RADIO ESTABLISHMENT: \$23,889.37

Mr. Morley: Mr. Knuchel?

Mr. Knuchel: The first seven items were discussed in the Finance Committee meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The first is a contract with the State Auditor for compilation services for 2011, 2012 and 2013. Mr. Slocum?

Mr. Slocum: This where the State Auditor comes in and looks at our records and organizes them prior to the audit. They follow the generally accepted auditing standards for governments.

Mr. Knuchel: Legislation (2) through (6) are contracts for housekeeping supplies for motor oil and grease, stone and slag, asphalt and concrete and asphalt and concrete products. Each one is for 2012 except for the asphalt and concrete products which is for 2012 with option year 2013. These were all discussed in Finance Committee and we recommended moving forward with these items. The last item was an agreement between the City and the Lake County Department of Telecommunications for radio establishment. This was part of the backbone system that we were paying to the County. The Mayor and Finance Director met at the County to try to make some headway and find out what these costs were and if they were in line with what they should be. But, unfortunately, they ran up against a wall because they ran into two issues. If we do not pay this \$23,889.37 we will not be part of the backbone system and our system will be useless.

Mayor Andrzejewski: You hit it right on the head. The only other city that was supporting this was Mentor and in the end we ran into a brick wall.

Mr. Morley: Are there any questions for Mr. Knuchel? For those who are not usually here everything on the Council-as-a-Whole meeting agenda has been discussed in committees that we have on the opposite weeks. If you do not see us discussing a lot of these they are just highlights. We have already met in committee last week and during the regular Council meeting the Chairman of those respective committees will give a report.

There were no further questions or comments.

12-13-(08): ORDINANCE NO. 155.01 “GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, SUBSECTION (E)”:  
COUNCIL PAY INCREASE

Mr. Morley: Per ordinance every two years Council is to receive a \$300 pay increase. Council has voted to not take the \$300 pay increase.

There were no questions or comments.

12-13-(09): ORDINANCE NO. 155.01 “GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, SUBSECTION (E)”:  
COUNCIL SALARY

Mr. Morley: We have also decided to take a 10% pay cut. So, between the \$300 and approximately \$800 each that is \$1,100 cut per Council member. So, there will actually be seven Council members but as the pay comes out it will be paying for six. We have taken these reductions with the thoughts of how the City is and we thought everyone should do their part and that is how we are going to do it.

There were no questions or comments.

12-13-(10): AMENDMENT: SECTION 132.14 “FEES FOR RESCUE CALLS”

Mr. Morley: Chief Whittington?

Chief Whittington: In efforts to try to minimize the effects of the \$700,000 in cuts I was asked to make in the Fire Department I looked at some additional ways to buffer that. One was to increase revenues. As I have explained to Council we charge for EMS runs. Those runs are satisfied through insurance companies and Medicare and Medicaid. There is no burden to the residents of this community. If we go somewhere for someone they would be given the highest level of care, transported and treated like any other patient and if they have no insurance they would not be responsible for any bills. If we bill private companies and only get a portion of what we requested the resident is not responsible for anything that is left. We refer to that as a soft bill system. The increases will actually generate another \$57,000 for the Fire Department which allows me to buffer a little of the \$700,000 in cuts.

There were no questions or comments.

LEGISLATION PENDING:

There was no Legislation Pending.

MISCELLANEOUS:

LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST: ZARKO DUVNJAK DBA HIGH POINT BAR & GRILL, 1366 EAST 346<sup>TH</sup> STREET, EASTLAKE, OH TO VLATKO DUJMOVIC DBA HIGH POINT BAR & GRILL, 1366 EAST 346<sup>TH</sup> STREET, EASTLAKE, OH

Mr. D'Ambrosio: This is a liquor license transfer request. There were no objections from the Administration so I will be making a Motion to approve this during my report.

There were no questions or comments.

LEASE AGREEMENT: CITY OF EASTLAKE & JEAN CHASE MEMORIAL FUND, INC.:  
COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Knuchel: We discussed this in Finance Committee and decided to refer it back to the Administration for further information. I have been in touch with Mrs. Sutch who runs the Jean Chase Memorial Fund, Inc. We had two main reservations about this – #1 – it was given to us late and we did not have time to go through it adequately. The second being that Mr. Slocum had difficulty with the way the legislation was written because it included any money over the amount needed to cover the cost of the building would go into a building fund for repairs on the building and he did not like that. So, over the last week I have spoken with Mrs. Sutch once and she provided several new pieces of information this evening. It would appear 3 of the last 4 years they ran in the negative and this year they came out \$27,000 ahead. They have given out scholarships for many years and have gone from a high in 2006 of \$85,000 to a low in 2011 of \$3,000. The other portion that was needed to be discussed is what we are going to charge for the rental of the community center. There were thoughts out there that we should make this self-sufficient and I would defer to Mr. Slocum on that item and how far we are away from making it self-sufficient and do we need to make it self-sufficient. Those are the questions that are still out there. Mr. Slocum, do you have anything you would like to add?

Mr. Slocum: Not really. At the moment I am not prepared to go into that.

Mr. Knuchel: Then if the clause was taken out concerning the transfer of the money into that fund would you be good with moving this legislation forward?

Mr. Slocum: Absolutely. It really was not the fund – it was a specific account within the General Fund. I am comfortable with the legislation.

Mr. Knuchel: That concludes the information I have. I will pass this information around if anyone wants to see it during the break. Mrs. Sutch does have a deadline for which she has to have her bingo license submitted – December 15<sup>th</sup> – that was another mitigating factor of why we are discussing this tonight.

Mr. Morley: We have had a lease with Mrs. Sutch the last few years and besides those changes the rest of the lease is about the same. I would have not issue moving it forward. In looking at the numbers provided it looks like we can move this forward.

There were no further questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

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