

PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council was held at the Port Clinton City Hall with Gabe Below, President pro-temp, presiding. The meeting opened at 7:30pm. Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance, The Lord's Prayer, and a moment of silence for those serving our Country.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Gabe Below, Joel Freedman, Roseann Hickman, Margaret Phillips, Lisa Sarty and Jerry Tarolli. Beth Gillman was excused.

Mr. Tarolli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the November 22nd, 2016 regular meeting minutes. With all those in favor, the motion was carried.

The chair noted that certification has been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Jasmine Cupp and Will Hayes, Voice to Vision

Jasmine Cupp

Jasmine thanked President Kuzma for allowing them to come speak. She stated they are going to talk about Voice to Vision, which is a group they put together to create a long-range plan for the City of Port Clinton. She stated that she is sure that everyone has heard of Robert Putnams book, Our Kids, which thinks may have shunned an unflattering light on Port Clinton. She stated that it has motivated her to want to make her community better. She stated that the people within our community all have different needs. Some people have homes here as a second home with expendable income while others are struggling to even buy school shoes for the children. She believes that what Voice to Vision process and plan is a little different. They plan to get information about what people want on a much bigger scale. She stated that previous visions have only gotten 50 peoples opinion. They plan to ask as many people as they can. Planning on going into the community and asking them what they want for the city. Need to include everyone; not one side verses the other.

Will Hayes

Spoke in regards to how the times were a changing. We do not know what the shape this ever-evolving landscape will take next, we cannot predict the future but what we do know is there will be changes. What we do know is they will be many big and long lasting. What we do know is that old ways of doing things will no longer work and if any doubt remained 2016 surely swept it away. Our ways of doing things is not working for the people or the planet; but what we also know is that they changes present opportunities. Cities already across the nation are already taking advantage of these changes. Cities like Sandusky, Vermillion, Huron and Cleveland are transforming themselves into vibrant, sustainable communities with parks, urban farms, bike trails, public transportation, farmer markets, amphitheater, and restored downtown. This is opportunity and every opportunity has a window.

While we debate whether we want to create our own vision to plan; jobs, money and people are moving into communities all around us drawn by their creativity, vibrancy, opportunities and quality of life. That makes this a critical, pivotal moment in the history of our city. Now is the time to revitalize our city and rebuild our community. The rapper Eminem said it best, "If you have one shot or one opportunity to cease everything you ever wanted in one moment, would you capture it or just let it slip". This is our one shot, our one moment, our one opportunity; we have a choice. We can continue with business as usual and watch towns around revitalize and rebuild. Or we can choose business as unusual. We can take our destiny into our own hands, we can seize our one opportunity, we can evolve and we can thrive. We can change the way we do things,

we can our behavior and change the way we think. We already possess much of what we need to face the challenges ahead. Like the men and women who founded this city, we are rich in courage, passion, and determination. We can learn to be more flexible, creative, take more risks and take action. We can learn to consider, understand and work in harmony with every part of our community. We can work together. A house divided against itself cannot stand. I often hear people say that they love Port Clinton. My question to you is: "Do you love Port Clinton enough to participate in creating its future?" Do you love Port Clinton enough to work together with people you don't know or don't like or don't agree with or don't respect?" These are important questions because while small groups of like-minded and dedicated people can and do generate projects and plans that contribute to the revitalizing the city; revitalizing the city is just the start. Revitalizing the city and rebuilding a community are two different things and both need to happen in order for us to thrive.

The small group approach is efficient but he would argue that it is not the most affective. Distinction between efficiency and effectiveness is critical. Efficiency in a factory is one thing, while efficiency in the heart of a community is something else. The goal is not to just get things done but to create a place we all want to live in. Regardless of how efficiently a small group can get things done; a community as a whole not engaged is not going to be the most effective. The most effective way is to have small scale and community wide approaches. We could create a system that works for everyone. Imagine what it would be like to live in a community where the needs of every single person are met.

The question is how we create a future that meets all of our needs. We all want and need meaningful change but we have diverse views of what that change should be. Without the clear, collective shared vision of plan we are feathered. A clear, collective shared plan could set us free to work together towards a common goal. Every business has a vision and a plan. We can take that first step toward that right now by working together to create a shared vision and plan.

Voice to Vision is a citizen lead initiative that is bringing community members together to collaboratively create meaningful, lasting change in vibrant, sustainable future for Port Clinton. The goal of Voice to Vision is to create community wide vision. To create a community that works for everyone, a vision and plan that works for everyone; everyone must be represented. The Voice to Vision process is designed to level the playing field. They examine the whole system from wildlife, water, neighbors, buildings and businesses.

This is about looking beyond the shoreline to the far horizon. This about participating in creation. This is about sculpting a work of art we call home. We have a responsibility to create something that would make our ancestors proud. We have a responsibility to all who will come after us. To create is our birth right as human beings, to create is our responsibility. The real choice that we must make is to claim that birth right and accept that responsibility. If we do then the decision to create a vision and plan is already made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanked Jasmine Cupp and Will Hayes for coming and speaking tonight. Hope to see everyone at the Walleye Drop.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nothing to report

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Not present

**SAFETY SERVICE
DIRECTOR REPORT**

South Madison Street will be closed at Third Street tomorrow by Ala Carte under the tracks. Citizens will be about to travel North but not South. Crew will be out tomorrow picking up brush and leaves. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Two new officers are riding around with their training officers. They are Jona Boyer from Tiffin and Evan Holtz from Tiffin. The new officers have been out enforcing the 48 hour parking ordinance. The Chief posted over the last snowfall that the service department was having problems plowing snow due to cars sitting in the roads that have not been moved. He has posted all the PC parking ordinances on the PC Police Department Facebook page to make everyone aware of them. Wished everyone a Happy New Year

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Not present

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter distributed by email from Port Clinton City School District. Mrs. Sarty made a motion to approve the correspondence as stated; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. With all those in favor, the correspondence was approved as stated.

**THIRD READINGS
ORDINANCE 26-16**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO

Mrs. Sarty made a motion to adopt Ordinance 26-16; seconded by Mr. Freedman. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, Ordinance 26-16 was adopted.

ORDINANCE 27-16

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE PORT CLINTON COASTAL ACCESS PLAN AS FUNDED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OHIO COASTAL MANAGEMENT GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Phillips made a motion to waive the emergency clause on Ordinance 26-16; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the emergency clause on Ordinance 27-16 was waived.

Mr. Freedman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 27-16; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. Mr. Below stated the Planning and Development Committee met this evening and moved 3:0 to adopt Ordinance 27-16 tonight. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those is favor, Ordinance 27-16 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 16-10

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE VISION FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING A COMPREHENSIVE, LONG-TERM PLAN TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND RECOGNIZING THE CITIZEN-LED VISIONING AND PLANNING INITIATIVE VOICE TO VISION

Mr. Freedman made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-10; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Ms. Phillips said that it is an excellent idea and she hopes council goes through with it. Mr. Below stated that the Planning and Development Committee met this evening and discussed Resolution 16-10. Stated he is happy to see it become a reality and thanked everyone

for coming tonight to support. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, Resolution 16-10 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

ORDINANCE 28-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE 05-16 AS AMENDED AND REVISING AND FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN SUPERVISORY POSITIONS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

With no action taken, Ordinance 28-16 will move to the January 10th, 2017 meeting for a third reading.

ORDINANCE 29-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 06-16 OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND ADJUSTING ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON

Mrs. Sarty made a motion to waive the three required readings of Ordinance 29-16; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, the three required readings were waived.

Mrs. Sarty made a motion to adopt Ordinance 29-16; seconded by Mr. Tarolli. Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Tarolli, yes; Hickman, yes; Phillips; yes; and Freedman, yes. With all those in favor, Ordinance 29-16 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Sarty stated that Infrastructure Committee meeting is cancelled for January 3rd, 2017. The next Parks and Rec Committee meeting is scheduled for January 10th, 2017 @ 6:30pm. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Freedman had nothing to present.

Mrs. Hickman wished everyone a Happy New Year

Ms. Phillips stated it she was happy to see everyone coming together for Voice to Vision. Wished everyone a Happy New Year

Mrs. Gillman was excused from tonight's meeting

Mr. Tarolli had nothing to present.

Mr. Below thanked Mr. Colston for his time as the Safety Service Director. Thanked council for passing Resolution 16-10 tonight. There is no Planning and Development meeting scheduled for January.

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

April Pipoly
Clerk of Council

DeAnna Kuzma
President of Council