

**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 Linda Hartlaub, President of Council, 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 role was called and the following Council members were present: Gabe Below, Lisa Sarty, Beth Gillman, Jerry Tarolli, Nicole DeFreitas and Margaret Phillips. Mike Snider was excused from this meeting.

Ms. Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tarolli to accept the minutes from the July 14, 2015, July 28, 2015 and July 30, 2015 Special Meeting. With all those in favor, motion carried.

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

Ms. Hartlaub made a statement concerning Ordinance 16-15 and the ballot initiative. The Ordinance did not get filed in a timely manner due to a misunderstanding by the Clerk. The Clerk’s understanding was that another party was responsible for filing. This was not the case. Ms. Sprenger has and will continue to be a loyal and exceptional public servant. Unfortunately, there is not appeal process therefore it will not be on the ballot. This was a mistake and acknowledged – we not need to move forward. It should be noted that Mr. Colston, the Mayor or any member of Council has the right to conduct meetings, receive and issue RFP’s and enter into negotiations with any developer or contractor without a ballot initiative. Issue 6 is designed to deal with the leasing and sale of park land. Please realize that the issue did not resoundingly pass – so to me “the people have spoken” is not very valid. Our town needs something – we cannot and will not continue to exist in the status quo. Your Councilperson are her to represent the City – that is all. But keep in mind they do not only listen to your comments but that of others, additionally they must consider the overall economic impact to the City. They need to exercise their own judgment. In conclusion, I hope Mr. Rose will continue to discuss his proposal and put together a solid plan for the City. Additionally, I wish more citizens would speak up other than the 10 or so on Facebook and that the next time an Ordinance appears there will be a plan in place and we can move forward.

Ms. Hartlaub, then read Mr. Snider’s letter of resignation, effective immediately. Mr. Snider has submitted a letter to the Ottawa County Board of Elections requesting his name to be removed from consideration as a candidate for the position of President of Council of Port Clinton City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT Eric Noderer, 608 E. Perry Street, asked when Council passed the Ordinance for the lighthouse if the papers were submitted. Mr. Wilber stated yes there were submitted back for approval.

MAYOR’S REPORT Mayor Leone, referring to Mr. Snider’s resignation, stated that the City takes a lot of abuse and sometimes enough is enough. The City lost when Mr. Snider left Council. TMACOG summer caucus took place. There were able to reunite with other officials and understand other concerns with their representatives. The Senior lunch was a success, with 150 attendees. It was a great day. Council spent time at the Senior Center Open House. They got to see what it was all about!

TREASURER’S REPORT The Treasurer updated the amount of bed taxes received: \$81,851.60. Mrs. Hansen also expressed sadness over Mr. Snider’s resignation. He did a lot for the City of Port Clinton.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Below made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sarty to accept all correspondence including the Laws, Rules and Ordinances report from 7/28/15. With all those in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Hartlaub stated that a new President Pro Tem and Finance Chair will have to be selected. The Republican Party will select someone to finish Mr. Snider’s term. If anyone would like to run as a write in, they must do so by August 24, 2015 for President of Council.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Below stated there will be an event at the Airport with the Arts Council on August 7 at 6:30pm. Mr. Below feels that it’s important that if an ordinance is passed it must get passed through the whole process. Mr. Below made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tarolli for the President of Council to take corrective action with the Clerk. Results of a roll call are as follows: Below, yes; Sarty, yes; Gillman, yes; Tarolli, yes; DeFreitas, yes and Phillips, yes. With all those in favor, motion carried. Ms. Hartlaub noted she was already going to meet with the Clerk after the meeting.

August 11, 2015

Mrs. Sarty noted she will miss Mr. Snider on Council. The Friends of the Flagship will hold a BBQ fundraiser on August 15, 2015 from 11-2.

Mrs. Gillman expressed sadness over Mr. Snider's resignation, but understands his reasons.

Mr. Tarolli announced an Emergency Services Meeting on August 18, 2015 at 5:30pm. Council and Port Clinton will miss Mr. Snider.

Mrs. DeFreitas will miss Mr. Snider. He was very helpful and is sad to see him go.

Ms. Phillips announced a Laws, Rules and Ordinances meeting on August 25, 2015 and hopes to discuss architecture design. Mr. Snider will be missed. This job can be disheartening and down-trotting.

With no further business to discuss Mrs. DeFreitas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sarty. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Leah Sprenger
Clerk of Council

Linda Hartlaub
President of Council