

Ms. Everett: The packet is not a guarantee. He can give them a packet, but they don't have to turn it back in. We already have an ordinance and the landlord is supposed to report and they do not. I want a packet for the residents, not only just for the businesses.

Ms. Hueber: It's very simple, you fine the landlords, that's what it comes down to.

Mr. Frede: You make the sheet of information needed and we'll certainly hand it out.

Mr. Evans: We know there is a little problem, we're going to work with you.

Mayor Hammon: Nothing is set in stone, it's only discussion, we appreciate your input.

Mr. Frede: That's why we're here, we want to put it out in the open so we know where we're at.

Mayor Hammon: That's right, this is our town.

Resident Darwin Brooks: Keri, when I called and reported my tenants, what happened here?

Ms. Everett: I sent them up to R.I.T.A.

Mr. Brooks: Is that done in document form?

Ms. Everett: Just the document that you gave me. I don't know what R.I.T.A. sends them, whether they call them or just send them a packet or if they just put them on a list and send them forms at tax time.

Mayor Hammon: They are our collection agent so I'd assume they would be contacted.

Mr. Brooks: I understand that, but the obligation of the landlord, once he does that and if that document crosses your desk.

Ms. Hueber: Right, then it would be her obligation and if we have a packet and the landlord does his share. She passes it on and I feel it's our responsibility then to follow-up to make sure those people are on the list she gets for paying taxes. But, at least you're covered as a landlord saying that you have provided information and you keep a copy from your packet and give her a copy. Then the problem is right here, it's not being followed through here. Which is a paper trail, which is the way it should be.

Mayor Hammon: Keri is allowed more information and I'm not sure we can answer that question for you Darwin. She gets a certain amount of information, but basically no one between her and Doug Miller are allowed to have any information on our residents and businesses.

Ms. Everett: I have been compiling a list of residents and businesses. R.I.T.A. sends me a list of which they have as taxpayers and I cross-reference those lists.

Resident Cheryl Dallas: 3718 Church Street. I emailed Tracy Hueber, but received a response from the Mayor. I was asking if there has ever been any consideration given to putting a skate park in at Short Park. The kids can't skate on the sidewalk and not allowed in parking lots, they have no where to skateboard.

Mr. Cosby: I'm Chairman of our Parks Committee and I did bring the skate park issue up at the beginning of the year. We are looking into the possibility, the problem is the cost and it's not going to happen over night because of the cost. To do it right, you're talking about \$300,000 to \$400,000 to put in a decent skate park. I am working toward it, but it's just not going to happen over night.

Mrs. Dallas: Is there anything the boys can do to help?

Mayor Hammon: Stay out of trouble and live by example. The thing I've heard from most people is the conduct of the kids once they get to the park, vandalism was a problem at Lunken and they closed that down.

Mrs. Dallas: I know these boys hang out down at the park anyway now playing basketball and to the best of my knowledge they haven't gotten into any trouble.

Mr. Cosby: It seems to work at Beech Acres. We are working on it, it's just going to take some time. Maybe some input down the road on what you want to see in a skate park will be great.

Mayor Hammon: We've talked about rest rooms down there and tennis courts. We can try to fund from the state. I don't know how receptive they are to skateboard parks.

Police Chief Daryl Zornes:

- Police Officer Jeff Braun's probation period has ended so I recommend he be made a regular employee.
- Car #3 was involved in an auto accident, I'll have more information at the next Council meeting.
- Several months ago, Sharonville police received a report of a missing person. At approximately the same time, Lt. Synan took an auto larceny report on English Drive. During his investigation, it became evident that the two crimes were connected. After a thorough investigation, arrest warrants were issued for the murder of the missing person. The closure of this case was largely due to Lt. Synan's willingness to work with other agencies toward a common goal. Due to the two departments working together, two suspects were arrested and charged with murder. Several weeks later, Officer Braun stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. While speaking with the driver, Officer Braun recognized the passenger, as a suspect wanted for murder in Clermont County. Officer Braun then attempted to use the MDT in the car to run an inquiry on the suspect to confirm the warrant; however, the RCIC link was down. He then had Hamilton County dispatcher contact Clermont County via telephone, the warrant was confirmed and the suspect was arrested. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present these officers with these awards of merit and exceptional service.

Chief Zornes presented Lieutenant Synan and Police Officer Braun with an award of merit and exceptional service.

Fiscal Officer Everett:

- **Public Hearing:** There will be a public hearing at the next Council meeting, June 27th at 7:15 p.m. for the 2007 budget. I've already contacted the department heads, so I'm going to ask Council if there is anything they want to address on the budget to please get it to me as soon as possible.

- Health Insurance: We were all notified that the Center for Local Government is going to switch August 1st to United Healthcare. John, David and I sat down with the representative from the Center for Local Government and she brought us several different options but I only copied two of them. One is to stay with the Center and switch to UHC and the second one should have been if we opted to not be a part of the group and still stay with Anthem and they gave us a policy and a dollar amount. Our recommendation out of that meeting would be to go with the Center for Local Government and switch to UHC. The Center has been very cooperative and helpful. They already have all of our information so they are going to fill out all of the enrollment forms for UHC. The employees will only need to review and sign.

Mr. Pulskamp: The only difference is our rates are going to go up.

Mr. Cosby: But we're not going to pass that on to the employees.

Mr. Pulskamp: Even with the increase with UHC, we're still paying less than what we were paying before we switched. We're still saving money.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to approve the change of provider for the Center of Local Government, switch to United Healthcare for the Village employees. Ms. Hueber seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Fiscal Officer Everett: (Continued)

- Appropriations Ordinance: I had to raise the appropriation for the Park Fund and I looked back to see why halfway through the year we're basically out of money in that line. We had to replace lights at Short Park that kept getting broken, that happened about two to three times and that totaled to be about \$1,400. We did add some lighting at the Bicentennial Park, nothing else seemed to be out of the ordinary.
- Street Construction & Maintenance: We're not really raising any appropriation we're just taking it out of the Snow Removal, which had extra money in there because we didn't have a heavy winter. The one thing I noticed in there, reason for the shortness of money is we've been fixing some of those streets like East Plum and School Street. They were taking out of there and they honestly probably could have been taken out of the Capital Improvement that is Miscellaneous Contracted Services so nothing too out of the ordinary there either.

Mayor Hammon:

- Church Street Project: There have been a few problems with sand and gravel collapsing on the hill so they have been delayed somewhat. It doesn't look like the delay will impact the completion date at this point and time. They assure us the road will be open for the race. It may be a sub-base or blacktop, but it will be in running condition on race day.
- Traffic Signalization: The traffic signalization at Valley and Round Bottom, and Church Street and the Interconnect has kind of hit a bump in the road. Duke now does not want us on the utility poles. We're going back looking for documentation to see how we got permission from them originally.
- Resolutions & Ordinances Doug Miller would like to have Resolution and Ordinance requests to him by noon on Wednesday, before Council meetings. He promises to have them back to us by noon on Friday, before the Council meeting. He would like to send these to everybody by email.
- CRA: The CRA was accepted by the state and approved. Today, Mike Cornette and I met with Catherine Fitzgerald, they're working on a form for an application for us. We have to put another board together. The Mayor appoints two, Council appoints two, the Planning Commission appoints one. Those five individuals appoint two more people to the board. So you need to start thinking about people to get the board filled.
- Executive Session: I'd like to discuss personnel.
- Dog Excrement Ordinance: Keri located where we already have an ordinance in place. It states that cats are a wild animal in the State of Ohio, so we can't control them.

Councilmember Tracy Hueber:

Ms. Hueber made a motion to lift probation of Jeff Braun and make his full-time employment effective June 14, 2006. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 12-2006 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SMITH AND WESSON FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEAPONS, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Cosby seconded the motion.

These weapons are 40 caliber semi-automatic handguns, amount not to exceed \$9,000.00. The funds are coming from the Drug Offenders Fund.

Discussion:

Mr. Kobasuk: I take it the Chief is in favor of this and all of the police officers?

Chief Zornes: Yes and they are all receiving the guns. Smith and Wesson has offered us a trade or the individual officers may purchase them and pay the Village in one lump-sum payment.

Mr. Kobasuk: I'm glad you have chosen an American manufacturer.

Chief Zornes: These have safety features that none of the other weapons offer.

Roll Call: Ms. Hueber:Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes.

Mayor Hammon: Tracy needs to leave early. Do we have any new legislation?

Fiscal Officer Everett:

- Ohio Revised Code Ordinance Books: The updates we do every year, I got a phone call for this year and we had a discussion about what happened last year. They had given us a quote and it came back substantially higher, so from now on when they give us a quote it is going to be a "not to exceed" number. Therefore, if it costs them more they will have to eat it. She started out at \$4,400 and by the end of our conversation, she gave me a not to exceed number of \$3,000. That is the American Eagle Publishing. I need someone to do that as well.

Mr. Evans: What was it last year?

Ms. Everett: \$6,500.00.

Mr. Evans suspended the rules. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Evans made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 13-2006 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2006 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. Ms. Hueber-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Cosby-Yes, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Debbie McCarthy:

- Town Hall Window Cleaning: We spend \$1,800 a year on cleaning these windows, twice a month. I don't see where we need to have them cleaned twice a month. I'd like to see how much it would cost to have a company come in and do a thorough cleaning here at Town Hall. (Mr. Pulskamp will take it back to committee and talk to Charlie.)
- Crull Subdivision Report: We had received a draft report from David Krings, what is the status on it now?

Mayor Hammon: We have the final draft, someone had written a 47-page minority opinion. Until we get the final report, no action will be taken. He is going to write it, his wife heart surgery yesterday and today.

Councilmember Curt Cosby:

- Bathrooms: I did go around looking at some of the bathrooms and got some great ideas. I'm going to get with Bruce and get this moving since we have the money in the line.
- Plants: I've noticed that some areas have not been tended to very well around Town Hall, and the parks. Just to inform you all, I am going to go to Burger Farms and purchase some plants and mulch. I'll get with Charlie for his guys to take care of this. We're also looking to put some decorative stone at the draining area out front by the parking lot at Town Hall.
- Mini Park: The picnic table area is mostly bare dirt so we're looking for something to put there.
- Ragland Road: Years ago we had a mirror on a pole by the "S" curves; which was helpful to see cars coming around the curve when you were trying to pull out. (Mr. Pulskamp will get with Charlie and this will be done after the Church Street Phase II project is completed.)
- Parks Committee Meeting: Can we change it to Monday, July 10, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
- Tree Replacement: I got an email from Barry Phillips about a tree that had been purchased and died and they want a new tree.

Ms. Everett: Tracy and I discussed it when it came up. The issue is not so much the tree, it had a dedication plaque with it and these plaques were being destroyed. We talked about coming up with just one plaque that puts everybody's dedicated items on there.

Mr. Pulskamp: They are put into concrete and they're being snapped off and taken.

Mr. Cosby: I am going to get with Barry Phillips and I'm going to get the tree and get it planted and then we'll worry about the plaque. I'll need an amount to replace the tree. We'll bring that issue to the committee in July.

Mr. Pulskamp: Curt, just make sure someone in Maintenance knows to water that tree.

Mayor Hammon: I need someone to make a motion to go into Executive Session.

Ms. Hueber made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:37 p.m. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried

Council meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m., no action to be taken, as a result of Executive Session.

Councilmember Mark Kobasuk:

- Reds vs Socks: Council is invited to attend the game this Saturday at 6:10 p.m. I'm giving the Mayor fourteen tickets and three parking passes. It will be a good time to build comradery and friendship and have a good social occasion. If you can't attend, the Mayor can distribute the tickets to people like Charlie and other folks who might want to come. Again, not Council business, a social occasion, team building and have a hot dog and be friends, right.
- Dog Ordinance: I see where we already have a dog ordinance on the record. Are we still proceeding with the one that had a first reading last time?

Mr. Pulskamp: The original one passed in 1997 has cats listed and they are not considered domesticated animals in the State of Ohio. They are considered a wild animal, so we're re-writing that ordinance.

Mr. Kobasuk: What strikes me on the First Reading, if I leave my property with my dog and do not have a device, I have committed a misdemeanor. That just strikes me as a little draconian, to walk off my property with my dog and the dog doesn't leave any excrement, I've committed a misdemeanor.

Mr. Pulskamp: The device can be a plastic bag.

Mr. Kobasuk: I'm just saying that if you don't have some device, you've already committed a misdemeanor. To me, a dog ordinance is if your dog drops excrement and you don't clean it up, I can see that being a violation. As I read this, just walking off my property with my dog, without a device, I've committed a misdemeanor. I just think that is too draconian. I think that is too broad and I'd like to see it be if your dog provides excrement on somebody else's property and you fail to clean it up. I can see that being a punishable offense. I hope you would revisit that.

Mayor Hammon: Why don't we table it until Doug Miller returns to the table.

Ms. Hueber left Council meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Councilmember Doug Evans:

- Eastern Corridor: Did you all see the article in the Sunday paper?

Mr. Pulskamp: I guess the federal government gave the approval for the actual planning and engineering of the corridor, so it's moving along. It got past Little Miami and Sierra Club.

Mr. Evans: No matter what map you look at, Newtown is right in the middle.

Mr. Evans made a motion to accept Checklist dated 6/13/2006. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. All Aye. (Ms. Hueber absent) Motion Carried.

Councilmember Ken Pulskamp:

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to accept April 2006 Mayor's Court Report. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. All Aye. (Ms. Hueber absent) Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have Second Reading on Ordinance Prohibiting Loud Dogs. Mrs. McCarthy seconded the motion.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have Second Reading on Ordinance Requiring Removal of Dog Excrement. Mrs. McCarthy seconded the motion.

Mr. Kobasuk: When you walk off your property with your pet and do not have a controlled device to remove the excrement, you've committed a misdemeanor. I just think that is a little draconian. Walking off your property should not be a misdemeanor with your dog. That's how I view it.

Mr. Miller: I didn't realize we already have this Ordinance.

Mr. Pulskamp: It has cats in it. Doug, where did you get this Ordinance from?

Mr. Miller: Ten years ago, I did one for Sycamore Township. That one may have come from the City of Cincinnati. I know the Barking Dog was and think the other one may have been.

Mr. Pulskamp: I'm don't want to spend anymore time on it Doug. I'm just going to make a motion to have a Second Reading.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to have a Second Reading of an Ordinance Requiring Removal of Dog Excrement. Mrs. McCarthy seconded the motion.

Councilmember Debbie McCarthy:

Mrs. McCarthy made a motion to accept Council Minutes for 4/11/06 and 4/25/06. Mr. Pulskamp seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Solicitor Miller:

- E-Check Appraisal: I talked to an appraiser that we use for everything and he said it would run probably \$2,000 to \$2,500 and probably on the high end of that.

Mr. Evans: Is that White?

Solicitor Miller: Yes. Do we want to go ahead and tell him to do that? I don't care if you want to use somebody else.

Mr. Kobasuk: Do you think we still ought to do it?

Mayor Hammon: At least you got an idea if it's in the ballpark and we can keep looking at it. I think it's worth the effort to explore. This is once in a lifetime.

Mr. Kobasuk: How are we going to get the money to buy it? Grants?

Mrs. McCarthy: Dave Krings was supposed to check into grants. Is he doing it?

Mr. Kobasuk: I don't think he was having much luck with that.

Mr. Evans made a motion to hire Mr. White to appraise E-Check building, not to exceed \$2,500. Mr. Kobasuk seconded the motion. Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. Pulskamp-Yes, Ms. Hueber-Absent, Mr. Kobasuk-Yes, Mr. Cosby-No, Mrs. McCarthy-Yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pulskamp made a motion to adjourn Council meeting at 9:10 p.m. Mrs. McCarthy seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried.