

Finance & Judiciary Committee Meeting

MINUTES

February 9, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Members: Ben Kessler, Chair, Richard Sharp, Rick Weber

Roll Call: All members were present.

Others Present: Mayor Brennan, Lou Chodosh, Beecher Hale, Matt Lampke, Bruce Langner, Mark Masser, President McClelland, Mike Price, Chief Rinehart and Gary Qualmann.

Review of Minutes: January 26th, 2010- **Approved**

Presentation and/or Special Guests: None.

Ordinances & Resolutions –

Third Readings.

Ordinance 03-10 to reduce the appropriation for the Auditor's office by \$12,423.00, to reduce the appropriation in the City Garage by \$5,000.00, to reduce the appropriation in the Parks Department by \$5,000.00, to reduce the appropriation in the Building Department by \$5,000.00 and to reduce the appropriation in Recreation Administration by \$2,740.00 to reflect reductions in the salaries and wages for those departments, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 12, 2010)

Mr. Kessler said this Ordinance had been previously discussed.

Ordinance 04-10 an Ordinance to establish the rate of pay for the Senior Programs Coordinator at \$51,171.00 per year effective January 1, 2010, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 12, 2010)

Mr. Kessler said this Ordinance pertains to making the position a salary position and exempt from overtime. He said it had been previously approved by the Finance Committee.

Amended Ordinance 05-10 to appropriate \$11,730.00 from the Recreation Fund to the Recreation Administration Department to reflect additional salaries and wages necessary to make the Recreation Secretary a full-time position and to eliminate the part-time position, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 12, 2010)

Mr. Kessler said this Ordinance had been previously approved.

Second Readings.

Ordinance 06-10 to establish the rate of pay for the Part Time Police Communications Technology Officer at \$25.75 per hour, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on January 26, 2010)

Mr. Kessler said this Ordinance had been previously approved.

First Readings.

Ordinance 07-10 to certify assessments for the various sites where the work was not done by the owner after being ordered by the City in accordance with Bexley Code Section 1490.15(b)(4)a or Bexley Code Section 1492.04(b)(l), and it was necessary for the City to do the work and assess the owner, introduced by Mr. Kessler (Introduced on February 9, 2010)

Mr. Kessler said this Ordinance pertains to lawn issues. The owners didn't comply once the City warned them about their lawns and this Ordinance gives permission to collect the charges for this contracted fee.

Mr. Kessler moved to recommend passage of Ordinance 07-10, Mr. Lampke seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0 approved for recommendation to City Council.**

Ordinance 08-10 to create a part-time custodian/building maintenance technician for the Bexley Police Department, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on February 9, 2010) **No Action**

Chief Rinehart explained City Hall and the Police Station had been trying to split shifts with the current custodian and it has had some problems due to both buildings needing morning custodial work. Mayor Brennan stated currently the Service Department has been helping with the sidewalk cleaning. He expressed concern for the employee having to pick up the locker rooms. He said if he being asked to hang items and run errands he would then not adequate time to do the cleaning. Chief Rinehart said he could guarantee that Mr. Bowling was not hanging items, running errands or going to any stores. He said the money is already in the budget for this position. The Chief would like to start looking for a person with experience who can not only clean but can also do some maintenance work as well as work involving contracts and warranties. Chief Rinehart said this would be a part-time position with 20 – 36 hours per week. He suggested offering an alternative between higher pay with no benefits or less pay with health insurance. Chief Rinehart said he would prefer someone who lives close by and could have flexible hours.

Mr. Morison asked if this was a bargaining unit position. Chief Rinehart said he didn't believe it would be. Chief Rinehart explained why he did not want to consider a "cleaning business" and Council agreed. Chief Rinehart said he wanted someone who would report directly to him.

Mr. Kessler felt that instead of approving this position, they should utilize employees from both the Mansion and City Hall. He said both Greg and Denny should be trained. He thought with more creativity, this situation could be resolved without an additional position.

Mr. Masser said this issue was one that was apparent when building the new station and he would suggest hiring at the low end of the pay scale if anything. He asked if an Ordinance was necessary. Chief Rinehart said the Ordinance is to "create" the position since it is one currently not in existence.

Mr. Kessler proposed utilizing employees from the Service Department. Mayor Brennan explained that the Service Department is already lean and would not be able to help with this matter. Mr. Weber said he was in support of the position but agrees with Mr. Masser that the hours need to be set to a maximum of 30 hours.

There was discussion on offering less pay with benefits but City Council decided this position should remain 20 – 30 hours maximum with no benefits. Council requested an amendment in the Ordinance to specify the maximum amount of hours and reduce the pay option and would not include health insurance benefits.

Ordinance 09-10 to amend Bexley Codified Ordinance 262.02, to allow the Police Executive Assistant certain benefits to commensurate with the practices defined in the collective bargaining agreement for other non-sworn police personnel, introduced by Mr. Kessler, (Introduced on February 9, 2010) **No Action**

Chief Rinehart explained that this Ordinance was for Mrs. Foley's civilian uniforms that she is now wearing at the new police station. Mr. Weber asked if Mrs. Foley is visible to the public and Chief Rinehart said she is in the lobby frequently.

Mr. Chodosh said the Ordinance needs to be amended to be more "specific" and list uniform allowance only. Council was in agreement with the needed change.

Resolutions

Resolution 01-10 to remove Ms. Fran Lesser and appoint Robyn Jones as a member of the Charter Review Commission, introduced by Mr. Kessler, third reading, (Introduced on January 12, 2010) **Previously approved.**

Mr. Kessler said this Resolution had been discussed previously.

New Business: Mr. Langner presented City Council will further information regarding the One Dawson request for tax abatement. He said he has not heard from his contact at the Ohio Development Department. One Dawson's issue is the top two floors only which would not meet the minimum requirement of 20 units. They currently are not meeting their requirement for TIFF on number of employees. The School Board would have to approve the tax abatement as well. The building currently has tax abatement but it does not apply to the top two floors. Mayor Brennan said there is a meeting scheduled with the school board to discuss this matter further.

Old Business: None.

Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.