

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

The Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Middletown held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 11803 Old Shelbyville Road.

Present at the meeting were:

Mayor J. Byron Chapman
Commissioner Mark Stigers
Commissioner Paul Zimmerman
Commissioner Amy Oliver
Commissioner Ron Wolf
City Attorney John Singler
City Clerk Deborah Columbia
City Treasurer Tracy Dohn
Director of Operations Marty Stansbury

Call to Order

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Silent reading of minutes

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigers and unanimously approved.

Silent Reading of Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman and unanimously approved.

Middletown Cemetery 4A

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve the January financial report for the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and unanimously approved.

Cemetery 4B

None.

Announcements

Commissioner Oliver let everyone know that Annie's Attic is having a big event on Saturday from 10-5.

Police Update

No one was in attendance from the 8th division tonight. Chief Herman will cover this in his update.

Museum Moment

Nancy Wetherby had no news but did advise they were getting some visitors to the museum.

Middletown Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director, Freda Chapman, stated there are now 398 members and 17 joined last month. They have lots of activities planned for the year. The chamber's lunch was today and 47 were in attendance.

Comments from the floor

Tracey Dunn, 820 Echo Bridge Road, spoke of drivers not stopping at the stop sign at Marengo and Echo Bridge. He also stated that there is no responsibility with pet owners to clean up the dog excrement. He has this problem at his house.

Middletown Police Update, Chief Herman

Chief Herman gave a brief update regarding the events in January. There were a couple of domestic calls and thefts from autos. The MPD stats have tripled since the addition of the second shift.

Municipal Order 02-14-19-C Maintain the trailhead at Old Shelbyville & Shelbyville - Lou. Loop

Milana Boz with Metro Parks was here and gave an overview of the trailhead and shared use path. KYTC has asked them for a visual barrier between US 60 and the shared used path since many may think it is a road and drive on it.

Mayor Chapman advised that we did get one estimate and it was over \$10,000 per year to maintain. Milana advised if we did not want the plants/flowers it would be grass only.

The commission would like to see other options - so we will move this to the March agenda and Mayor Chapman will do more research.

Municipal Order 02-14-19-B Municipal Order EHS track renovation project

Mike Horan, Eastern High School, was in attendance. EHS has just completed a new track facility. Their first track meet is 3/23 and they are requesting a grant for \$3,000 for awards, timing and officials. This will be called the City of Middletown Track Classic.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 02-14-19-B and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 02-14-19-A for application to Homeland Security Grant for MPD

Attorney Singler recapped the municipal order. Any gun confiscated or turned in will be given to the KY State Police for disposal. For each weapon turned in we will receive credits to purchase safety equipment.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 02-14-19-A and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ordinance 01-10-19-A Establishing Police Administrator Position, second reading

Attorney Singler said this is to staff the police department and is the second reading.

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve Ordinance 01-10-19-A and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

This is a call vote. All voted yes.

Ordinance 02-14-19-A Insurance Premium Tax Revision, first reading

John read the ordinance and advised Metro is raising the insurance premium tax and this must be completed by 3-23 when the rates are published. Middletown will only raise their rate if Metro raises their rate. This will keep the monies in Middletown and they will not go to Metro.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to consider this the first reading of Ordinance 02-14-19-A and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Discussion of garbage contract

Mayor Chapman advised that Rumpke did not exercise their additional 2 year option at the same rate, so we have no alternative but to put the contract out to bid. The bid announcement was in the paper on 2-13 and the bids will be opened on 3-5.

Attorney's Report

None.

Project reports and/or up-dates:

Mayor Chapman told the commission that Cox's Smokers Outlet wants to put up a mural on the side of their building and we need to think about whether we want to allow these in the city.

Attorney Singler will check the regulations and get back to us next month.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Wolf and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Columbia".

Deborah Columbia, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Byron Chapman".

J. Byron Chapman, Mayor