

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, September 13, 2018 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 Tom Abbott - absent
Commissioner Ron Wolf
City Attorney John Singler
City Clerk/Mayor Assistant Deborah Columbia
City Treasurer Tracy Dohn
Admin Paula Osbourne
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 Stigers made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and unanimously approved.

Silent Reading of Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and unanimously approved.

Middletown Cemetery 4A

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

Cemetery 4B

None.

Announcements

Mayor Chapman advised there is a concert Sunday featuring Doo Wop All Stars.

James Craig, who is running for District 3, Jefferson County School Board was introduced, and he gave a brief rundown on why he was running for this seat.

Police Update

Sgt. Bass was with us tonight representing the 8th division. The stats were as follows: 1 burglary and 4 thefts from autos. Shoplifting continues to be a problem.

Museum Moment

None.

Middletown Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director, Freda Chapman, advised their lunch was today and Anthony Piagentini, who is running for Councilman District 19, was the speaker. They have 350 members.

Comments from the floor

Mr. Wetherby asked about Juneau Drive. Attorney Singler advised the lawsuit is over and the city lost so the property will be rezoned but they will have to come back to the city for approval.

Middletown Police Update, Chief Blaser

Chief Blaser advised they have hired two officers. They spent the month of August in training and then they were on the streets. We have also purchased three vehicles which are currently being equipped.

Thomas Schwager, Wetherby Ave. Sidewalk

Attorney, Steve Schwager spoke for his brother Thomas. He had numerous questions which Mayor Chapman answered as follows:

- Will MSD sign off - yes, they will have to sign off on the plans
- Utilities - yes, they will review the plans
- ADA - we have a federal grant, so the sidewalks must be ADA
- What will happen with street parking - can't answer that right now until the plans are finished
- Will any property be condemned - No, we will be in the ROW
- Why are the sidewalks needed - we are trying to provide connectivity within the city and this will also provide safety for kids walking to school
- Attorney Schwager advised he just wanted to express the concerns of the Schwagers - the walk will be done correctly and professionally

- Why south side and not north - Bell Engineering reviewed, and it made more sense to go on the south side and there will be a connection to Bliss Ave.

Mayor stated plans would be completed and project put out to bid and the city will approve bids and funding.

Municipal Order 09-13-18-E Wetherby Park, Phase I, Walking Trail & Operations Building, Bell Eng.

Attorney Singler read the municipal order and advised this is to approve a professional services contract for Bell Engineering to develop the plans that will be used for bidding.

Josh Karrick, Bell Engineering, gave an overview of Phase I which includes the storage building, parking at the building and trail. This presentation included several different fountain options.

Commissioner Stigers asked about using Locust for the entrance. This is private property and there are drainage issues, so this did not make sense. He expressed his concern about the parking and road breaking up the park. We are still flexible on the parking.

Commissioner Wolf thought it would be a good idea to get community input and wanted to know the annual maintenance for a fountain. He also stated we should go with a bigger maintenance building.

Residents:

- Why have maintenance building in park? Mayor Chapman advised, we have no other property to use.
- Are we looking at crime stats - with parking that far off the street there could be an issue. We will review this issue with MPD.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 09-13-18-E and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 09-13-18-A Accepting audit report for 2017-2018, Keith Hubbs, Welenken

Attorney Singler read the municipal order and advised this was to accept the annual audit.

Keith Hubbs, Welenken gave a recap of the audit.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 09-13-18-A and Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 09-13-18-B Accepting Snow Bid

Attorney Singler summarized the municipal order and advised we only received one bid.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 09-13-18-B and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 09-13-18-C Appointments to Code Enforcement Board

Attorney Singler read the municipal order and advised this to fill vacancies on the board.

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve Municipal Order 09-13-18-C and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 09-13-18-D Revoking city's participation in multichannel video excise tax

Attorney Singler explained this is to opt out from the states program to capture franchise fees which they received and divvied out to the cities. We will now be able to charge the cable companies directly and receive all the monies.

Commissioner Wolf inquired - how do we know what they will be sending is accurate. Attorney Singler advised we can audit them if needed.

What about AT&T - no, they are not included.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 09-13-18-D and Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Project reports and/or up-dates:

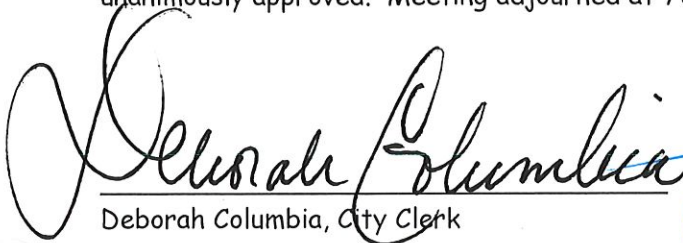
DOO, Marty Stansbury advised we have paved 10 roads and repaired the roof over the driver's license bureau. The city partnered with other cities on salt purchase of \$87 per ton. We are also sprucing up Shelbyville Road.

Attorney's Report

None.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.


Deborah Columbia, City Clerk


J. Byron Chapman, Mayor