

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

October 30, 2017

6:00 PM

Committee of the Whole

*Steve Donahue - President
Will Bennett – Vice-President
Bob Clark
Bruce Jarvis
Bobbie Mershon
Mike Walker*

Call To Order

Donahue called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Yes: 6 – Bennett, Clark, Donahue, Jarvis, Mershon, Walker

Also In Attendance

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson, Andrew Moore

Items for Discussion

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Urban Livestock Draft Ordinance

Attachments: [Chap 1181.06 Amendment Ordinance](#)

Moore: This ordinance is an amended draft from the previous Committee of the Whole meeting; based on discussion from several council members we needed look into how communities regulate bees and bee hives within city limits by comparing communities; this has been added to the end section for review; Basically it was paired up to have a similar acreage as the chicken, ducks, and rabbits, section just as a trial basis within the city; other communities have all these at different acreages, so starting out the base acre is two acres; updated map from last meeting is provided for Council to review, showing residential property that would be eligible to have bees and livestock; I would like to take this ordinance to planning and zoning commission for review then back to council for official first reading; again this is just a rough draft for council to get a baseline and let Moore know if it's moving in the right direction; ;

Bennett: What communities are we modeling this after; Moore: The bee ordinance specifically is modeled after Cleveland; The city of Cleveland has very similar language, just the acreages and lots sizes differed in format but was reformatted to fit with the way the rest of this code was written and one thing that was different about Cleveland is that they have an annual format for this would not have an annual format where citizens would have to come back in; the bee ordinance itself was copied from the city of Cleveland; A lot of other communities do not regulate it at all so it is hard to find central Ohio regulations and how they look at it specifically; Bennett: Do we need

to regulate it? Moore: Currently, it is prohibited unless it is in agricultural districts so we do not allow it anywhere but farm land in city limits; based on the understanding from last meeting this is a good first step to see how the regulations went and if they go well we can look at modifying them if necessary; Bennett: Specifically around the chickens and ducks portion of this ordinance, Franklin County has an ordinance on this, so do we need to have an ordinance or can we default to the Franklin County ordinance;

Haire: We are our own municipality so our zoning laws would regulate or take precedence but we could adopt the same ordinance as Franklin County if you like that ordinance and wanted the same one; Bennett: I did not know what the need was to vary from Franklin County; Moore: This ordinance was designed to be very specific for our city limits; Bennett: Franklin County's is much more favorable for residents than the one we are proposing and has as little as a half-acre; Jarvis: Is it less restrictive; Moore: Based on discussions I have had with members of council and public, there are concerns that HOA's would have issues enforcing this so with the acreages that are put in the ordinance it would eliminate any HOA (do not allow livestock but we do not enforce HOA regulations) neighborhoods or tighter density properties, more rural feel areas and not suburban; everything north of thirty-three on Bowen Road, Amanda-Northern Road, the outskirts of Groveport would be the properties; Bennett: help me understand the HOA component; Haire: most home owner associations do not allow livestock; Bennett: so we would not need to worry about their regulations at all since the HOA has already put a stop to; Moore: There is no one stopping a citizen from applying for a permit and getting it granted because we do not enforce HOA regulations; Mershon: Not all of our tight density has an HOA; Donahue: Concerned about all the disease people are getting from urban chickens and is also concerned about bee hives within city due to allergies; Mershon: I had the same concern and spoke with an expert and have no concerns now; Speak with experts about it; Moore: I have not spoken with an expert but in this draft I have discussed fly away barrier, that is the most complicated way to allow bees to have something that would help avoid the risk of being stung and keeps them at a higher elevation to keep them out of residential areas; Mershon: There are already bee hives within Canal Winchester; Bennett: Grove City ordinance on bees, possibly look into their ordinance because it speaks about specific sizes that the hive has to be and ours does not; Moore: It is typically like a bird house size structure; different types of bees have different types of housing; Jarvis: Is there a driver behind this ordinance or is this hypothetical; Moore: The bees was due to a discussion with council at the last committee of the whole meeting and the livestock reasoning is because a citizen asked about owning chickens and bees; Bennett: other residents that have bees as well; discussion ensued about resident's property and grandfathering him in which would not fit this ordinance; Mayor: agrees with Donahue about the bees and other animal allergies and not having this in town; Moore: the resident in question can keep what he has until something is decided by council; Council agrees for it to go to planning and zoning;

Bennett: allergies should play not part in this; Mershon: suggests getting an expert on bees to come in to talk about risk because the potential for bee stings is not as great as what we think; Discussion ensued; Moore: this is just a starting point, trial basis, not an ending point for, recommended for 5 plus acres; Clark: Are there liability issues for bee stings; Harrison: If bees are restricted it is on the individual; Moore; the resident in question can keep what he has until something is decided by council; Council agrees for it to go to planning and zoning;

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Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan

Attachments: [2017 CIP Forms 10-25-17](#)

[10002 Gender IV 10-17](#)

[10014 High St II 10-17](#)

Peoples: Enclosed in council packet are CIP forms that we do on an annual basis; this year is a little different because we do not have a OPWC application project at this point so we are on a delay; Major changes to how we do the CIP; Pavement condition rating was done (study of all the road ways); Bill Sims will have an agenda item at future council meeting breaking all of this down; it gives all of our roadways a score; good, excellent, poor, fair; this is still a draft document, a fluid document, changes based on budget, and shifting priorities; as you will see some cul-de-sacs were done away with but put on as alternates; overview on first page in draft form; Some of these numbers have been on here for at least 15 years; On this form we list the ratings of Infrastructure, roads, water and sewer, and storm water collection as well as bridges and culverts; this is what OPWC does take a look at and they want to make sure you are maintaining and there is a plan to go with it; on maintenance of effort there have been numbers on there for 6 or 7 years that ended up being confusing; explanation of how Mr. Peoples simplified this report; Lines 10 and 11 are continuous projects; CIP facts sheets are included now which basically explain projects and include a narrative of projects, funding, preliminary time lines; New projects are also on there; Gender Road and McGill Park; Any questions on individual projects; some of these from a priority standpoint may change; We drive around and look at spots we think we will do; Bill Sims will also continue to work on his pavement conditioning project; Walker: The Dietz project/bike path (pot holes and looks bad), where does it fall in the projects process ;Peoples: We are looking at it for next year and, looking at the draft budget and using the priority list from the CIP; Still looking into it but it is targeted; it was surface maintenance probably 8-10 years ago; Slurry seals are rehabs (band aid fixes) if pavement is still in good condition; Walker: I'm concerned that people could get hurt; Peoples: will take a look; possibly next year it will get a partial reconstruction with all new asphalt; Donahue: Did we quit dura patching; Peoples: still doing it but with leaf pick up it runs the crew thin, we are trying to get into neighborhoods and work out; discussion ensued about several projects throughout Canal Winchester;

Clark: Total households? Haire: Close to 3,000, it's all an estimate; Bennett; Historical complex on for 2021, does action need to be taken before then?; Peoples: Historical grant next year with restrictions, We do not own it but with our partnership not sure, remember that this report is fluid; Gender Rd overpass discussion; Jarvis: park development line item McGill Park 7 million dollar figure is strictly development? Peoples: Ballpark figure but some survey work will be done this year, and parks planning process is looking at it. Jarvis: Emma Meadows Storm issues; Peoples: Work has been done on it but I dates back to the early 1900's but manholes have been put in. Ultimately it needs to come out to Waterloo Street through the alley and a water line will have to be put through there. Both systems will have to be tied in. It will take some extensive work.

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2018 Budget

Attachments: [2018 Budget – Draft](#)

Jackson: Put on the agenda from request of council: Donahue: the first expenditure I see is sheriff; Labor Day has five thousand dollars going to the sheriff department; Can Madison Township watch the festivals; Jackson: Blues and Rib Fest pay for security for that festival; The City pays for security for Labor Day as part of our donation to the festival; As for Madison Township covering the festivals, that would be a question for the committees of those festivals; Donahue; have we met with Madison Township and is there any movement; we need to get something for the money that we are paying Madison Township. Mayor: we have had tiny movement; Donahue: We have six hundred thousand dollars going to tiny movement; we need to get something for the money that we are spending; Walker: October 24th there was a second meeting I attended with Madison Township and they are waiting for their new people to get in after the election and they seemed very receptive, wait and see who gets in office, Brobst will make sure they're aware of what we have been paying for years and receiving no services; Donahue: Can we combine Madison Township and Sheriff services? We need services for the money that we are paying; Jarvis: it probably cannot be integrated but we can designate them something specific to do; Mayor: Radio issues have been discussed between Madison and Fairfield; Funding for additional officers could just come from Madison Township doing something but we need a plan b for our budget in case this does not work out; Mershon and Mayor discuss: Special duty from Fairfield can be an option until Madison Township decides; Mayor: Once election is over a meeting will be had with the two new trustees; Misunderstanding about whether or not there would be full time coverage or not for the sheriff department. Mershon: We need 3 people; Jackson: Sergeant does not believe that we need that much coverage, possibly a mid-shift deputy; Clark: Budget discussion ensued about Fairfield County payments; New deputy 86,000 per year; Discussion ensued on ways to find money in our budget for extra law enforcement; Donahue: Question on Walter Grain for our codified ordinances, fundraising expenses-McGill Park; Urban Forester budget and job positions questioned

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Personnel Practices Handbook Update

Attachments:

[Personnel Handbook Recap of Changes](#)

[Personnel Handbook Updated 10.17](#)

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2018 Council Committees

Attachments: [Council Rules Pages 4-7](#)

Jackson: Council Rules; How do you want to proceed for 2018; Do they want work sessions; Council agrees that they want work sessions. Update website to reflect work sessions; website will get a compete redo

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Jarvis that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 – Bennett, Jarvis, Clark, Donahue, Mershon, Walker

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.