

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Akron was held **Wednesday, July 6th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town.

Mayor George Reese opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance with Trustees Nancy Lightle, Harry Slusser, Susan Watson, Andy Bowin, and Brittani Kusel in attendance; as well as Town Clerk/ Administrator Dencia Raish, Town Attorney Dennis Brandenburg, Water Superintendent Steve Vasquez, Pool Manager Ally Vasquez, Recreation Director John Glosson, and JoAnne Busing of the Akron News-Reporter were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

After review, a correction was found for the minutes of June 6th to change the day from Wednesday to Monday, and the remove Shane Watson from the attendance list. After the corrections Harry Slusser moved to approve the minutes for the June 6, 2016 regular meeting. Nancy Lightle seconded the motion, Susan Watson abstained and all other votes were yes.

The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the Special Meeting on June 6, 2016. Nancy Lightle moved to approve, Harry Slusser seconded the motion, and all other votes were yes.

The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the Special Meeting on June 27, 2016. Nancy Lightle moved to approve, Harry Slusser second the minutes, Andy Bowin abstained and all other votes were yes

Approval of May Bills

After review, Nancy Lightle moved to approve the June bills for payment. Susan Watson seconded the motion, Harry Slusser abstained and all other votes were yes.

Advanced Pools Update on Akron Swimming Pool Project

The pool officially opened on Tuesday, July 5th. Scot Harris and Cory Chwiedor from Advanced Pools were at the meeting to give their final reports. They delivered 3 manuals for how the pool systems run, and a packet of warranty information. Scot requested that we never use straight granular chlorine in the pools system. This will literally blow the entire system up. Instead if we have granular chlorine it is to be dissolved in water. He reported that the winter cover and a few other items will be to us by the end of next week. He asked that we let him know the last day of our pool service so we can all schedule to winterize the pool. This is a service that was included in the original contract. There was some discussion on replacing the final 3 rings around 3 old lights, and this may happen next year.

Ally Vasquez – Pool Manager

Ally reported that she estimated opening day to have about 90 swimmers, with 75-80 returning the next day. There are 45 children signed up for the first session of swimming lessons. In the first 2 days there were three incidents where guards had to go into the water to help children. Brittani Kusel and Ally both expressed concern for the amount of young children at the pool with no guardian. Ally also expressed a need for a height restriction for the baby pool. After some discussion Ally and Dencia are to meet Friday and decide some rules.

Ally reported that the pool will be closed the week of July 25 – 30 for the Eastern Colorado Roundup. Brittani Kusel asked if there would be a way to extend the season past August 12th, for potentially the weekends only. Ally will consider. Due to the higher attendance Ally has added additional lifeguard stations. With the increase of stations and the number of guards on staff, they staff are only getting approximately 15 minutes in the pool house, out of the direct sun. It was mentioned that umbrellas for some of the stations would be nice to break up the direct sunlight.

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John Glosson – Recreation Director

John reported that there have been 92 baseball games played this summer, not including tournaments, and roughly 60 of those games have been played in Akron. T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Little League, 13 & 15, Softball and Adult Co-Ed Softball are the teams playing on the Akron Baseball and softball fields this summer. The fields are used most every day of the work week. T-Ball had approx. 78 participants and Coach Pitch had 63 participants between Akron and Otis. Both those leagues are business sponsored teams with volunteer coaches. The 13 & 15 travel team are coached by Chad and John Glosson. Randy Arnold, Chelsea Arnold and Katie Hocheder are the coaches for the Girls Softball Program. There are 5 teams of ten players for the Adult Co-Ed Softball.

Sheriff's Report

Washington County sheriff's report was present by Sheriff Jon Stivers. He reported that there are currently 168 inmates being held in the jail and they are bringing 30 more female inmates in. In June the SO had 99 reports and 68 of those came from within Akron area. The citation numbers are down, but that is due to being understaffed right now. Jon reported that an Animal Control Officer will be re-staffed part time soon, working 7:30 am – 12:30 pm.

A Special Events Liquor Permit application was reviewed from the Knights of Columbus for the Beer Garden at the Eastern Colorado Round Up. Wayne Dreher appeared before the council to represent the Knights organization. He reported that their main concerns during fair for the beer garden are: minors, over intoxication, and drinks leaving the proper boundaries. To help curb these issues during the concert they have hired a 4 person posse trained to monitor these events. Wayne reported that it is the concert night that they consider to be their weakest point. They are looking into banding "of age" patrons and "under age" patrons to help define the difference. They also intend to spend more time training their personal volunteers in proper observation of the beer garden area. As in the past they will not allow minors after 6:00 pm. The council was happy with the information provided. A motion was made by Susan Watson to approve the Special Event License and seconded by Andy Bowin, all votes were yes, motion passed.

A Transfer of Ownership of a Tavern Liquor License from Mike Armbrust dba Dolittles to Alicia Johansen dba Dolittles was received. She has completed the temporary liquor permit application, paid the \$100 fee, completed the State application for transfer, individual history record, affidavit of transfer and statement of compliance, and gone thru the background check. A motion was made to approve the transfer of ownership to Alicia Johansen by Nancy Lightle and seconded by Brittani Kusel; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Airport Report

Colorado Plains Regional Airport Manager Randy Hayes was unable to attend the meeting and no airport report was given.

County Report

County Commissioner Terry Hart was unable to attend the meeting and no county report was given.

Public invited to be heard

John Brandon came to the council meeting to discuss his neighbors noxious weed problem and how it is affecting his yard. It is in the Town Ordinances in Section 5-2-1 rules about Removal of Weeds and Refuse. Council requested that Dencia Raish send a letter to the neighbor asking him to handle the weed issues on the property.

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Teresa Wood-Mazotti came to the council meeting to ask for permission to keep the 4 dogs that she had recently moved to town with. She purchased property in May and has 4 dogs in her care, and was unaware that the legal limit is 3 dogs per Town Ordinance. After lengthy discussion amongst the Trustees, Teresa pointed out that is willing to do anything to allow her to keep her 4th dog. A motion was made by Susan Watson to grant the variance as long as she keeps constant Town Registration on the dogs, she is provide the Town Office photographs of the dogs with names, and will not be allowed to replace a dog when one dies. The motion was seconded by Andy Bowin, the votes were as follows: yes - Susan Watson, Harry Slusser, Andy Bowin, abstain - Nancy Lightle, no – Brittani Kusel. Further discussion was held after the vote and a motion was made to add a stipulation to the variance. The motion came from Brittani Kusel that if the 4 dogs are ever not licensed annually they immediately forfeit the variance. The second was made by Andy Bowin, and all votes were yes.

The next item of business was to address the people in attendance that had submitted letters of interest for the vacant Trustee position. Those in attendance were Chad Hinderscheit and Josh Richardson. There was a 3rd letter received from Andrew Bull. Council spoke with Chad and Josh and set up interview times within the next couple weeks. The candidates will join the council in independent interviews. After which council will appoint one of the 3 to the vacant position to be held until reelection in April 2018.

First Reading Ordinance 543 – Fowl & Rabbit Limitations

Due to the discussion being tabled from the last meeting, Dennis Brandenburg stated that he had not revised anything of the ordinance as he didn't know what direction to go. Further discussion was held about creating a proper ordinance but not being overly strict. After further discussion Brittani Kusel motioned to have the ordinance read that within city limits residents can keep up to 20 adult domestic fowl with no roosters. The motion was seconded by Susan Watson, Harry Slusser voted no, and all other votes were yes, motion passed. With these adjustments the actual first read for Ordinance 543 will be at the next meeting August 1, 2016.

First Reading Ordinance 544 – Indoor Marijuana Cultivation and Consumption

Dennis Brandenburg presented a revised Ordinance to the Trustees following the research the Council has been collecting. Some of the revisions include defining the area allowed to grow indoor marijuana to 50 square feet, in an indoor, locked area limited to single family residences. He also included restrictions on consumption that would allow violators to be written into Municipal Court instead of only District Court. A motion to approve the first reading was made by Brittani Kusel, and seconded by Andy Bowin; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Financing for Akron Pool Project

Dencia Raish attempted to define the exact standing of the financial aspect of the Akron Pool Project, but since not all final bills have been submitted, she was unable to paint a clear picture. Council reminded her that in the June 6th meeting council had approved an “up-to” to cover any final debts

Council, Committee and Staff Reports

Public Works Director Shane Watson reported that Adam Perlman from Verizon had been back in touch about installing a cell tower within Akron. They were interested in the softball field area, and Shane said that we do not own that property. Adam said that they will bring people down to investigate other areas soon. Shane said Thank You for the opportunity to attend the 2016 CML Conference in Vail this year. He had a nice time and was impressed with many of the different classes, and was able to come back with more information. Shane reported that they Public Works department will be chip sealing streets on July 18-19, 2016.

Dencia Raish presented the financial report and sales tax report thru June with nothing unusual to report. In June the Town employees met with their CCOERA Client Services Manager. Dencia brought to council that

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Currently as town employees everyone starts retaining retirement immediately but have a period of 10 years before they are fully vested. Dencia asked the council to consider changing that to a 5 or 6 years to become fully vested. Dencia will collect more information and present at the next meeting. Dencia also thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the CML Conference; she too found it very educational. Dencia mentioned that Denise Bernhardt will be offering free Yoga classes on Thursdays in the back room starting 7/14 @ 5:30. A \$400 donation was made to the Cemetery for the Gazebo landscaping and for trees in memory of Marion and Nellie Rogers.

Brittani Kusel reported that over the 4th of July weekend there was some confusion about blocked streets. Council discussed if there had been a policy on this before and it was mentioned that was usually left up to the office and public works to decide. Brittani asked that when this happens again it would be very helpful if Dencia or Shane would let the Sheriff Office know so if calls come in they can be handled properly.

It was mentioned on the agenda that a citizen may approach the council to discuss marijuana dispensary options again. Nancy Lightle asked Dencia to not encourage citizens to approach the council with this discussion. It is the view of the council that this has been taken to a vote and the public has spoken against any dispensary options in Akron. It was also discussed to create a visual aid to keep topics in the meeting to a proper discussion time of 3-5 minutes.

Harry Slusser inquired if the Town had any ordinances on fireworks? Dennis Brandenburg found the reference in 6-9-x for the Town and fireworks. Harry mentioned that we owe a big Thank You to Kyle Bauer for all the extra hard work that he had put into the pool construction, which went above and beyond his bid. It was discussed that many thanks are owed to many people for their hard work. It was inquired what the occupancy of the pool was, and no one had a direct answer. Dencia will look into.

Susan Watson thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the CML Conference in Vail. She was impressed at all the different meetings. Found some of them to be geared toward larger cities, but really enjoyed others. Susan mentioned that counterfeit money has been passing through Akron recently. It is in the form of \$20 & \$50 bills. The Chamber Report stated the attendance for the Customer Appreciation Picnic was very low. They will be changing the date of the picnic to early fall next year.

George Reese also thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the CML Conference. As he does almost every time he attends he went to the meeting on Bob's Rules of Order (a condensed version of Robert's Rules of Order). He pointed out that officially to abstain is equivalent to voting no. He really enjoyed the Mayor's Roundtable discussion. George also pointed out that people are illegally parking diagonally on 5th St by the softball fields. He inquired if Shane could find some signs that state parallel parking only.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nancy Lightle moved to adjourn the meeting. Andy Bowin seconded the motion, all other votes were yes.

George E. Reese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dencia Raish, CMC
Town Clerk/Administrator