

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Held on Monday, March 1, 2010

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop meeting of Sidney City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, March, 1, 2010, with Mayor Mike Barhorst presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Council members were present and answered roll call: Mike Barhorst, Mike Burns, Frank Mariano, Katie McMillan, Tom Miller, Mardie Milligan, and Terry Pellman.

Also attending was: City Manager Steve Stilwell, Law Director Mike Smith, Police Chief Kevin Gessler, Community Services Director Barbara Dulworth, and City Engineer Scott Landon.

Discussion – Census

Community Services Director Dulworth gave a review of the upcoming Census count, noting the foremost purpose of the census is the reapportioning of the US House of Representatives. She also noted this census provides information for redistricting at state and local levels, aids the distribution of more than \$400 billion to states and communities and aides in decision making and long range planning for communities. The census date for 2010 is set for April 1 and Dulworth noted by April 2011, the Census Bureau will distribute this data to each state.

Alan Crenshaw of the Springfield District Census Office was present and explained he represents 11 counties and the census forms will be mailed out to individuals starting in March. He explained workers will start going door-to-door May 1 to reach those individuals who did not mail forms back in.

Discussion – Trends and Analysis of Crime in USA and Sidney

Police Chief Gessler next gave Council a summary of crime in the United States and Sidney and showed Sidney down compared with the national violent crime index. Gessler noted the department is working on ways to improve the data reporting to make more information available to the public. He also advised since Sidney is reporting using National Incident Based Reporting System and is also compliant with Ohio Incident Based Reporting System we become more eligible for possible grants.

Councilman Miller questioned whether the downturn in the economy has had an impact on crime and Gessler responded he thinks it is more a perception; adding he is not seeing that trend in Sidney. Gessler added the department drug unit is being very aggressive in their efforts concerning drug enforcement.

Councilman Burns complimented the department on the job they are doing and Mayor Barhorst congratulated Gessler on becoming NIBRS compliant as quickly as they did.

Review of Upcoming Zoning Board/Planning Commission Agenda

Community Services Director Dulworth reviewed those items scheduled for the March 15, 2010 meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission.

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

Stilwell briefly reviewed the prospective Council agenda items for the next 30 days.

Council/City Manager Comments

Councilman Pellman thanked Gessler for a great presentation.

Council member McMillan thanked Council and staff for their condolence on the death of her father.

City Manager Stilwell echoed Council's comments concerning Gessler's presentation; adding he has worked hard to fit into our community and work with his people.

Stilwell reminded Council of the annual Chamber dinner for March 2, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 PM, with nothing further to come before Council, Councilman Mariano moved and Council member McMillan seconded a motion to adjourn. The roll call vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was held pursuant to Sidney City Council Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jocene Fahnestock
City Clerk

Mayor