

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL**LANCASTER, OHIO****PRAYER**

President Culver led the prayer before Council.

SPECIAL MEETING

December 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m., in Council's Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Culver led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council were present: M. Bobbitt, J. Zekas, B. McAtee, T. Stoughton, W. Garbrandt, R. Touvell, J. Hale, S. Jackson, and R. Hedges.

PERMISSION OF VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Slade Schultz, 720 East Mulberry Street, Lancaster, Ohio. Firefighter Schultz read a prepared statement mentioning how a lay off will affect the level of services, that they have already lost 11 positions, and now they are slated to lose four additional positions. The 2005 Fire Levy passed which allowed them to add a third medic, which only lasted four years.

Terry Bowers, 6590 Peppermill Drive, Westerville, Ohio. Firefighter Bowers is against the current budget due to the fact that it will lay off firefighters.

Lisa Long, 7655 Richland Road, Rushville, Ohio. Ms. Long is a property owner in the City of Lancaster, a business owner, and a wife of a firefighter. Concessions have been made every year to save her husband's job. She is against the current proposed layoffs. Her husband was hired in 2006 as a result of the 2005 Fire Levy. She asked that Council hold off on doing anything until the fact findings are completed.

Amie Jones, 69 North 3rd Street, Newark, Ohio. Ms. Jones is an employee of the MDA and said that the local firefighters do a valuable service for their organization. 19 families in the City of Lancaster have been helped by the 89 firefighters that raised \$22,000 to help. The firefighters work 24 hours on and 48 hours off. During this off time they participate in many functions helping the community, families, and friends. They also participate as camp volunteers at their summer camp.

K.J. Watts, 6599 Ashbrook Villas Drive, Canal Winchester, Ohio. Firefighter Watts is the current President of the Local Union 291, and is the lead negotiator of the union for the past six years. Firefighter Watts states that the City of Lancaster Fire Department sits in the lower middle bracket of other agencies within the State of Ohio. Over One Million Dollars in

concessions have been made by the Fire Department. They have already lost 11 positions since 2008. These additional loses will affect their ability to respond. These layoffs will have a negative effect on their department and to the public.

Gary Norris, 636 East Fifth Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio. Mr. Norris said that he is pro safety forces. Mr. Norris has been against raising taxes in the past, but sees no other way than to raise taxes to help with the budget. He said that someone needs to take the steps to take the initiative to get started move forward on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to convene to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues. The Executive Session should include: Council President, All Members of Council, Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, Service-Safety Director, and Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried.

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to return to the Regular Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried.

READING OF RESOLUTION

Resolution Temporary 157-10 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 156-10

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2010 ESTIMATED REVENUES AND 2010 APPROPRIATION BUDGETS

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

Resolution Temporary 158-10 – First Reading – Permanent Resolution 157-10

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LANCASTER AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS/DISPATCHER CONTRACT, WITH RESPECT TO COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO WORKING CONDITIONS

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes.

Resolution Temporary 140-10* – Third Reading – Permanent Resolution 158-10

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT 2011 BUDGET EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011, AND TO ESTABLISH LINE ITEM TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to replace Temporary Resolution 140-10 with Temporary Resolution 140-10* as given to the Clerk in writing before the meeting, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 8-0, with all eight members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to table Resolution Temporary 140-10*, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to remove Resolution Temporary 140-10* from the table, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to replace the attachment to Temporary Resolution 140-10* with the one dated December 20, 2010, as given to the Clerk in writing before the meeting, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 5-4, with Mr. Zekas, Mr. McAtee, Mr. Stoughton, Mr. Hale, and Mr. Hedges voting yes and Mrs. Bobbitt, Mrs. Garbrandt, Mr. Touvell, and Mr. Jackson voting no.

READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance Temporary 24-10 – Third Reading – **Permanent Ordinance 25-10**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BENEFITS, TITLES, AND COMPENSATION FOR ATTORNEYS IN THE LAW DIRECTOR'S OFFICE EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, COMMENCING THE FIRST PAY PERIOD OF 2011

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to replace Ordinance Temporary 24-10 with Ordinance Temporary 24-10* as given to the Clerk in writing prior to the meeting, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 8-1, with all eight members voting yes, and Mr. Hedges voting no.

Ordinance Temporary 25-10* – Third Reading – **Permanent Ordinance 26-10**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BENEFITS, TITLES, AND COMPENSATION FOR MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2011

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to replace Ordinance Temporary 25-10 with Ordinance Temporary 25-10* as given to the Clerk in writing prior to the meeting, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 8-1, with all eight members voting yes, and Mr. Hedges voting no.

Ordinance Temporary 26-10* – Third Reading – **Permanent Ordinance 27-10**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARY RANGES, RETIREMENT PICK-UP, LONGEVITY PAY, PRO-PAY, PERSONAL TIME, VACATION, FUNERAL LEAVE, HEALTH INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE, PAY SCALE, AND SICK LEAVE PAYOUT AT RETIREMENT FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE RECOGNIZED BARGAINING UNITS EFFECTIVE THE FIRST PAY PERIOD OF 2011

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to replace Ordinance Temporary 25-10 with Ordinance Temporary 25-10* as given to the Clerk in writing prior to the meeting, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 9-0, with all nine members voting yes. Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 8-1, with all eight members voting yes, and Mr. Hedges voting no.

Ordinance Temporary 27-10 – Third Reading – **Permanent Ordinance 28-10**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BENEFITS, TITLES, AND COMPENSATION FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, COMMENCING THE FIRST PAY PERIOD OF 2011

Mr. Stoughton made a motion to pass engross, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried 8-1, with all eight members voting yes, and Mr. Hedges voting no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Sessions of Council:

Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Garbrandt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Touvell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:46 p.m.

Teresa Lee Sandy

Teresa Lee Sandy, Clerk of Council