

**Public Service Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Richardson at 5:05pm.

**Members Present:** Dan Fogt, Tracy Richardson, Mark Reams

**Others Present:** Terry Emery, Mike Andrako, Tim Aslaner, Chief Golden

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the April 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Street Parking After Snow:** Mr. Emery said you received a couple items from Mr. Aslaner prior to the meeting. First we would like to discuss repealing Section 351.14, parking after heavy snowfall. 351.14 does not apply as it exists. It states no person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked at a metered parking location between the hours of 12:15am and 6:00am when there is an accumulation of two inches or more of snow. Since the City now no longer uses meters, we believe that 351.14 should just be repealed. He said we have made a slight adjustment to what Mr. Aslaner has prepared for you in Section 351.21. Mr. Emery has met with Mr. Andrako, Chief Golden and Mr. Aslaner to talk about this particular section. He said the changes are being made for street sweeping and snow removal. The changes read “no person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked in the areas specified below between the hours of 3:00am and 5:30am.” After discussing the section, we believe that the six sections of street should not apply. He said what we are really looking for is two spots, first being Fifth Street from Court Street to Walnut Street; and second being Main Street from Sixth Street to Fourth Street. Mr. Emery said with the other streets that are listed people who live uptown depend on for parking. After talking with Chief Golden, it would create some difficulties using all of the named streets.

Mr. Emery said the no parking on Main Street from Sixth Street to Fourth Street and Fifth Street from Court Street to Walnut Street should be daily. He said during the winter months we can do daily uptown clean up, it is a great time to clear snow and not have to work around vehicles. Mr. Emery said if we are able to make this change and make it from 3:00am to 5:30am daily on those two sections, that will go a long way keep it clean with street sweeping during the winter months.

Mr. Reams asked if there is any parking on Main Street, from Fourth Street to Third Street. Mr. Fogt said just two spots. Mr. Emery said there is parking in front of the dry cleaners. He said we could extend that to Third Street. Mr. Reams asked if there was any parking from Sixth to Seventh Street. Mr. Andrako answered no. Mr. Emery said Main Street can be from Sixth Street to Third Street, instead of stopping at Fourth Street. Mrs. Richardson said those parking spaces are very close to the street, it is almost blurry as to whether those two spaces are another lane or not. Mr. Emery said that there are residents

on Sixth Street that depend on the parking. Mr. Fogt said Court Street by the Courthouse has a lot of snow pile up there, and there are businesses from uptown that park there. Mr. Aslaner said we could have the two ordinances on the next agenda for Council.

Mrs. Richardson said this ordinance says for street sweeping and basically to keep the streets clear. This will be effective twelve months a year? Mr. Emery replied yes. Mr. Reams asked if we have legislation for street sweeping. He said we are restricting parking for the snow, but don't we have an ordinance restricting parking during the week for sweeping. Mr. Aslaner said Section 351.21 prohibits parking Monday mornings and Friday mornings from 3:00am to 5:30am for street sweeping. Mr. Aslaner said we are changing it to include snow removal and street sweeping, as well as to be effective seven days a week. Mr. Reams asked doesn't that include other streets. Mr. Aslaner said it includes all six streets listed but we are changing that to just Main Street from Sixth Street to Third Street and Fifth Street from Court Street to Walnut Street.

Mrs. Richardson asked if there was a reason that we picked 3:00am. Mr. Emery said if we get bar establishments that want to go uptown they typically close at 2:00am. He said if someone needs to be driven home from one of these establishments, we want to give them a little time to come back and have their vehicle moved. Mr. Emery said it is fair to businesses and the workers get a 2 ½ hour window where there are no vehicles uptown.

Mrs. Richardson said when she read the ordinance that we want to repeal, it does not mention street cleaning. Mr. Aslaner said the ordinance that we are repealing is the snow ordinance, the ordinance that we are amending is the street sweeping ordinance. Mr. Fogt said that will take care of parade clean up.

Mrs. Richardson said its a fair piece of legislation and we will look for it to be on the council agenda.

**General Updates from Public Service Department:** Mr. Andrako said ODNR contacted us and wanted to revise the funding in the Cooperative Agreement, and we have already run the agreement through Council. We used the template that they gave us and then they contacted us and wanted to make some additions. He said this will be coming before Council, but he wanted the Public Service Committee to look over it. Mr. Aslaner has had a chance to review it, and did not see any substantive changes that will affect the funding. Mr. Andrako said the changes are in bold for your review. He said it is mainly following through with the request from ODNR. Mr. Emery said we felt it was appropriate for you to see it before we make any adjustments to an agreement that you have already approved. Mr. Fogt said he was good with the changes. Mr. Aslaner said we could do a one reading resolution on the agenda. Mr. Fogt asked about that signs that will be placed, that they would not damage the water supply. Mr. Andrako said any signs that are going to be used will be put in the plan. Mrs. Richardson questioned whether additional wording will be added to signs that are already in the plans, not additional signage. Mr. Andrako said no additional signs, but since the project is fully funded by them, we need to make sure they receive some recognition.

Mr. Fogt asked if we are going to put in park benches which would be cemented into the ground. Mr. Andrako said he did not see any in the plans. Mr. Fogt said you have people who cannot walk the whole distance at one time. Mr. Emery asked Mr. Fogt if he would like to see park benches added, if we have the ability to provide that. Mrs. Richardson said she would like to see the benches become an Eagle Scout project and we could coordinate with a Scout Troop. She thinks that would be a great opportunity for one or two of the scouts in the community to help. Mr. Fogt said he would like a maximum of four benches installed. Mrs. Richardson would like to propose we look seriously at putting something in writing for what we expect for residents in or around the reservoir. Mr. Emery said he thinks that they do that naturally as a part of ODNR, the other locations that they visited had a list of rules posted. Mr. Andrako said it would be for the boat ramp, but for the park in general we could add some rules. Mrs. Richardson said we might want to think about that because there was a lot of discussion ahead of time prior to the approval. She said people had specific concerns regarding access, etc. Mrs. Richardson asked when the boat ramp would open. Mr. Andrako said we are starting to get the plans started and we are still waiting for them to create a purchase order for us. He said once they open a purchase order for us, we can start hiring contractors and getting the work complete. He said we design it and submit it for approval. He hopes that it is constructed by the end of next season.

Mr. Andrako said the Fourth and Fifth waterline project is the next update. He handed out the fact sheet that was given out during Council. He said we did the fact sheet for the pedestrian bridge and it was popular. We are going to start doing a fact sheet for each project we have. He said they are finishing up the water main installation on West Fifth Street, they are installing water services this week. He said once they are done with that they are going to start on the West Fourth section, which should be next week. Mr. Fogt said we need to have connection from the Catholic Church to the Police department. Mrs. Richardson said she has been looking at Fifth Street, and the road is rough. She asked what the plans are for these sections. Mr. Andrako said they are going to come back and put asphalt down. Mrs. Richardson asked if the asphalt will be done soon or at the end of the project. Mr. Andrako said he is not sure if they are going to do Fourth Street and Fifth Street and then asphalt before they move to Delaware Avenue. He will check on it. He said that they will have two crews working starting in June. Mr. Andrako said he will ask them for an update on the paving. Mr. Fogt asked if there will be a boil advisory. Mr. Andrako said there will not be a change in pressure, so there will be no boil advisory.

Mr. Andrako said the Amrine Mill culvert project was an OPWC funded project. He said they had the bid opening today, and we had an estimate of \$170,000.00 with a low bid of \$171,900.00. He said it was \$2,000 over the engineering projections, which is good for a \$170,000 project. Mr. Andrako said we had budgeted \$200,000. They are going to start construction in early June and mostly be done by mid-July. He said they have made the project so it will not affect school transportation. Mr. Fogt would like the project to be done prior to the start of the Union County Fair. Mr. Andrako said they will accommodate for school sports.

Mr. Andrako handed out the fact sheet for the paving and maintenance program. He said it shows where the money is coming from to complete the program. We are paving just under 4.5 miles of roadway. In order to stay up on paving you should be paving 4-5% of your streets each year. We are paving more than 4% this year, because we are paving Milford Avenue, which is another OPWC funded project. It costs \$650,000 and \$325,000 is a grant. It is a large amount of roadway. He said the bid opening is June 1<sup>st</sup> and we'll award the bid in July. The rest of the schedule will be depending on the company. Mr. Fogt said at Coleman's Crossing stop light and Delaware Avenue, the straight through lane on the left hand side is very bumpy and seems to be getting worst. Mrs. Richardson asked if someone wants to know when their street will be closed, how they can find out that information. Mr. Andrako said they are waiting on the contractor. Once the contractor is chosen they will have a schedule of which streets will be paved in order. Mr. Emery said people need to understand this is a project that is weather dependent. Mrs. Richardson said that people have weddings and parties. Mr. Andrako said that people will still have access, but it might just be limited.

Mrs. Richardson said if you take a drive down Creekview Drive, which is a fairly new road, it is surprising how much disrepair it is in. She would appreciate it if Mr. Andrako would let her know what he thinks. That area is going to be where the pool is going to be opening this summer. Mr. Andrako said he has looked at it recently. They are going to be fixing the joints where the asphalt meets. He said it will be done in house by a machine that one of the streets guys invented.

Mrs. Richardson asked Mr. Andrako to explain why we are using water funds for VanKirk, Grove and Sherwood Avenue. Mr. Andrako said we installed water mains on those roads. When we install those water mains they are in the street, and we remove a section of the street; put the water line in and then replace it with temporary pavement. We come back and pave the street. Mr. Emery said it is because of the waterline that the road needs paved. Mrs. Richardson said she really hopes that we looked at other possibilities of funding that, because any time we pull from those funds we run other fiscal challenges with rates, and rate hiking. Mr. Reams disagreed with Mrs. Richardson. He said because the waterlines are what caused the roads to need paved we should use water funds to fix them. Mr. Andrako said the reason those streets were on here is because we dug it up. He said they have discussed paving half the street, but then it becomes where half of the street is failing because half the street was just paved five years ago. He said we discussed this last year on how much general fund money we should use versus water fund money. We decided to use water fund money because that was the reason we needed to pave the streets. Mrs. Richardson said she understands, and whenever possible we should look at reserving our funds. Mr. Fogt asked if they are going to do the same thing with Fourth and Fifth Street since we are doing the same thing with the water project. Mr. Andrako said no, we do not have the whole street being paved. He said the project includes them to come back and pave. Mr. Reams said some of these streets are on the paving plan, but we want to fix them before we pave them.

Mr. Emery said the splash pad will be working within the next 24-48 hours, but we cannot allow access to it because we are working on the chemicals, to pass the inspection on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He said you will see the arch being finished. The arches will be from the parking lot to the green spaces. The other monument stating "Scott's Community Commons" is in the process as well and should be finished by May 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Emery said for the event on May 29<sup>th</sup>, all the paved areas and behind the library will be used for vendors. Plum will be shut down between Sixth and Seventh for bounce houses, the library will be holding a book fair and vendors. Sixth Street will hold most of the food vendors. He said we have planned accordingly for all the events. Music will start around 2pm and last until 10pm. Mr. Emery said the trees and bushes that died will be replanted. Mrs. Richardson asked where you are going to be recommending parking for people. Mr. Emery said the parking lot on Sixth and Plum will be open for parking and off street parking will be available.

Mr. Andrako said regarding the dog park the fence is about 90% complete and the path has been paved. We recently reseeded it and ordered the benches and the kiosk. He said things are coming together and we are just waiting for the grass to become established. Mr. Reams said he drove by there this weekend and it looks good. Mr. Andrako said we are looking at naming it Bark Park. Mayor Gore was concerned that it was a trademarked name. We have researched it and found several parks in Ohio with the name "Bark Park", and do not feel it is trademarked.

#### **COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:**

**COMMENTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Mr. Reams asked if we have changed our mowing schedule. Mr. Andrako said he knows there are a couple areas that they are trying to let naturalize. Mr. Reams said it is close to the pump station. Mr. Andrako said he will look into that area. Mrs. Richardson said it might help if the City would identify which areas they are trying to naturalize. She said because people are a little annoyed about the idea of naturalizing because of the bugs, animals and nuisances. Mr. Andrako said he can identify all the areas that they are wanting to naturalize and the reasoning behind the naturalization.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm