

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Domenick Mucci, Jr. who presided. The meeting was opened with a silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilmen Metcalf, Perkins, Stasiulewicz, Chanoski, DiLoreto, Fortunato, and Lalich. Also present; Law Director S. Gary Repella, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Health Commissioner Patty Reda, Parks and Recreation Director Dwan Johnson, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Finance Director Mike Marshall, Accounting Administrator Alyssa Kerker, M&R Superintendent Joe DeSantis, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Rocky Augustine, and Engineer Michael Dolak. Also present were members of the Police Department, Dervis, Rigua, Shiman, Scott, Anderson, and Gotschall.

Roll call was taken. All present and accounted for declared Mayor Mucci.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Mr. Chanoski moved that the minutes of December 18, 2007, January 8, 2008, January 15, 2008 be accepted as written. Second by Mr. Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk read a notice to the Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer of license to Shell Bowl LLC, DBA All American Lanes & Patio, 909 Buckeye St. from Fort Steuben Bowl, Inc. DBA All American Lanes & Patio, 909 Buckeye St.

Mr. Fortunato moved that the communication be received, filed, made a part of the minutes and referred to the Police Chief, City Manager, Law Director, and Ward Councilman. Second by Mr. Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved.

Mayor Mucci asked the Clerk to read a letter from "PAW"gress for Jefferson County. The letter was dated January 27, 2008 and was asking for support of a 1.3 mill levy for construction of a new animal shelter for Jefferson County. The levy would be a one-time, one-year levy. The letter was signed by Debbie Welsch, Co-Chair and Treasurer and Sally Wehr, Co-Chair.

Mayor, "Hearing no objections the communication will be entered into the record. Hearing no objections it is so ordered. I would also like to point out let alone Ms. Welsch who's in attendance on the committee, our police chief Bill McCafferty also serves on the committee."

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Chanoski moved that the rule requiring all ordinances and resolutions to be read in their entirety be suspended and that all ordinances and resolutions be read by caption only with the exception of Resolution Nos. 2008-7 and 2008-8. Second by Mr. Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved rule suspended.

**2008-7 - BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO MICHAEL HERNON.**

Mr. Metcalf moved that Resolution No. 2008-7 be adopted by roll call. Second by Mr. Perkins. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2008-7 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mayor, "Tonight Mr. Hernon was not able to attend, but we will forward the resolution honoring him."

**2008-8 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO DEBORAH A. WELSCH**

Mr. Perkins moved that Resolution No. 2008-8 be adopted by roll call. Second by Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2008-8 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

Mr. Perkins presented to Ms. Welsch saying, "The seven years that I served with you it really has been a pleasure, even though on numerous occasions we don't agree on things, but at least I always knew where you stood and respected that. On behalf of this Council, the Administration, I want to present you with this Resolution and I have one other little thing to say. I got my cell phone bill the end of the month and for the first time since I've been on Council with you I have minutes left over. Debbie its been a pleasure."

Ms. Welsch, "Thank you very much. Rick, I know that hurt. It's over twelve years and then six years doing Pam's job I guess. It's a humbling experience to stand here and face citizens and department heads, colleagues, friends and you'd think that I'd have a prepared speech because I knew this was coming, but I have to say that it has truly been and honor and a pleasure for the twenty some years that I've been involved with the City, to work with this group of gentlemen and ladies. You couldn't ask for better people, you couldn't ask for a higher caliber of people. I think the City is very fortunate in the people that it has chosen to represent. I congratulate my colleague here, I guess not colleague anymore, but Mr. Stasiulewicz, I know that the Fifth Ward is in good hands under his leadership, and I trust that he thinks that, I know that he takes that very seriously. But, I just want to thank you for this honor, I will treasure it, frame it, keep it always, and hope that I can count on you as

you know that you can count on me for anything that we need to help each other within the future. Thank you for this honor.”

Mayor, “Debbie I think it goes without saying once again, on behalf of the citizens, thank you for your leadership.” Ms. Welsch, “Thank you Mayor its been a pleasure and a honor.”

#### **2008-9 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Lalich, Fortunato, Metcalf**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) POLICE CRUISERS FOR THE STEUBENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO SAID PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Lalich moved that the rule requiring an ordinance to be read on three separate occasions be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2008-9 be given its second and reading tonight for this bodies passage or rejection. Second by Mr. Fortunato. Roll call. All ayes. So moved rule suspended. The Clerk read the ordinance. Mayor Mucci asked if anyone wished to speak on the ordinance and there was no one. Question was called by Mr. Lalich. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2008-9 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Metcalf – nothing

Mr. Perkins – nothing

Mr. Stasiulewicz – nothing

Mr. Chanoski – nothing

Mr. DiLoreto – nothing

Mr. Fortunato – nothing

Mr. Lalich – “No report for committees but under Utilities, if possible, before we flush hydrants in neighborhoods if we could give the public a notice a day ahead of time that we are going to flush the hydrants in certain neighborhoods it would be appreciated.”

#### **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Repella – no report

Mayor, “Before we move into Miscellaneous Reports, I would like to call on Kenny, Shawn, and Jeff, if you would please come up. This evening we are going to have a presentation for Patrolman of The Year. As the public and everybody is aware, the Police Department vote amongst their selves for officers or officer that does outstanding work in the previous year. This year I believe Shawn Scott will start it out with the two honorees.”

Patrolman Scott, “I’m with the Police Department and also the Chaplin for the Fraternal of Police and also the Steubenville Police Department. Myself, and Secretary Jeff Shiman are here representing the Fraternal of Police, Fort Steuben Lodge 1. On behalf of them, the reason we gather here, we’d like to do this here in the public is that every year we’ve taken time among ourselves to try to nominate that person or persons who we believe that were outstanding police service. Not only police service within their department but also throughout the entire Lodge. Our Lodge currently represents members of the Steubenville Police Department, also members of the Mingo Safety Forces, the Toronto Police Department, various law enforcement agencies throughout Jefferson County and Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department. I was trying to think about what I wanted to say when we started but I think I’ll just try to speak from my heart. A number of years ago, a good friend of mine, I was talking with him and I suggested maybe he come on board as a police officer for the City of Steubenville and after some time, he considered that, and he decided to do that and I have the great pleasure of working with my great friend Jean-Philippe Rigaud. He’s been doing this job for a lot of years now. Another great guy I’ve had the pleasure of serving with has been Eric Dervis and Eric has just a great way of dealing with people, he presents himself wonderfully as an investigator and as a member of the Department. But it’s a great privilege to be able to honor your friends and the special thing that people will know the greatness of who you are while your still alive and able to enjoy it. Many times we say a lot of great things about people after they are deceased and we put their name on a granite wall and we talk about what great heroes they are but these gentlemen here that were here today to talk about are great heroes to me. I have a personal love for juveniles having worked with them over ten years myself in this career and I was called to do other work. Jean-Philippe has been able to continue that service, and my friend Eric Dervis is going to take over where I left off and I’m proud to say that these men represent the finest of our department when it comes to working with young people. I’m proud to say that I had a role in helping to train them and they have far exceeded anything that I have been able to teach them, they’ve gone way beyond the call of duty in their

service. Even tonight before we were getting started we were running a little bit late because a young man had come in, had been viciously assaulted by other kids in the neighborhood and they took it upon them selves to go get a camera and begin an investigation tonight instead of waiting for tomorrow morning when they would normally get their reports. They're ready and beyond the call of duty at all times, ready and able to serve and sacrifice for our department for this City. They've come a long way in their careers and continue to make us proud of who they are. It's a great privilege tonight to honor Jean-Philip and Patrolman Eric Dervis as our Officers of the Year, and on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police we'd like to present these plaques to you guys. I'd like to give an opportunity to their Sergeant who works with them on a daily basis to say a few words on their behalf."

Sergeant Kenny Anderson, "I've had the privilege of work with Eric and J.P. since April of 2005 when I was transferred to Juvenile Division. I get the first hand, every day I get to see the work that they do and the effort that they put into all their investigations and I'm really impressed, especially with the work that they've done in the area of child sexual abuse, which as you can imagine is one of the most difficult and unpleasant cases that we investigate in Juvenile Division. We have between twenty and thirty of those cases a year, in addition to the couple hundred other reports that we're responsible for investigating. Since these two started working together their investigations have led to the arrest, prosecution, and conviction of a number of different suspects for a number of different crimes involving the sexual abuse of children. Those prosecutions have led to convictions and those convictions have resulted in over 150 years of prison time being handed down for these suspects who have harmed children. I think they would both agree that we are just one piece of the puzzle. We work with a lot of different agencies and a lot of great people, Children's Services, the Prosecutor's Office for the City and County, the City Schools, and a number of different other people. But it is an honor for me to be here to see these guys get honored by other members of the department; I try to tell them on a daily basis how much I appreciate the work that they do. When you watch these cases, specifically the child abuse, sexual abuse cases, the only thing that impresses me more then the effort and time they put into the investigation is the compassion that they show the families and the great care they take to protect the children throughout that investigation. That tells me a lot about these guys as individuals, what kinds of people they are. I know I speak, hopefully for the Chief and everyone here that the City is lucky to have these guys representing the Police Department and the community and the work that they do. I'd like to also publicly thank their families, J.P.'s wife Maria the four kids that here tonight and Dervis's wife Molly, and some other family members that are here. The love and support that you give these guys at home has a direct impact on what they do here and its tough sometime when your working these kind of cases to go home and make that transition from police officer to husband and father and I think that they know they couldn't do the quality of work they do without your support. I certainly appreciate it and I know they do. Congratulations guys and keep up the good work."

Jean-Philippe Rigeau – "I'm very grateful, grateful to God for the opportunity that I have been given (inaudible). Its been a long time I've been privileged to be in Juvenile and one thing I do know very well is that I don't do anything alone, we work as a team and Eric and Sgt. Anderson, Shawn, and Jeff, all the Patrolmen, the efforts of the Prosecution, Children's Services, Victims Assistance, all those that work together with us, it becomes a team effort. So, I'm grateful for this award but there are many that it represents and again I thank you all. I thank the FOP for the honor tonight."

Eric Dervis – "I really can't add anything much more to that, I'm very (inaudible) to be in the position we are in as J.P. already touched on to help children in the community and the area, their families. I'm honored to work with J.P., he's a great guy, of course everybody here probably knows him, a great guy. Sgt. Anderson, with his leadership in that Division, it just helped us 110% to get the progress we have made throughout our time together. Thank you."

Mayor, "To the two Patrolmen of the Year, let me just say on behalf of the citizens of our community, I would like to also extend thank you and congratulations. So many times people look at the Police Department in a negative way but we here, the Administration and this Council and the citizens appreciate the hard work and the dedication. J.P., the compassion you showed tonight only reflects on the individuals that your serving, the youth of our community. Continue the good work and we'll continue to support you. Thank you, and thank you Eric."

#### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

Mr. Metcalf – "I'd like to thank Chris Petrossi and his Staff, we received a copy of the "Good Neighbor Guide", its sort of like a summary of all the laws and ordinances of the City and I think it was very well done and I just want to thank you guys for all the efforts and everybody on your staff. It was an excellent piece of work and I hope everyone gets a chance to pick it up once it finalized. Secondly, being a graduate of Ohio University in Athens it's nice to see that Saturday will be Steubenville Day at the Convocation Center. Sylvia Crawley and the women's team will be facing off against Eastern Michigan and they are going to honor Steubenville Day

and the City of Steubenville residents who take a flyer gets into the game free. Currently the team is 13 and 8, 6 and 2 in the MAC in first place. So it's nice to see Steubenville being honored, especially at my alma mater."

Mayor, "Thank you Mr. Metcalf and the flyer that your pertaining to is one of these and if anybody needs to obtain any they could obtain them at my office."

Mr. Fortunato – "I would like to compliment the Steubenville Herald Star for this wonderful story that they wrote about our parks and what were doing for the recreation and I want to thank Dwan, I want to thank Dave Gossett for all the work that he puts into some of these things that clearly describing the things that were trying to do and the things that we've done at the parks. It's very self explanatory, he did a very nice job on it and I want to thank him and the Herald Star."

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mayor, "Is there anyone wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address."

Bill Rohrey, 1207 Cardinal St. – "I just wanted to stop in this evening and update City Council on the progress were making down at Beatty Park at the Beatty Park Disc Golf Course. You may or may not know that this Saturday were having a disc golf tournament, the very first disc golf tournament in Jefferson County called the Ice Bowl, designed to raise money for charity. We will be collecting five dollars from the entrants and a bag of canned food, all going to be donated to the Urban Mission. We've currently raised \$1,020.00 worth of cash and prizes to raffle off at the auction and I'm expecting between fifty and sixty people to be in the park this week. We also are working on holes thirteen through eighteen, we have them laid out, they are about 80% done, were working with the Parks & Recreation Department on finalizing them and by Spring they should all be in and done. We also have a web site up and working, its [www.beattyparkdiscgolf.com](http://www.beattyparkdiscgolf.com). We have pictures of all the holes, pictures of the front entrance, we have all the sponsors for the Ice Bowl listed on one of the pages and it's a pretty nice site and I'd like for you all to visit it if you could. Other then that that's about all I have I just want to let everybody know that were working hard down there to make Beatty Park a good place to play and hopefully we can do more in the future."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Mr. Rohrey, I want to thank you for all the work you've done down there. You not only give your time you give your money, and you give your energy. You have that parking starting to clean up, were getting rid of all those undesirables down there and I hope a lot of people come down this Saturday because you have to be commended for all the work you've done down there, and very, very cheap."

Mr. Perkins – "Bill, I think this may be the first time for a long time Kevin Carter may be correct and you will get an ice bowl."

Mayor – "The time is at 11:00a.m., the starting of it."

Mr. Rohrey – "I'd also like to ask that Yonk (Mr. DiLoreto) who was responsible for getting us the approval for the disc golf course, to come down on Saturday, were going to have him throw out the honorary first disc."

Mr. DiLoreto – "Thanks for inviting me. I'll be there."

Mr. Fortunato moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Lulich.  
Roll call. All ayes. So moved meeting adjourned declared Mayor Mucci.

Pamela L. Orlando  
Clerk of Council

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR