

# City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD February 10, 2014

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This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Michael C. Barth at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present and accounted for were Mayor Dell'Aquila, Director of Law Pignatiello, Director of Finance Johnson, Councilman-at-Large Barth, Councilwoman-at-Large Lecznar, Councilman-at-Large Trafis, Ward 1 Councilman Bryda, Ward 2 Councilman Fraundorf, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, Ward 4 Councilwoman Ernst, and Director of Public Service and Properties and Acting City Engineer Lovece. Absentee was Building Commissioner Moro.

## **READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

**MOTION** by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held January 27, 2014, as printed.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to accept the Consent Agenda of February 10, 2014, **Item No. 1 only**, as printed.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to accept the Consent Agenda of February 10, 2014, **Item No. 2, Item No. 3, Item No. 4, and Item No. 5**, as printed, if there is no division of the question.

**Mr. Trafis** stated:

“The reason I’ll be recusing myself from Item No. 2 is because I do business with that company. The reason I’ll be recusing myself from Item Nos. 3 through 5 is for reasons previously stated in other meetings.”

Roll Call: Barth, yea; Bryda, yea; Ernst, yea; Fraundorf, yea;  
Lecznar, yea; Snitzky, yea; Trafis (recused)

6 yea, 0 nay (Trafis recused) **MOTION CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION**

There were no Resolutions of Commendation.

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## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development**

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Trafis stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, January 21, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Trafis said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 18, 2014.

### **Public Works**

Public Works Committee Chairman Bryda stated that the Committee last met in Special Session on Monday evening, January 27, 2014. Mr. Bryda stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 3, 2014.

### **Community Services**

Community Services Committee Chairman Fraundorf stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, February 3, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Fraundorf stated that the Community Services Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 3, 2014.

### **Police and Fire**

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, January 21, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Snitzky stated that the Police and Fire Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 18, 2014.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairperson Lecznar stated that the Parks Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 18, 2014.

### **Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics**

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Ernst stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, February 3, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mrs. Ernst stated that the Rules Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 3, 2014.

### **Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel**

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Barth stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, February 3, 2014, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Barth stated that the Finance Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 18, 2014.

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## **Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel** (continued)

**Council President Barth** stated:

“I’d like to make the announcement that the original date for our Budget Hearings was February 22, 2014 and that has been postponed to Saturday, March 15, 2014. Also, another announcement – that instead of meeting on Monday, February 17, 2014, our Caucus Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 because of the Presidents’ Day holiday.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

There were no appointments or confirmations.

## **COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS**

The Clerk of Council stated she would like to acknowledge a communication received from Joni Alexeff of 6741 Karen Drive, dated January 29, 2014, as follows:

“No Complaint – Much Gratitude. I just wanted to thank everyone for their hard work, long hours and extra attention, the snow plows have been giving Karen Drive like I asked. I truly feel I was heard and that you care. I also want to thank the Police Officer who helped us free the baby deer caught between the fence post on one of the coldest days on record. It’s nice to know you have our backs on any issue. He went above and beyond trapping through the deep snow to help us. I am glad to live in a city that truly cares. My sincere appreciation.”

Mrs. Sekerak stated that the Police Officer Joni Alexeff was referring to in her thank you note is Seven Hills **Patrolman Terry Wamser**.

The Clerk of Council stated she would also like to acknowledge a thank-you card received from the Broadview Bird and Animal Hospital on Broadview Road, as follows:

“Thank you.....so very much. To the Officer and Dispatcher that handled the missing kitty call on Monday.....thank you. It’s so very nice of you to take the time to help look for a missing cat with all the other responsibilities you have. It is very much appreciated.”

Mrs. Sekerak stated that the Police Officer referred to in this particular thank you card is Seven Hills **Patrolman Mike Satanek**.

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The Clerk of Council stated she would also like to acknowledge a communication received from Vikki Marek, of 6274 St. Francis Drive, dated February 5, 2014, addressed to Mayor Dell'Aquila and Service Director Lovece, regarding Snow Plow Drivers in Seven Hills, as follows:

“I know you must get many emails and telephone calls from citizens ‘informing’ you about everything that the city workers are doing. When I first moved here, we put a wall up in our yard, and I swear, everyone in this city knew about it, so I can imagine the information you must get.

I wanted you to know that in a time when we are all over worked and rushing through life and work, there are still people who take time to do an amazing job. And, we have one of those people in this city. I am unable to provide you with a name. (Though I wish I could!) I can only tell you that the person driving a city snow plow truck (one of the bigger trucks) around 6 pm this evening on St. Francis Drive, deserves to be recognized as a great worker.

I know that during the storms, the snow plow drivers work long hours, with little rest. I appreciate the fact that they dedicate their time to keep the city safe.

My driveway ends at the bend of the street. This makes the perfect spot for all of the snow to get pushed and piled up by the plow trucks as they go around the bend. Today I was shoveling my driveway, and a plow driver took the time to slow down and clear the area at the end of my drive. I think he may have done it out of pity, seeing me try to shovel the drive, but it still meant a lot.

He probably went on his way, not thinking about it again, but I wanted to say thanks to him. I really hope you pass this message along.

*To the snow plow driver on St. Francis this evening:*

*We often do not know how the smallest act of kindness can make someone's day. Today I was having a horrible day. Honestly, it seemed like I could not catch a break. My sister (who is also my best friend, and the mom of 2 young daughters) called to tell me she has cancer. My employer is in the midst of cutting many positions, and some of my friends and coworkers lost their jobs. To top it off today is my daughter's birthday, but the storm prevented me from seeing her.*

*I was thinking about everything going on in my world. I guess I was having a ‘pity’ party. It just seemed like everything was going wrong for me. I went to shovel the drive, and I slipped and fell. I was not hurt. I just had a bruised hip (and ego). And then you showed up and took 3 extra minutes out of your day to help me. I know it probably sounds silly to you, but it made my day.*

*Thanks for being thoughtful and taking a few extra minutes out of your busy day. I honestly was very excited to see the street/apron cleared. I know you couldn't hear me, and probably didn't see me wave, but I was smiling ear to ear, and I yelled ‘Thank you!!!’*

We are fortunate to have you working in our city. I hope the Mayor and Service Director both recognize the value you bring to the City. Thanks again!”

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## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 5-2014** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE ELEVATOR EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES AT THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,910.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

**Ordinance No. 5-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.**

**Ordinance No. 6-2014** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTLAND HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING OF WESTLAKE, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE HVAC EQUIPMENT FOR ONE (1) YEAR AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,950.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

**Ordinance No. 6-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.**

**Ordinance No. 7-2014** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE K COMPANY, INC., OF AKRON, OHIO, FOR THE DECTRON/BOILER AND POOL BOILER AT THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER COMPLEX, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,480.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

**Ordinance No. 7-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.**

**Ordinance No. 8-2014** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (PATROLMAN/SERGEANT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEMORIALIZING WAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH VARIOUS POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

**Ordinance No. 8-2014 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

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**Ordinance No. 9-2014** – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR-SPEEDIE PORTABLE SERVICES, INC., OF AKRON, OHIO, TO PROVIDE PORTABLE TOILET SERVICE FOR SUMMITVIEW COMMONS, JOHN GLENN PARK, CALVIN PARK, AND NORTH PARK, FOR THE 2014 SEASON, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,900.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

**Ordinance No. 9-2014 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Ordinance No. 10-2014** – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR-SPEEDIE PORTABLE SERVICES, INC., OF AKRON, OHIO, TO PROVIDE PORTABLE TOILET SERVICE DURING THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS 2014 HOMEDAYS, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$530.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

**Ordinance No. 10-2014 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Amended Resolution No. 9-2014** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, EXPRESSING THE MAYOR’S AND COUNCIL’S APPROVAL AND SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED 2014-2018 CAPITAL BUDGET.

**Amended Resolution No. 9-2014 was read by full title only for its second reading.**

## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Bryda** had no miscellaneous comments.

**Mr. Trafis** had no miscellaneous comments.

**Mrs. Ernst** had no miscellaneous comments.

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**Mr. Snitzky:**

I just want to thank – and it has already been mentioned a couple of times by the Clerk – the Service Department and the personnel for the hours and for the efficiency with which they have gone through all the snow and brutal weather that we’ve had for the last month or so this winter. It’s an unusual winter, unlike any we’ve had in the last six or seven years. They are to be commended, and their leadership is to be commended, too – so, way to go Stewart!

**Council President Barth** commented, “Well said!”

**Mr. Fraundorf:**

I would also like to say that it’s refreshing when the people that put the long hours in are recognized for that. We know that this has been a brutal winter, and our Service Department crews who have been manning those trucks are unsung heroes. I would also like to say that, again, as Councilman Snitzky just referenced, management has a lot to do with that in my opinion. Attitude -- as we have heard through this resident’s email -- is really a reflection of management as well. So, Stewart, I think that not only are your drivers and truck operators doing a good job, but I also feel that you, as a manager, are doing a good job as well.

Service Director Lovece replied, “Thank you!”

**Mrs. Lecznar** had no miscellaneous comments.

**Council President Barth:**

I just would also like to add that when we had our financial issues, it was the Service Department that took the big hit, and they are down nine people, and they are still getting the job done. So, again, it’s a credit to them, and it’s a credit to Stewart, and the Mayor as well. So, a good job, and kudos to our Service Department.

**REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

**Director of Finance Johnson** had no formal report.

**Director of Law Pignatiello** had no formal report.

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**Director of Public Service and Properties and Acting City Engineer Lovece** had no formal report.

**Building Commissioner Moro** was not present.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR**

**Mayor Dell'Aquila** had no formal report.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Barth, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**The February 10, 2014 Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**

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Michael C. Barth, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_