

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, December 8, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Joseph Suster.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we accept the Minutes from Monday, November 24, 2014 as presented.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clwn Marincic on the Minutes, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? That passes with 7 Yes votes.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we will move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. A couple of notices I'd like to read. First off once again we're going to be doing our Annual Christmas Lighting Contest. The holiday lighting contest.

"Participate in the holiday lighting contest by nominating your favorite residential display. There is a winner in each Ward and a city wide winner will be chosen. Nomination deadline is 4 p.m. December 15th. Please submit nominations by mail to the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road or by e-mail to jduber@garfieldhts.org or fill out a form below and bring it to the civic center."

This is a pretty nice thing. We have some really nice houses that are decorated here because the people that put some time into decorating their house to be recognized so Council, if you would, check around your Wards, see what's good out there and turn in some nominations.

Next I wanted to talk a little bit about our Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive. I'm probably taking this thunder away from Kathy, but I wanted to talk a little bit about it because this is really

something that really shows what Garfield Heights is all about. At the last Council Meeting we asked for a list of the donors that gave food to our food bank and we have it here. I'll read it to you.

Jerry and Kevin Van Bolt, in memory of their mother, Catherine - a food donation
Anonymous donor in Mike Nenadovich's Ward - cash donation
Tomlinson Industries – approximately 7,000 lbs. of food
Elmwood School – approximately 3,000 cans of food
Minuteman 1-888-ohiocomp – 200 turkeys totaling more than 800 lbs.
Kiwanis of Garfield Heights – cash donation
Kokosing – cash donation
Overdrive – large cash donation and two truckloads of food
Marymount Childcare – food donation
St. John Lutheran Church – food donation
Anonymous donor – Honey baked ham to a family of three
Garfield Heights United Methodist Church – monthly donor of food and hygiene items

This is really amazing how well everybody gets together, businesses in the area, to respond to the needy in Garfield Heights and we appreciate it. This is great. Kathy's going to talk a bit more about it about how we gave the food away and where the turkeys went, but I wanted to recognize these people. This is really great. We are sending letters out to each and every one of these sponsors thanking them personally because that's really great.

Next I wanted to thank everyone for attending the Christmas Lighting Ceremony we had last week. We had lots of people there. It was really nice. The Service Department did a great job on the lights. When you get a chance to leave tonight take a look at the lights that are on. They did an outstanding job. We had a great crowd. We had Santa Claus who once again did a great job, rode in on a fire truck. Santa Claus of course as we all know who that is (Clmn Mike Nenadovich) that's for the adults and for the kids it was actually Santa Claus. That was great. We also had an elf there. Ward 5 Clmn Joe Suster was there. That was Santa's helper. I do want to thank everyone for everything they had to do to pull that off it. It takes a lot of work and the staff did a marvelous job and I want to thank everyone involved.

With that I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. I know you'll get even. Ordinance 71-2014. This is an agreement with Krock Esser Engineering. Another year agreement. They do a great job. I don't have to explain to anybody on this what a great job Krock Esser has done. It was one of our great accomplishments in getting the new engineering group in here and so I urge Council to pass that.

Next Resolution 21 is a resolution acknowledging and thanking the individuals and businesses that contributed to the November Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive which I just read to you which I think is very important for the city of Garfield Heights. It's great to see these positive things going on in this city and it reflects what Garfield Heights is all about. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anyone have any questions of the Mayor on his report? Does anyone have any questions of the Mayor on his report?

CLMN VAUGHN: Are you sure it was an elf and not a leprechaun?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Moving on, we'll move on to Law Director Tim Riley. Do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. President. No report but based on discussions at the Caucus Meeting today it is my understanding that the Building Committee Meeting and the Ways and Means Committee Meeting which were scheduled for Wednesday night of this week at 7 o'clock have been canceled. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Does anyone have any questions of Mr. Riley on his report? Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Riley on his report? There being none we'll move on to Police Chief Bob Sackett.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Thank you. I just want to mention one thing. It was 20 years ago to the day that Officers Bob Stefanov and Mike Brown were killed in the line of duty. A pursuit accident. It was a bad year for us in '94 and you that were here probably remember Sgt. Dennis Glivar was killed in August of that year and I guess it's hard to believe in a way that it's been 20 years. Sometimes it seems like a few weeks ago. But if you could keep Bob and Mike and their families in your prayers and thoughts that would be appreciated. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for the Police Chief? Does anybody have any questions of the Police Chief? There being none, we'll move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. In the last couple weeks we did finish off getting the lighting ceremony ready. We been out numerous times with the salt truck and everything else has been on leaves. We've had three trucks out. We're now working to finish in Ward 3 and 4. We'll not be back to any other Wards. That will complete the second time through. Usually we get through three times. We've missed 11 days this year because of weather. We're probably going to push it to try to get finished. Hopefully if the weather holds out we can be done with it by the end of this week and we'll be changing the trucks over for the winter applications. We usually have that done by now but because of the conditions that we had in November we lost quite a bit of time and we actually worked last Saturday. I had everybody available out there including my mechanics, etc. raking and picking up leaves. Hopefully we can get done by the end of the week if the weather holds out and then we'll be done with the leaf collections for this year. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? Does anybody have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? Next we'll move on to Dave Krock our City Engineer. Dave, do you have a report for us this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do, Council President. I just wanted to have one item. Regarding the Turney Road waterline project. They're going to take two weeks off over the holidays, but the contractor will return afterwards so if you see them leave, they'll be back in January. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Krock on his report? I do. I have one question. Could they secure those plates a little better so when they're going to be gone for two weeks that they're not going to be sliding off those slits they have made?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yeah, we've had a lot of discussions about plates and the trenches and potholes, but we hope a lot of that will be patched before they leave. We'll have that discussion with them.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is that with all? Even the ones that have the steel plates over them?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yeah, they were working through all the side streets and we're getting concrete to the back everywhere we can. There will be a few spots probably that won't be done, but they will get a lot of those fixed before they go off for two weeks.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Next we'll move to Finance Director Ron Tomola. Do you have a report for us this evening?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: No, Mr. President, I do not.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: I do. Thank you, Mr. Suster. I just wanted to expand a little bit on what the Mayor had already mentioned about our Thanksgiving food drive. I've mentioned in several reports over the course of the year about how the number of families that are registered for the food bank coming to us to supplement their regular food source is increasing so certainly the businesses and organizations and individuals that contributed was a huge help.

I do want to give you some quick numbers. This November we were able to serve 137 households. That's totaling 293 people. Eighty of those individuals were children under the age of 18 and 100 of those individuals were Seniors over the age of 60. So we are seeing more and more of our Senior population as well as our children so the Mayor did mention all the businesses by name but I certainly do want to thank them personally myself as well and we did send out personal letters to thank each organization. Those did go out in the mail. We have other businesses that have approached me to also make contributions for Christmas so I expect to have another substantial list for December. So we're very proud of those businesses and organizations and we certainly value our relationships with them.

Just a reminder that the Senior Center will host its Annual Christmas Party on Thursday December 18th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale until this Wednesday and the cost is \$4.00.

I also wanted to remind everyone about our Family Anonymous Group that does meet here at the Family Resource Center every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Family Anonymous is a 12-step program designed for people who have loved ones who are struggling with really any kind of addiction. So it's a good group. It's been growing. It's been going on for about a year now. The holidays can be a tough time for a lot of people. If you know of anybody, a neighbor or family member who might benefit, please feel free to join us. If you have any questions about the group you can call Ruth Pollack at (216) 475-1103. That's my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Does anyone have any questions of Kathy on her report? Does anyone have any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none we'll move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just have a couple comments here. Most of you have probably noticed we have a recycling bin in the parking lot behind the historic house? It's been there for a while, but what I do want you to make note of is that any of the money that is generated from the recycling bin will be donated to the Family Resource Center. A lot of the groups we offer them pop or water and that will help pay for that. We just wanted the word to get out that it's there. The type of products that you can donate or put in the bin are phone books, magazines, hard and soft cover books. I know a lot more groups or churches have these bins. If you use those please feel free to do so, but we are trying to donate money to this group. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Are there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report? Are there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report? Going on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Good evening, Mr. President. I don't have a report this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Moving right along to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

CLERK: Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone that would like to comment on tonight's agenda? Do we have anybody that would like to comment on tonight's agenda? There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'll start with Ordinance 71-2014. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 71-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KROCK ESSER ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS FOR 2015.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Mr. Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I'd like to say how extremely pleased I have been with Mr. Krock and his associates and I would love to still have you with us for the next year and I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 71-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2014

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING AND THANKING THE INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE NOVEMBER THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Mrs. Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to all of the organizations who donated to our food bank during the month of November and made hundreds of families and people happy not only during November but all year long and will donate again this December. Thank you so much and I'm happy to vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, Garfield Heights just shows that's it's a very caring community. It cares about its residents and I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: There's a great need for this food. There are a lot of recipients this year. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd just like to say I agree with Clwn Marincic and Clmn Nenadovich. You know this is the time of the year that a lot of people that don't have things have the opportunity to get them. I vote Yes.

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote, I also would like to say thank you as well in echo of my fellow Councilpersons. It's a great attestation to the human spirit that we can be thankful and giving as we are. I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I want to say thank you. Once again it shows what a caring, concerned community we have. With that I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I say it's a great thing that the businesses are doing and if you got something extra you should contribute because you'd be surprised some of your neighbors are going through some tough economic times and a lot of kids the only meal they get is the meal that they eat at school during the day time. With that it's a good thing the businesses are supporting you and I think that more individuals should support you also and other organizations as well. With that I vote Yes.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 21-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next we will move on to Comments by Citizens. If the Clerk will please read the rules.

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a city hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anyone have any comments this evening? Does anyone have any comments this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business, starting with Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. We make it quick. Tomorrow is never promised to you but I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas even though we'll have another meeting but Christmas also is a time for forgiving someone. You got them relatives you been mad at all year. Remember that nothing's guaranteed so try to get your family together. Try to show a little more love for your neighbors, etc.

I'd like to thank all of the residents in Ward 1. I tell you it's been pleasant to serve you all and also the businesses because I tell you our businesses do great up on 131st and other areas in the Ward. They really did clean that area up and I think our law enforcement has done a great job up in 131st. I tell you, you visit up there it's totally different than it was years ago.

With that, Merry Christmas, be safe. If you all out there to drive do not drink and drive. Should I not see any of you all, Merry Christmas to my colleagues, the Mayor, the family and also the Administration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: I just want to remind my residents to be careful while they're doing their Christmas shopping. While you're out there getting presents for your family there's pickpockets out there trying to rob you. Be careful in everything you do and watch out and other than that I have nothing else tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize for missing the last meeting, but I had pressing matters let's just say. I want to remind everybody yesterday was December 7th— Pearl Harbor Day. A lot of people forgot about it. I hope more remembered than they forgot. As of today 4,176 Veterans. Again I reiterate that it started out at 2,500 when we started talking about this. We do have (I thank the Chief for bringing it up again) we do have Veterans of our own that were lost in action. They may not have been in the military, but they were doing a job just as dangerous. He mentioned the two officers that lost their lives in service of our city members.

And one other thing I'd like to do right now is the organization Kiwanis at William Foster Elementary School they wrote letters for Veterans' Day for the children and we took them to

Applebee's and they were very heartfelt letters of what the children in William Foster Elementary thought of the Veterans, etc. and one Veteran did write back. He wrote:

"To Anthony (I'll leave his last name out) and William Foster School,

It was such a nice surprise to receive the letter you wrote when I went to Applebee's for a dinner on Veterans' Day. You really made my day. I'm glad I was able to serve my country during the Korean War and was able to live in this wonderful country. This free country. Thank you for your kind words. I wish you can always live in a free country.
Sincerely,
Mr. Richard Kowalics"

This was from him. He sent it on his own. It wasn't solicited. I just want you to know that the kids do care about our Veterans and they will continue to work towards the Veterans. We're going to have other projects going on. With that, thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to bring out two points here. We're beginning the holiday season. Safety is a priority. We have construction in the area. Safety in the snow. Construction workers.

Also because of the holidays here driving and drinking is a no-no. A lot of people go out drinking and driving. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. I would like to back up a little bit. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Mr. McLaughlin and his crew for working Saturday to get these leaves picked up because the bad weather's coming and there have been quite few people that have called and needed to have leaves picked up and I thank you for that. I hope you would talk to your crew about it and tell them I said thank you.

Also, Mr. Krock, it's a great thing to have Mr. Krock here. He's just an individual that you can go talk to if you have something you need done and his company has been a real asset to the city since we've had them. I thank you for that. With that I will move on to Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN BURKE: Skip right over me.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm sure it was an elf. I apologize. I could not make it to the lighting ceremony. I had been away. If I had I'm sure I'd be called the Grinch or something.

I want to wish everybody a happy holiday season. Merry Christmas to everybody and Tim, your guys did a great job on the lights out there. I actually got a chance to go see them yesterday for the first time as I've been out of town for a week. They do look really nice.

I also wanted to let everybody know that I had to move my Community Awareness Meeting back a week so it will be next week, December 17th. There was scheduled a committee meeting on Wednesday of this week. However it had gotten canceled. I already put the announcement out there for the 17th so we'll have our Christmas get together that night and if everybody could just

bring a canned food item or something we're going to donate that to the food bank. That's all I have. Merry Christmas everybody.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I thank you. I'd like everybody to stand please. I'd like to take a moment of silence to remember our fallen police officers and fire fighters who have given their lives for our community. *(A moment of silence was observed.)* Thank you. All be seated please.

It's not even 7:30 yet. I got a while to go don't I? No, real short. Tim, thank you for taking the leaf truck out. People in my Ward are very thankful especially our good friend on Monica Lane, you know his leaves are picked up. He should be happy for another year and I appreciate that.

On December 18th Ward 7 will have its annual dual Block Watch/Christmas Party. All are invited. Please come down to the basement school level of St. Benedict's/St. Monica's. We'll be meeting at 7:00 p.m. It's always a good time. Food is really good and everyone is welcome. With that, Mr. Chairman, I have nothing else. I say we adjourn this meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Clmn Vaughn to adjourn all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council