

**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Council Members in Attendance: Kent Butler  
Samuel Crowl  
Chris Fahl  
Sarah Grace  
Peter Kotses  
Patrick McGee  
Jeff Risner

Administrators and/or  
Other Elected Officials: President Knisely  
Mayor Patterson

**Items Discussed:**

- Keep Jobs in Athens County (resolution of support)
  - President – jobs will be lost in southeast Ohio due to the closing of the Hocking Correctional Facility – with this closing there is a potential loss of annual revenue for the City of Nelsonville of up to \$360,000
  - Risner – closing will affect our region – encourages the Bureau of Corrections to explore other opportunities for this location to keep jobs in the area
  - Fahl – agrees – will greatly impact City of Nelsonville
  - Mayor – need to work together to turn facility into something useful

**ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. Resolution of Support

**MINUTES**  
**CITY & SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Members in Attendance: Kent Butler, Chair  
Peter Kotses, Vice-Chair  
Chris Fahl

Other Council Members: Samuel Crowl  
Sarah Grace  
Patrick McGee  
Jeff Risner

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Mayor Patterson

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Community Food Initiatives (presentation – Mary Nally)
  - Mary Nally, CFI Director – CFI is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year – their mission is to foster a community where everyone has equal access to fresh local foods (see attached presentation) – would like the City to continue its financial support of CFI’s programming
  
  - McGee – understands CFI is expanding into other counties, and asked if any cities, other than Athens, are involved – would be a good idea to bring the Community Gardens Program into urban areas
  - Nally – that has not happened yet – she is working toward better engagement and will be meeting with Nelsonville City Council in the near future
  
  - Kotses – asked about the size of their staff
  - Nally – (3) full-time, (2) part-time, (3) AmeriCorps Members through the ComCorps Program, and (2) AmeriCorps Vistas
  
  - President – thanked CFI got its important work
  
- Body Worn Cameras
  - Butler – reviewed quotes from Axon for a 5-year contract with initial upfront cost of \$32,000, with \$18,500 each of the successive years – total cost \$106,000 over the five-year period – includes technical support

-Mayor – technology is cloud-based with quick downloading – devices are more efficient

-McGee – has a great interest in the BWC's – this is a protection for the City and its officers – crucial for police and citizen interaction

-Butler – is supportive if budget can sustain the cost

-Kotses – how long is footage maintained?

-Mayor – will check with the Chief on record storage

- Jail Contract (Washington County)

- Butler – renew annual contract – emergency overflow for female prisoners -- \$62.00 per day

## **ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. Jail Contract

**MINUTES**  
**FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Members in Attendance: Jeff Risner, Chair  
Kent Butler, Vice-Chair  
Samuel Crawl, Member

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**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Staffing (intern)
  - Mayor – would like to increase the staffing by (1) in his office to hire an intern over the summer – intern would be tasked with looking at City's revenue and expenditures over the past 8-10 years to help with budget forecasting and trend analysis – Dean of the College of Business at Ohio University will identify a high caliber undergraduate business student for this internship
  - Grace – asked if this is a paid internship
  - Mayor – yes, at \$9.00 per hour
  - Risner – questioned whether this intern would develop models for future utilization by the City
  - Mayor – yes, modeling will be a part of it

Also, requests Council authorize salary for next EPW Director – increase to 35% into the Pay Grade for a highly qualified engineer

- Appropriations

-Mayor – ARTS/West Renovations -- \$190,000 is currently appropriated – was bid and received no bids – ADA accessibility ramp is needed and is less than \$40,000 – this will be pulled from the bid and will be worked as a separate project – then requested Council increase the appropriation by \$45,000 for the interior of the building, bathrooms, flooring – will bid again – noted the asbestos has been removed

-President – clarified that there were no bids at \$190,000 – asked if a separate appropriation of less than \$40,000 is needed for the ramp outside of the project, and an additional for \$45,000 added to the bid amount – questioned the grand total amount needed for ARTS/West  
-Mayor – the ramp is about \$40,000, leaving \$150,000 from the original appropriation, and the new bid amount will then be about \$195,000 for ARTS/West

-Crowl – does this include the roof?

-Mayor – will check on that, but he doesn't believe it is

-Crowl – Recreation Advisory Board discussed this being an ideal roof for solar – good opportunity for the future

-Kotses – why zero bids?

-Mayor – addendums were likely a problem – intent for re-bid is one package with no addendums

### **ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. Staffing – intern and EPW Director
2. Appropriations

**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Members in Attendance: Chris Fahl, Chair  
Jeff Risner, Vice-Chair  
Patrick McGee, Member  
Sarah Grace, Member

Other Council Members: Kent Butler  
Samuel Crowl  
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**Items Discussed:**

- AEP (easement & right-of-way)  
-Fahl – AEP is requesting a 40' x 138' easement to install high voltage wires near East Park Drive
- NOPEC NEC Grant  
-Mayor – legislation is needed to accept grant(s) from NOPEC NEC to be used for energy efficiency or energy infrastructure projects – possible solar charging station at the pool – larger projects could include solar arrays behind the meter

**ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. AEP
2. NOPEC NEC Grant

**MINUTES**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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Samuel Crowl, Member  
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**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- Bounty on the Bricks (street closure)
  - Cindy Weber, Director of Marketing and Communication at Ohio Health O'Bleness Hospital – requested closing Court between Washington and Union on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for this fundraising event – last year \$105,000 was raised – food and security is a major health issue in our community – this event on Court Street not only financially supports our foodbanks, but also raises awareness of food insecurity
  
  - Asti Payne, Division Director of HAPCAP Food and Nutrition – foodbank covers 10 counties in Southeast Ohio – this event will help cover 8 of the 10 counties – handled 6.4 million lbs. of food in 2016 – 1 in 6 suffer from hunger, and 1 in 4 children – last year 83% of the households served, either had a senior or a child, or both living in the home, so really reaching those vulnerable populations – in 2016, over 80,000 lbs. of food was purchased and distributed from this fundraising event – Bounty on the Bricks is by far the largest fundraising event that directly benefits our food pantries
  
  - Kotses – wonderful ability to help region
  
  - Fahl – some can't afford to attend – asked about a sliding fee scale or volunteering
  - Weber – it is a fundraiser through ticket prices – many participate in the event as volunteers

-Kotses – time for closure?  
-Weber – 8:00 a.m. to midnight

-Mayor – this event is a positive impact on our food pantries – has been recognized regionally, as well as nationally – is generating much needed revenue

- ODOT Local Project Agreement (LPA – Bridge Deck Overlay)

-Kotses – ODOT is seeking City approval of a State funded project within our City limits – work includes a location on an East State overpass

-Mayor – one-lane traffic will remain open on the bridge – may be a truck detour

- Stimson (Phase I, design)

Kotses – recused himself citing a conflict of interest because he owns property in the improvement area – Councilman McGee will be handling discussion and legislation for this project

-McGee – this project is approximately 4/10 mile – \$4.5 to \$5 million in scope

-Mayor – successful in getting a Small Cities Grant for this improvement project on Stimson, from the roundabout to East State – streetscape project includes: safety conditions, intersections, accessibility, lighting, water and sewer utilities, communications, interconnectivity of traffic signals, aesthetics, and possibly burying telecom utilities – requests \$200,000 be appropriated to Street Rehab. Fund, 572, for authorization of design, part 1

-Butler – hopes utilities can be buried, removing telephone poles from the sidewalk area will enhance mobility efforts – project benefits the City's efforts and will contribute toward our pedestrian and bicycle friendly community

### **ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

1. Bounty on the Bricks
2. LPA
3. Stimson