

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
WESTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
October 16, 2007, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers

Council met in Work Session on October 16 2007 with Council Members, Craig Treneff, Kathy Cocuzzi, Anne Gonzales, Diane Fosselman, Finance Director John Winkel, Staff, Director of Law Bruce E. Bailey and Clerk of Council Mary Johnston present. Michael Heyeck, Damon Wetterauer, Jr. and William Highfield were excused.

1. **2008 – 2012 BUDGET HEARINGS**

- ❖ **Fire Division.** Finance Director John Winkel and Fire Chief Bernie Ingles reviewed the Fire Division budget with Council members. Mr. Winkel reviewed the Operating Level showing future fund balances. Mr. Ingles stated staffing levels are stable but health care costs along with labor agreements have increased the division's budget. Mr. Winkel stated Council will need to consider the replacement levy in 2009. It was felt that discussions with Blendon Township should begin in 2009.
- ❖ **Water Utility.** Mr. Winkel, Water Utility Manager Dick Lorenz, Public Service Director Frank Wiseman and Planning and Development Director Karl Craven discussed the Water Utility portion of the budget. Mr. Lorenz stated this budget reflects no increase in water rates in 2008. No additional staffing is being requested in 2008 through 2010. Mr. Wiseman discussed a new Deputy Director position being created for hire in 2010. Mayor Fosselman requested additional information on the new position. Mr. Craven reviewed the Capital Improvements Projects scheduled in 2008. Council requested updated financial information on proposed projects.
- ❖ **Refuse Fund.** Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Winkel reviewed the Refuse Fund and stated Council will need to consider a rate increase for refuse collection. Mr. Wiseman discussed cost comparisons, charge versus rated changes and refuse collection costs. Mr. Winkel suggested changing fiscal policy from three months to two months to assist with budgeting purposes. Mrs. Cocuzzi stated she is in favor of rebating money to residents who turn in recyclable goods. Mr. Treneff and Mayor Fosselman are in favor of the fiscal policy recommendation presented by Mr. Winkel. Mayor Fosselman requested additional information on fuel costs for city vehicles.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Mary J. Johnston, MMC
Clerk of Council

Diane C. Fosselman
Mayor