KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 17, 2013

The meeting of Kirtland City Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Council President R. Robert Umholtz. Mr. Webbe led the prayer which followed the Pledge of Allegiance. The members of Council present were: William Catania, David Kirek, Timothy Powell, Robert Skrbis, R. Robert Umholtz and Donald Webbe. Absent: Matthew Schulz.

Administrative personnel present were: Mayor Mark A. Tyler, Law Director Daniel Richards, Finance Director Keith Martinet, City Engineer Philip Kiefer, Police Chief Wayne Baumgart and Fire Chief Anthony Hutton.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING:

Mr. Kirek moved to waive the reading of the Minutes, with the second by Mr. Catania. The motion of Council passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Kirek moved to adopt the Minutes, with the second by Mr. Catania. **ROLL CALL: MOTION CARRIED 6/0 (VOTING YEA: UMHOLTZ, WEBBE, CATANIA, KIREK, POWELL AND SKRBIS. VOTING NAY: NONE).**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Anthony Hutton did not present a formal report.

Police Chief Wayne Baumgart gave no formal report. Responding to Councilman Powell, Chief Baumgart advised that everything ran smoothly for the marathon on Sunday, noting that there was help from the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Lake Metropark Rangers, along with help from Waite Hill and Lakeland Community College. Chief Baumgart stated that he believes the marathon was well received, although there were some traffic problems; he noted that the race was impressive and very well organized. Chief Baumgart stated that the race drew a lot of people into Kirtland; he noted that there were participants from outside of the United States.

Chief Hutton stated that the Fire Department had an ambulance at the Farmpark and at Station 1, noting that a squad was borrowed from Wickliffe; he noted that there were two ATV's – one at Chapin Forest and one at Penitentiary Glen. Chief Hutton stated that there were no incidents for Fire/Rescue. He noted that there were four Lake Health medical aid stations, and they treated a few people with cuts, blisters, etc.; but there were no major incidents. Chief Hutton stated that the organizers did a nice job getting the word out about the race, and the message boards were put up by the Service Department employees on Thursday. Chief Hutton stated that overall, he believes it was a nice event; he noted that the organizers covered all of the City's costs, including wages.

Council President Umholtz noted that he heard a lot of complaints at church. He stated that if the marathon is to be held again next year, one suggestion is to hold the entire 5K run at the Farmpark, since it is such a short distance; this would eliminate the traffic issues due to runners crossing Route 6. Mr. Umholtz stated that the biggest complaint he received was because both lanes of traffic were closed on Route 6; he also received complaints that the Sheriff's deputies were rude to drivers. Chief Baumgart stated that there were a few complaints on Route 306 also.

Chief Hutton stated that some "after the event" meetings will be held soon; he requested that Council members contact him or Chief Baumgart if they have any further suggestions or comments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (continued):

City Engineer Philip Kiefer advised that his monthly report has been distributed. Mr. Kiefer advised that the Kirtland Road sewer extension project will be advertised tomorrow and that the bids will be opened on July 3. Mr. Kiefer stated that the plans submitted to the Lake County Health Department for the modifications at the Community Center have been approved.

Finance Director Keith Martinet advised that he has prepared, posted and distributed the May financial statements.

Law Director Daniel Richards did not present a formal report and no questions were asked of him.

MAYOR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Tyler advised that Officer Beall's Safety Town graduation was held on Friday at the Community Center; he noted that there were many compliments concerning the program and that it was well attended.

The Mayor stated that the Strawberry Festival parade was held Friday evening, noting that the weather was great and there was a good turnout.

Councilman Powell stated that he was contacted by a resident of Kelsey Court with regard to a vacant house at the corner of Kelsey Court and Worrell Road; he noted that the grass is waist high. Mr. Powell noted that there were issues a few years ago with the siding and downspouts, and the house is once again in disrepair. Mayor Tyler noted that he will discuss this with Service Administrator Carm Catania.

Referring to property just east of the southeast corner of the Sperry and Kirtland-Chardon Road intersection, Council President Umholtz stated that there is a tall, dead tree that is leaning on another tree; he noted that it is not in the right of way, but that when it comes down it will fall across the road. Councilman Powell noted that Mr. Armstrong's tree was finally removed.

Councilman Skrbis inquired about the status of the house on Glenstone Drive (relative to public concerns expressed at the last meeting). Mayor Tyler stated that Mr. Catania followed up on that issue and some clean-up has been done on the property. Councilman Powell noted that Mr. Catania contacted Royal Brettrager, who went to the property with his son the next day and mowed the grass and cleaned up the yard as best they could.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

As Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Standing Committee, Councilman Powell stated that he has been trying to get in touch with various township trustees in regard to the fracking issue; he noted that he may want to schedule a meeting to discuss this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Louis Monaco, 8382 North Locust Drive, stated his appreciation to the Service Department for the brush pick-up program. He inquired about the possibility of the City instituting a leaf pick-up program during the fall, noting that leaves accumulate from year to year and become somewhat of a fire hazard. He stated that he believes a leaf pick-up program would be appreciated by the residents.

Mr. Monaco expressed concerns about garage sales, noting that some people have two or three every year; he believes there should be more policing of garage sales. He stated that garage sales create an inconvenience on the street with regard to parking.

Mr. Monaco stated his appreciation to the Service Department for work that was done on some of the culverts on his street recently, noting that there are still problems with other culverts that need to be rectified.

Mr. Monaco also commented that it is difficult to hear (in Council chambers); and for the benefit of anyone in the audience, he suggested that everyone speak a little louder.

Mayor Tyler asked Mr. Monaco to stay after the Council meeting, noting that he would like to briefly discuss the issues and comments he raised.

Council President Umholtz thanked Mr. Monaco for attending the meeting and expressing his comments and concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-O-24 - **(Third Reading) - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-O-10 RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR 2013.**
(Mayor Tyler)

Read by title only. Mr. Webbe moved to adopt, with the second by Mr. Kirek. **ROLL CALL: ADOPTED 6/0 (VOTING YEA: UMHOLTZ, WEBBE, CATANIA, KIREK, POWELL AND SKRBIS. VOTING NAY: NONE).**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-R-36 - **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014.**
(Mayor Tyler)

Read by title only and placed on First Reading.

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CONTINUING CONCERNS:

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Kirek moved to adjourn, with the second by Mr. Powell. The motion of Council passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council