

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 1, 2018

The meeting of Kirtland City Council was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Council President Kevin Potter. Mr. Schulz led the prayer which followed the Pledge of Allegiance. The members of Council present were: John Lesnick, Richard Lowery, Kevin Potter, Matthew Schulz, Robert Skrbis and Joseph Smolic. Absent: David Kirek.

Administrative personnel present were: Mayor Douglas E. Davidson, Law Director Daniel Richards, Finance Director Keith Martinet, City Engineer Philip Kiefer, Police Chief Lance Nosse, Fire Chief Anthony Hutton and Economic Development Manager Monica Drake.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 WORK SESSION:

Mr. Lesnick moved to waive the reading of the minutes, with the second by Mr. Lowery. The motion of Council passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Lesnick moved to approve the Minutes, as presented, with the second by Mr. Lowery. **ROLL CALL: MOTION CARRIED 6/0 (VOTING YEA: POTTER, SCHULZ, SKRBIS, SMOLIC, LESNICK AND LOWERY. VOTING NAY: NONE).**

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING:

Mr. Lowery moved to waive the reading of the minutes, with the second by Mr. Smolic. The motion of Council passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Lowery moved to approve the Minutes, as presented, with the second by Mr. Smolic. **ROLL CALL: MOTION CARRIED 6/0 (VOTING YEA: POTTER, SCHULZ, SKRBIS, SMOLIC, LESNICK AND LOWERY. VOTING NAY: NONE).**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Anthony Hutton did not present a formal report. Council President Potter thanked Chief Hutton for being present at the work session for questions regarding dispatch. Councilman Schulz thanked him for his prompt response to all the questions from the Standing Committee over the past month.

Police Chief Lance Nosse did not present a formal report. Council President Potter thanked Chief Nosse for attending the work session with regard to dispatch questions; he also thanked him for answering Council's questions over the last several months. Mr. Potter noted that the cooperation of both Chiefs was appreciated.

Economic Development Manager Monica Drake did not present a formal report. For the benefit of the public present, Council President Potter noted that Ms. Drake has been with the City for a couple months as the new Economic Development Manager, shared with Willowick and Wickliffe.

City Engineer Philip Kiefer advised that his monthly report for September has been distributed. For the benefit of the public, Mr. Kiefer stated that the paving contractor has been in touch with the Police Chief, and they plan to start the final course of asphalt on Wednesday.

Council President Potter inquired about a van parked at a property on Elm Street, which he brought up at a previous meeting. Chief Nosse stated that he spoke to the property owner, and the tarp was his preventative measure. Chief Nosse stated that he has 10 days to address this, noting that his time started over since he was under the assumption that a tarp would address the issue. The Chief stated that tarps are made that are designed to cover the entire vehicle, which would be suitable according to the Ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (continued):

Councilman Smolic inquired if a bid package has been prepared for resurfacing Booth Road. Mr. Kiefer stated that it was advertised for the first time last Wednesday and that this Wednesday will be the second date advertised. He stated that bids will be opened the Wednesday before the Council meeting, and he will have a report for the next Council meeting.

With regard to the septic systems in the old town area, Council President Potter inquired if the residents still need to schedule the testing since the County has turned this over to the EPA. Mr. Kiefer stated that the Health Department advised they will not be doing any more testing; it is up to the EPA to proceed. Mr. Kiefer stated that the EPA will test the catch basins and outfalls that the Health Department previously tested, and then they will communicate with the City. Mr. Potter stated that he would like to discuss this with the Mayor and Mr. Kiefer following tonight's meeting.

Noting that there was an estimate from the County for installation of sewers, Councilman Lesnick inquired if the City can request other bids. Mr. Kiefer advised that if sewers go forward, the project will be bid; the City will have to prepare plans and specifications under the rules of the Department of Utilities.

Councilman Schulz inquired how many bidders picked up bid packages for the Booth Road project. Mr. Kiefer noted that one bid package has been picked up to date.

Answering Councilman Schulz, Mr. Kiefer confirmed that Arborhurst and Singlefoot have been completed. With regard to the project on Route 306, Mr. Schulz noted that there have been some major rain events and there is some scouring occurring on the edge of the shoulders. Mr. Schulz inquired if it is the contractor's responsibility to repair that. Mr. Kiefer stated that it would be a change order, and the State advised that it is not eligible for funding; it would be 100 percent the City's responsibility.

With regard to the culvert repair on Route 306, Mr. Schulz stated that he sent pictures to the Mayor and Mr. Catania; he noted that the rain events are taking a toll and causing erosion.

Councilman Smolic inquired about the plans with regard to the steel plate on Tibbetts Road; he noted that the plate has been there for two months. Mr. Kiefer stated that at the request of Council, he is not putting projects out for bid until later so the City can get more bidders. Mr. Kiefer stated that there have been very few bids on projects lately because contractors are so busy, and Council has been displeased with getting only a few bids on projects in the past. Mr. Kiefer stated that he is proposing to wait until December with the hope of getting more bidders and better prices. Responding to Mr. Potter, Mr. Kiefer stated that the City snow plow drivers know that the plate is there, noting that it can be ramped. Mayor Davidson stated that the design work will be done and it will be bid; he noted that there has been a steel plate on the road in Geauga County for two years.

Councilman Lowery inquired about the time frame for fixing the traffic light at Route 306 and Eagle Road once the final coat of pavement is done. Mr. Kiefer stated that the contractor will sub-contract for the new loop detectors; he noted that it must be completed by October 26. Mr. Kiefer noted that the sawing will be done after paving; he confirmed that it is part of the State contract.

With regard to the water runoff problem at 10993 Chillicothe, Councilman Skrbis requested that Mr. Kiefer follow up with Mr. Catania in this regard.

Councilman Smolic inquired if more base work was needed than expected on Route 306. Mr. Kiefer stated that there was less base work than anticipated.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (continued):

Finance Director Keith Martinet advised that he e-mailed the roadway reports to Council members, noting that Council can e-mail their questions to him. Mr. Martinet stated that he will be starting the 2019 budgeting. He noted that the State audit for 2016-2017 is wrapping up, noting that a meeting will be held in that regard.

Law Director Daniel Richards did not present a formal report. Councilman Lesnick inquired if there has been any feedback regarding the application for the A-5 liquor permit. Mr. Richards advised that he has not heard anything. Mr. Richards described what is allowed with this new type of permit. He stated that without a significant reason to object to the license and without substantial evidence and witnesses to testify at a hearing, there is little chance that any objection from the City would be successful. Mr. Lesnick stated that he is not against the permit issuance, but he questioned whether it would be considered "open container" if someone gets into their car to eat the liquor-infused ice cream. Police Chief Nosse stated that he has reached out to the Board of Liquor Control, but he has not yet received a response; he noted that the State Highway Patrol could not answer that question. Chief Nosse stated that once the creamery seals the container, there is potential for a violation if it is opened in a vehicle. It was agreed by Council that a hearing will not be requested with regard to the liquor permit application notices that were received by Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Davidson advised that Resolution No. 18-R-43 awards to J.D. Striping & Services, Inc., the road striping of 20.16 miles, including State Route 615, Eagle Road West, Eagle Road East, Euclid-Chardon, Kirtland-Chardon, Kirtland Road, Tibbetts, Sperry, Billings, Hobart and Booth. Acknowledging that Mr. Coleman is present tonight and is interested in striping on Markell, the Mayor stated that he will look at that separately.

The Mayor advised that Dr. James Porter is retiring from the Civil Service Commission, noting that his service has been appreciated. He noted that he has a candidate, Timothy Gmitra, for that position, and that Council will have an opportunity to meet him at an upcoming meeting.

With regard to Dispatch, Mayor Davidson stated that it is still the position of the Administration that the City's Dispatch is the best total service for the residents. He stated that the equipment is budgeted, noting that it was indicated at the time of the budget passage that there would be discussion in this regard. The Mayor noted that there is a full house of concerned citizens at tonight's meeting, as there has been at the past couple meetings. The Mayor stated that Council and the Administration are working hard to address this matter. He noted that members of the Sheriff's Department attended tonight's work session to provide information regarding the options other than the City's Dispatch.

Mayor Davidson referred to a letter that was received from Dr. Carol Cunningham, State Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS. The Mayor noted that she is an author and co-wrote a chapter on emergency management for the Committee on Crisis Standards of Care, and she is part of the executive steering committee for the first responder group, U. S. Department of Homeland Security; she is also a Kirtland resident. The Mayor read the final paragraph of Dr. Cunningham's letter, stating her opposition to the elimination and replacement of the Kirtland dispatch system. Mayor Davidson stated that it is his hope that Council takes the legislation off the table tonight.

Councilman Skrbis noted that he expects the constituents in his ward will be asking about resurfacing of Billings Road. He inquired if it would be in the City's interests to put out bids for Billings in addition to Booth. Mr. Skrbis inquired about the decision to move forward on Booth, but not Billings. Councilman Smolic stated that there are 317 voting residents that access Billings, compared to 178 on Booth.

MAYOR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued):

Mr. Kiefer stated that the portion of Booth Road that will be addressed, from Eagle to Kirtland-Chardon Road, is only 1/2 mile; he noted that Billings is a lot more extensive.

Mayor Davidson stated that the road plan ordered from CT Consultants will be ready this month. He stated that if there are funds that are not spent, they will be spent per the plan that is being made. The Mayor noted that the remaining funds are not sufficient to resurface Billings Road, but it will get some patching.

Councilman Smolic inquired about the amount of funds remaining from the road levy, noting that he believes an estimate for Billings was received last year for \$350,000. The Mayor advised that he does not have those figures immediately available during the meeting.

Councilman Skrbis commented on the good work that was done resurfacing Singlefoot and Arborhurst.

Councilman Lesnick inquired about the results of the road evaluation being done by CT Consultants. The Mayor stated that Mr. Kiefer advised it will be ready by the end of the month. Mr. Lesnick stated that he sent an e-mail requesting a "roll-up" and the amount spent on roads this year. The Mayor noted that it is difficult to generate multitudes of reports; he noted that Mr. Catania has provided detailed reports for Singlefoot and Arborhurst. Discussion ensued in this regard.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Schulz advised that a Police and Fire Standing Committee meeting was held following the last Council meeting; he noted that the minutes were approved from the June 26, 2018 Police and Fire Standing Committee meeting. Mr. Schulz stated that the minutes from the last meeting will be forthcoming. Mr. Schulz stated that one more meeting will be scheduled to make a recommendation to Council from the Committee.

Councilman Lowery stated that he would like to hold a Planning and Zoning Standing Committee meeting following the October 15 Council meeting in regard to the following: review and continued discussion regarding an Architectural Review Board; the tabled Resolution relating to alternative energy; and review of fees in Section 236.07 and Section 236.09. The meeting was scheduled as noted upon agreement of the Committee members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council President Potter reported on the following:

1. Notice from the Ohio EPA relating to Final Issuance of Certification for Lake County Raw Water-Storm Damage Reduction, Bacon Road, Painesville, Ohio. Mr. Kiefer stated that Lake County Department of Utilities operates the Bacon Road water treatment plant, noting that surrounding communities are notified.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mary Carter, 10830 Beechwood Drive, stated that her road was patched this year, but she is wondering when it will be resurfaced. Council President Potter stated that the Mayor has indicated that some final patching will be done this year, and possibly resurfacing the portion of Booth Road between Eagle Road and Kirtland-Chardon Road; no other roads will be resurfaced this year. Councilman Smolic stated that he believes the last time that neighborhood was resurfaced was in 1992.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (continued):

Mr. Potter stated that a road assessment and pavement condition report is expected soon from CT Consultants, which will help the City prioritize the roads and come up with a way to fund the repaving of the roads that need to be done.

Sterling Coleman, 7636 Markell Road, stated that the traffic light at Route 306 and Eisenhower Road makes it dangerous to exit Markell Road during rush hour because of the lengthy back-up of traffic. He suggested that overhead controls be considered or that an officer be provided during peak traffic hours for traffic control. Council President Potter noted that the loop detectors will be re-installed following completion of the road project.

John Florentine, 7360 Ledgewood Drive, inquired about connections to the sewer that was installed on Route 306. Mr. Kiefer stated that all of the properties connected to the sewer, except the Wood Manor property. Mr. Kiefer stated that the property owners pay a fee for the sewage to Lake County Department of Utilities. Mr. Florentine noted that if the sewers were run to Route 6, there could be development of that intersection, which would provide income to the City.

Responding to Mr. Smolic, Mr. Kiefer stated that in 1973, the City voted to not be a part of the planning process for sewers, so there were no plans made to handle the sewage if Kirtland ever became sewered. Mr. Kiefer noted that the City is limited now on the amount of sewage that can be sent to the plant.

Barbara Ducca, 8850 Eagle Road, inquired about the blue containers on Kirtland-Chardon Road. Mayor Davidson stated that the City contacted Dominion, and they advised that they are performing gas transmission line testing. The Mayor noted that the public questioned whether they are fracking; he stated that they are not fracking. He stated that the containers will be there temporarily.

Betsy Phillips, 9144 Timothy Lane, said that Holden Arboretum put out a statement because that activity is on their property; she stated that there is information in their newsletter and on their Facebook page pertaining to the Dominion testing.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-O-31 - (Tabled) - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 1468 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KIRTLAND RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY.
(Council President Potter)

The legislation remains tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-R-38 - (Tabled) - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A NEW CALLWORKS CALLSTATION PSAP FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Mayor Davidson)

There was discussion regarding removing this legislation from the table. Mr. Schulz noted that it came to his attention that there is a deadline on the cost of the equipment and that it would increase if it were to delay into December. Chief Hutton stated that he and Chief Nosse's concern with delaying the purchase of the equipment is that several dispatchers have applied for other jobs because they don't know which direction the City will be going. Chief Hutton stated that the City risks losing some of its best dispatchers by delaying this any longer; and he believes that they have answered all of Council's questions.

OLD BUSINESS – RESOLUTION NO. 18-R-38 (continued):

Mr. Schulz moved to remove Resolution No. 18-R-38 from the table for discussion. Mr. Smolic provided the second. **ROLL CALL: MOTION CARRIED 6/0 (VOTING YEA: POTTER, SCHULZ, SKRBIS, SMOLIC, LESNICK AND LOWERY. VOTING NAY: NONE).**

Council President Potter noted that Captain Warner and Chief Deputy Leonbruno from Central Dispatch attended a work session this evening to help Council understand what Central Dispatch can offer the City of Kirtland. He stated that this came about through the request in the budget process for \$140,000 for a new PSAP system, and that he and Councilman Lesnick visited the Police Department a couple weeks ago in this regard. Mr. Potter provided the public with background information regarding Council's investigation into the PSAP system, what Central Dispatch can offer, and the costs involved. Mr. Potter stated that the investigation started out as an opportunity to cut some costs, but it has now become a safety consideration; he discovered through conversations with Chief Nosse and other Police Chiefs that in order to keep the officers, residents and schools safe, three officers would be needed per shift at all times if the City goes to Central Dispatch. Mr. Potter stated that consideration is being given to using the money that would be saved on Dispatch toward the cost of additional officers to expand the Police force and whether that would improve safety. Mr. Potter stressed that he does not take this decision lightly, noting that the decision must be made based on factual information and not on emotions.

Councilman Schulz stated that the experts in the subject matter (the Police and Fire Chiefs) have requested a new PSAP, not an additional officer. Mr. Schulz stated that he sees this as an issue of home rule and control; there is accountability with the Chiefs. He stated that the residents and visitors have expectations, and it is his hope that when the Standing Committee meeting is held, it results in a unanimous recommendation to Council. Mr. Schulz stated that the Chiefs run a tight budget, and that the Fiscal Task Force looked at those Departments and is happy with what those Departments are doing. Mr. Schulz stated concern about not funding the City's top performers and changing the way they do business, and expecting them to still be top performers. He stated that moving the money elsewhere is not a tax reduction, and he does not believe the City would receive a greater level of service. Mr. Schulz stated that he hopes to be able to give the Chiefs the equipment they need to do their jobs and keep the City safe.

Councilman Lesnick noted that the residents have elected Council to review the matters brought before them, and there are a lot of considerations. Mr. Lesnick stated that in his line of work, top performers are challenged every day to do more with less. He stated that it is not an easy decision. Mr. Lesnick noted that all of the equipment is old, and he questioned whether the PSAP will be the first of many expenses. Mr. Lesnick stated that new standards were issued in May of this year, from the Federal Government on down, providing for accommodating voice calls over the internet, text messages, etc. Mr. Lesnick stated that Council needs to have discussion on all of the facts and figures involved and bring it to a conclusion.

Councilman Lowery stated that these are not easy decisions, noting that Council is on a fact-finding mission; he stated that no one on Council has said they are removing Dispatch or that they will not approve the PSAP. Mr. Lowery stated that they are making these decisions based on what they were elected to do. Mr. Lowery stated that he appreciates seeing the residents involved and attending the Council meetings. He stated that when Council makes the decision, it will be made in the best interests of the safety of the community.

Councilman Skrbis stated that he tried to speak with as many residents as possible over the weekend, and what he heard is that most of the residents want to keep the City's Dispatch. Mr. Skrbis stated that there may be more than one right decision, but if the decisions are equal, he believes the better decision is what the residents want. Mr. Skrbis inquired if there is a resale value to the PSAP. Chief Hutton and Chief Nosse both stated that they would assume there would be a resale value. Mr. Skrbis stated that there will be a cost regardless of the decision. He stated concern that the longer the decision is delayed, it will hurt people.

OLD BUSINESS – RESOLUTION NO. 18-R-38 (continued):

Council President Potter recommended that the Standing Committee meeting be scheduled as soon as possible, noting that this legislation will be on Third Reading at the next Council meeting. Upon further discussion, it was agreed that the Police and Fire Standing Committee meeting be scheduled for Thursday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m.

The Law Director advised that the legislation will be on Third Reading at the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-R-40 - (Second Reading) - **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND #100; SAID FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED BY OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2018 TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND #600; IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED.**
(Mayor Davidson)

Read by title only and placed on Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-R-42 - **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND #100; TEMPLEVIEW SEWER PROJECT #503; SAID FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED BY OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2018 TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUND #600; IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED.**
(Mayor Davidson)

Read by title only and placed on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-R-43 - **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J.D. STRIPING & SERVICES, INC., FOR ROAD STRIPING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
(Mayor Davidson)

Read by title only. Mr. Lowery moved to waive the three readings, with the second by Mr. Smolic. **ROLL CALL: MOTION CARRIED 6/0 (VOTING YEA: POTTER, SCHULZ, SKRBIS, SMOLIC, LESNICK AND LOWERY. VOTING NAY: NONE).** Mr. Lesnick moved to declare an emergency and adopt, with the second by Mr. Lowery. Councilman Schulz inquired if it will be paint, epoxy or thermoplastic; Mr. Kiefer advised that they use paint. **ROLL CALL: ADOPTED 6/0 (VOTING YEA: POTTER, SCHULZ, SKRBIS, SMOLIC, LESNICK AND LOWERY. VOTING NAY: NONE).**

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CONTINUING CONCERNS:

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Schulz stated that the Police and Fire Standing Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Betsy Phillips, 9144 Timothy Lane, stated that she appreciates the exhaustive process that Council is going through. She stated appreciation to the officers and dispatchers for fighting for something that a lot of people built in this community over a long period of time. In the event that Council votes against keeping Dispatch, she inquired about the process to put this matter on the ballot. Mr. Richards stated that any initiative petition or referendum has to be placed on the ballot at either a general or special election; he noted that a lot of cost would be involved for a special election. Mr. Richards stated that a specified number of valid signatures would be required on the petition.

Ms. Phillips stated that if the residents need to initiate a petition for the ballot, they will also need to forestall the dismantling of the City's Dispatch in the meantime. She requested that the citizens be provided with the process by the time of the next meeting in case Council's decision goes against the wishes of the residents. Council President Potter stated that the process is provided in the City's Charter.

Rev. Potter, Pastor of Kirtland Bible Bethel Church, 10172 Chillicothe Road, inquired if there has been consideration of the number of churches that are involved in the community and their safety considering the volatile nature of the nation, and the potential response times. He stated that Mrs. Buchanan and Ms. Kahley have been a blessing to him, noting that they know who he is and where he is, which will not happen through Central Dispatch. Rev. Potter stated that it is his job as a shepherd to protect the people in his church. He stated that he talked with Chief Hutton, Chief Nosse, and former Chief Baumgart, and they have a complete safety plan set in place, with a two to three-minute response time; he noted that this will not happen without Kirtland's Dispatch. Rev. Potter stated that while the process has been difficult, he believes any difference in price to keep Kirtland's Dispatch is a small price to pay to save someone's life.

Jim Davis, 10298 Wilbert Drive, stated that it is difficult to keep emotion out of this because it involves people. He asked that Council members have the integrity to make the right decision. He stated that while Council does need to research this, they also have the valuable input of the Police and Fire Chiefs, and the biggest issue is safety. He stated that Kirtland's Dispatch serves the community well.

Bill Somnitz, 10439 Wilbert Drive, stated that he does not agree that bigger is better. He noted that Central Dispatch indicated they have call takers who give the information to the dispatchers. He mentioned instances where people died because a call taker did not give complete information to the dispatcher. Mr. Somnitz stated that with Kirtland Dispatch, the dispatchers take the call and they dispatch it.

Sharon Vyskocil, 8415 Locust Drive, inquired if the public is invited to the Standing Committee meeting. Council President Potter advised that the meeting will be held in Council Chambers and that the public is welcome to attend.

John Bodmer, 7965 Gildersleeve Drive, stated that Kirtland has a great Police Department, with people who care about Kirtland. He noted that the Police Department has kept a check on his house when he has been away, and the dispatchers are aware. Mr. Bodmer stated the importance of the personal touch that currently exists in Kirtland, which will be lost if the City goes to outside dispatch. He also noted that the Schools would likely not be able to help fund an additional officer.

Janet Jodlowski, 9150 Florence Road, stated that her husband has health concerns. She stated that they have had to call and have someone dispatched; she stated that the dispatchers are wonderful and they know who she is and where she lives. She stated that with Central Dispatch, that personal security will be lost.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued):

Diane Brezec, 10792 Crestwood Drive, stated that she has never needed the services of Dispatch, but she has talked to the dispatchers regarding various issues and they have always been kind, knowledgeable and patient. She stated that she believes the Police, Fire, EMT's and dispatchers are the best things in Kirtland. She stated that this has to do with community and that she feels safe in Kirtland; she does not want to lose that. She stated that it is not just about the money.

Susan Kosir, 8365 Bridlehurst Trail, stated that several years ago her son went missing and she had to call Kirtland Dispatch. She said that they stayed on the phone with her and made sure that she was calm and that the police officers had the proper information to find her child, and her child was found. She stated that she does not know what would have happened if there had been a delay. She stated that Council is the residents' voice, and the residents are expressing what they want.

Barb Weinfurtner, 8385 Kirtland-Chardon Road, stated that part of the reason the community is frustrated is that it has taken a long time to get to this point, and she inquired when this all started. Mayor Davidson stated that the City tries to make the equipment last as long as possible; the PSAP was in the previous budget, and it was determined to wait until 2018. The Mayor stated that it was a topic in the budget process, and it needed to be brought back up for discussion.

Ms. Weinfurtner stated that the residents were at the last meeting until 12:15 a.m. and were disappointed that this was tabled. She stated that the residents are looking for Council to take the next step. She stated her concerns about how long the process is taking. She stated concerns about the building being locked down if the City no longer has Dispatch.

Council President Potter stated that it was discussed in the budget process, and the Fiscal Review Task Force report came out in April or May noting that conversation should be held in this regard. He stated that a Committee meeting was scheduled for the end of June, and shortly thereafter some Council members visited Central Dispatch. He stated that the resolution was placed before Council in September, and another Committee meeting was scheduled to complete this process.

Gail Yarborough, 7949 Russellhurst Drive, stated that she is upset about this issue, noting that the Police Chief and Fire Chief said they need the PSAP. She stated that the Police Department and Dispatch are fantastic, even though they have been understaffed since 1979. Mrs. Yarborough stated that this is a piece of equipment that the City needs, and she stated that Council needs to vote on this.

Clint Buchanan inquired about the meeting on Thursday. Councilman Schulz stated that he wants to have this last Police and Fire Committee meeting, noting that he has been soliciting questions to try to expedite this issue and sharing the information with all of Council. Mr. Schulz stated that he would like to have a unanimous vote of the Committee to make the recommendation to Council; he noted that this is the formal process that should be followed. Mr. Schulz stated that on October 15, at the next regular Council meeting, he will give his report to Council, and a vote can take place on the legislation for the PSAP.

Barbara Ducca, 8850 Eagle Road, stated that she has been coming to the meetings and that part of the frustration is that it appears that some of the Council members have their minds already made up. She noted that each of the Council members has said that they respect both Chiefs and that they do a wonderful job, and Council has heard from the residents. She requested that Council listen to what the residents want.

Councilman Lesnick stated that he does not already have his mind made up. He stated that although they trust the Chiefs, Council needs to trust and verify.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued):

Council President Potter thanked the residents for attending and for all of their input in voicing their concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lesnick moved to adjourn, with the second by Mr. Lowery. The motion of Council passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

President of Council

Clerk of Council