



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 8, 2010

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in Workshop Session on February 8, 2010 at 6:30 PM at City Hall located at 621 W. Broad Street. Roll Call: Brush, Lenzo, McKinstry, and Sagar were present. King, Raybourne and Triplett were absent. Mayor Stephen J. Butcher presiding and Law Director Rufus B. Hurst were present.

Tim Boland, City Administrator addressed Council regarding his Administrator's Report and introduced Jenifer Frommer who gave an update on the update of the 1999 Utility Study.

Dianne Harris, Planning Director introduced Jerry Tinianow, Director of the Center for Energy and the Environment, MORPC, Jeffrey Vandel, AMERESCO, and Michelle Jourgenson, AMERESCO. They provided an update on the City's Carbon Footprint Assessment Management Plan and ways to utilize various energy savings.

Brush noted the green canopy within the right-of-ways and stream banks that might be able to be considered in the assessment. He also noted the uniqueness of the community with respect to the rural and wooded areas.

Chester Jourdan, Executive Director of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission addressed Council regarding past activities and future partnerships with the City

McKinstry addressed Council and gave an update on the Finance Committee Meeting and Open House that was held on January 30th. She explained that residents were very courteous with their criticisms and had indicated that there may be support for a 1% or 1.25% income tax.

Jason Carr addressed various factors as referenced in the Finance Committee Report dated February 8, 2010.

Brush noted the numerous times the income tax has failed and expressed concern regarding the turn around time for collection of an income tax. Brush suggested discussion of a property tax be considered.

Sagar indicated she was convinced the income tax was the better way to go.

Lenzo questioned the consideration of a 1.25% income tax when a 2% with a 1% credit failed.

Brush noted the urgency to get something passed as soon as possible. He also pointed out the number of people coming forward to support the income tax that are retirees who will not have to pay the tax. Brush explained that a levy passed first could fall off when an income tax is passed at a later date. He also encouraged members to look at what the voters will pass.

McKinstry explained that she was not in favor of a property tax and addressed the competition for property tax dollars. She also felt that people did not understand the ramp-up or the credit.

Mayor Butcher felt that it is critical the city says where the money is going to.

Mr. Boland encouraged Council to review the amounts the different rates would bring in and compare them to the needs of the City.

Lenzo encouraged Council to get something that would stabilize the City.

McKinstry indicated her support for a fulltime Police Department.

Jason Carr felt it would be more difficult to explain a Charter amendment to the voters.

Rufus Hurst, Law Director recommended a Charter Amendment be presented first and once passed an ordinance to establish an income tax could be considered by Council. Mr. Hurst read to Council the applicable provisions of the Charter.

Brush made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by McKinstry. Roll Call: Brush, Lenzo, McKinstry, and Sagar-yes. Mayor Butcher declared the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved March 8, 2010.

ATTEST:


Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk of Council


Barbara J. Triplett, President of Council