

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:34 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Maurer presiding. Members present: Anderson, Avant, Judge, Megyes, Soyars, and Suboticki. All were present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and Mr. Maurer gave the Invocation. President Maurer requested a Moment of Silence for a very fine and loyal public servant who passed away last week, Mr. Gary Schrader.

It was moved by Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Soyars, to approve the Minutes of the Sine Die Meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2010, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Soyars, to approve the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2010, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Avant, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to accept the Finance Department Report for December 2009, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

The Clerk read a letter from Janet Troutman and the Troutman Family thanking Council for the resolution given to her husband and their father, David W. Troutman.

MATTERS REFERRED

Each Council Member, the Mayor and Service Director were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

None.

The following Minutes are not transcribed verbatim. This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the tape is catalogued in the Clerk of Council’s office.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2010

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2010. PRESENTED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL. SPONSORED BY: MR. SOYARS. TITLE: COMMENDATION – CHRISTOPHER J. SILVA. A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO CHRISTOPHER J. SILVA FOR HIS 4 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE ON BARBERTON CITY COUNCIL. It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mr. Megyes, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mr. Megyes, that **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2010 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2010

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2010. PRESENTED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL. SPONSORED BY: MR. MEGYES. TITLE: COMMENDATION – JAMES R. DIPPEL. A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO JAMES R. DIPPEL FOR HIS TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE ON BARBERTON CITY COUNCIL. It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that **RESOLUTION NO. 2-2010 BE ADOPTED.** President Maurer said unfortunately these gentlemen are not here tonight to hear everyone say nice things about them. He said Mr. Silva and Mr. Dippel were fine additions to this Council; they are fine people. He said they did many things that people did not see them do. He said this Council has been very honored to serve with them. President Maurer called for the vote on adoption. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2010

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2010. PRESENTED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL. SPONSORED BY: MR. SOYARS. TITLE: COMMENDATION – SGT. PETER F. MAURER. A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO SGT. PETER F. MAURER FOR HIS 31 ½ YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BARBERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF BARBERTON. It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mr. Megyes, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mr. Megyes, that **RESOLUTION NO. 3-2010 BE ADOPTED.** President Maurer said if you noticed Pete’s last name, you know that he has known Pete since they were children. He said one thing not mentioned in his resolution was that he graduated second in his class at Highway Patrol Academy. He said that says a lot for his dedication of the educational process and his dedication to the city. President Maurer said on behalf of City Council and a very grateful city, we appreciate your efforts -- doing things a lot of people would not even think about doing. Mr. Avant said on behalf of City Council he would like to thank Pete for serving the City for thirty one years and risking his life in that capacity. Mayor Genet said to spend over thirty one years in that position, Pete must have seen a lot and must have come across a lot of different and dangerous situations. He said as Mayor, and as a resident of Barberton, he would like to thank Pete for his dedicated service for all those years. President Maurer called for the vote on adoption. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Soyars, seconded by Mr. Megyes, to recess in order to give Sgt Maurer his resolution.

Recessed: 7:50 p.m.

Reconvened: 7:52 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2010

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2010. PRESENTED BY: MR. MEGYES. TITLE: PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE – CITY OF NORTON. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO SUPPORT THE REQUESTS BY THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE SUMMIT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (DOES) TO PROVIDE SANITARY SEWER SERVICES TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS IN NORTON: CERTAIN SECTIONS OF GREENWICH ROAD, OAK STREET, AND DOROTHY COURT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Megyes, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2010 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ohio Department of Liquor Control – Change of Corporate Stock Ownership:

To: Laxmi Maa Dhan Inc., DBA Barberton Food Mart, 351 Fifth Street, NE, Barberton OH.

The Clerk said no objections were received. Chief Kallai said there are no records on the people listed on the liquor request.

President Maurer said next Monday is January 18th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a national holiday. He said the City Building will be closed and Council will be meeting on Tuesday, January 19th. He said there will be an observance to remember Dr. King, presented by the Barberton Branch of the NAACP, at 1:00 p.m. at the Barberton Public Library.

President Maurer said January 19th is also the Middle School Construction Meeting.

President Maurer said in the moment of silence, he stated that we lost a fine man, a public servant. He said Gary Schrader was a fine man, a dedicated man. He said you just do not replace people with that type of dedication. He said our prayers go out to his wife and family.

President Maurer said today was the deadline for resumes for the two vacancies on Council. He said interview dates will be set immediately following the meeting. He said some really outstanding candidates have applied.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Genet said he has been working with Summit County, using the Ohio Fuel Fund Assistance Program. He said this is an opportunity for people who are delinquent on their accounts to get assistance. He said it was held at the Active Adult Center today, but the next date is January 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He said to let any constituents know who could benefit from this program.

Mayor Genet said the VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program) is going to have a Super Saturday, which will be held at the high school on February 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He said all the other VITA nights will be at the Active Adult Center. He said notices will be going out in the water bills this month. He said if anyone is eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit, they can take advantage of this. He said volunteers to do the tax returns are not needed; however, they still need ten volunteers to help.

Mayor Genet said about a month ago he mentioned that Stark State and the U of A went to the Chamber to speak about enrollment. He said they had 124 students in the fall -- 116 from Stark State and 8 from U of A. He said usually spring semester dips a little bit. He said as of Friday, they now have 250 enrolled -- 183 from Stark State and 67 from U of A. He said that is almost unheard of. He said they have done partnerships with other community colleges and they said it normally takes a couple of years to even get close to that number. He said everyone is very pleased with the progress of this program. He said these students are not just from Barberton; they are coming from Akron, Wadsworth, Copley and other surrounding areas.

A motion was made by Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Soyars, to adjourn.

Adjourned: 8:02 P.M.

Frederick S. Maurer
President of Council

Susan Matuch
Clerk of Council