

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
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Meeting Minutes - FINAL

March 5, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Work Session

Mike Walker - Chair

Jill Amos

Will Bennett

Bob Clark

Mike Coolman

Bruce Jarvis

Patrick Lynch

- A. Call To Order *Walker called the meeting order at 6:00 p.m.*
B. Roll Call *Present 7 –Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker*
C. Also In Attendance

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Amanda Jackson, Lucas Haire

D. Request for Council Action

ORD-18-009

Public Service

An Ordinance to Update the Swimming Pool Rates

- Request to move to full Council

Ordinance Attachments: [Redlined Pool Rate Ordinance](#)

Peoples: Just want to improve the rates for the pool for the upcoming season; in review we put a redline version to show you what those proposals are; there's not a lot as far as memberships go; last year was the first year as far as new memberships go; we had a very good year as far as revenues; just wanted to go through and tweak a few things. The first one in there; we just changed seniors to 60 and over; some people who are not seniors and not over 60 do not like to be called seniors; we've had a lot of people who come through the gates who come with their children; say they're just watching their children, but go swimming anyways; they're taking up chairs, it's a lot of space when we are busy and people come in for free; so we are suggesting to have a non-swimmer rate; so if it's just a parent who's coming in with a child; let me back up to the resident 60 and over rate; the resident was free, and the non-resident was \$25; day pass is \$3, that is a reduced rate; pool parties is our biggest change we have put in there; \$200 for a resident to \$250; we added in a resident and nonresident to go along with the memberships and day pass; stipulations about going over 100 people; it's rare that that happens, but there are a few instances; reason for increase in pool party rates is because we did an analysis, Tiffany checked around to some of the local pools; we were pretty low as far as pool parties go; we seem to fill up on our pool parties every year; we put a new contract in place, and we also have some programming changes for pool parties, and offering them at different times; we typically have Thursday, Friday, Saturday; we are going to change Thursdays to a rainout date; Sundays from 6-8pm; it's typically our slowest time of the week; thought we might optimize that; Amos: On the non-swimmer rate, so it's \$1 per person, for non-swimmers; are all of those apart of the non-swimmer category? Peoples: No, resident 60 and over is free; we pulled out the rest of the non-resident that is just a day pass type of thing; we had a resident/non-resident in the memberships, but not in the day passes; obviously a 60 and over resident is free anyway, regardless of whether they have a membership or not; so we just put that in there to clarify that; but the non-residents who are 60 and over are still at a reduced rate. Lynch: The pool parties start after the pools close, is that right? They close at 8 o'clock? Peoples: 8-10pm is our pool parties; except for we are looking at Sundays from 6-8pm; Lynch: The additional rate for the parties 100+, it's \$50 more, which makes sense if there's more than 100 people; up to how many people, or do you rarely have groups over 100? Peoples: It's very rare, we will keep an eye out; on Sunday evenings, we do have a large group in there; I don't think it matters, from a pool party standpoint; for staffing it's just a little

bit different than a typical day; if they're there on Sunday at 6 o'clock, that's their typical day anyway; so we'll work with Columbus Pool Management; Lynch: Hate to see 300 people show up; and we don't have enough staff, and we're only charging \$50 extra. Bennett: What is the capacity? Peoples: I don't know, I know it's over there listed; Mayor: On the analysis that Tiffany has done, generally for every 50 people it was an additional \$5-50; this was pretty consistent throughout. Peoples: We can put that in there; it's not going to hurt anything; Pickerington goes up to 200 people, so they go up by \$50 up to 200; I think that's the highest amount; we can definitely put that in there; Mayor; If you think it's necessary; Bennett: It's not something I feel we need to put in there; just as long as Columbus Pool Management knows how many people a party can have; I think they can manage that; Peoples: We can make each additional 50 people an additional \$50; Bennett: That's what it typically was? Jackson: We used to have it on the actual pool party application; anything over 100 we need to know, because we need more lifeguards; so that's the reasoning behind needing additional dollars; Jarvis: I have a question regarding active duty military; do we get a large number? Jackson: Not a large number, but we do get some, yes; Jarvis: Was there any consideration to disabled veterans and the amount of the discount? Jackson: I can't speak to that, I don't know if Mr. Peoples can; Peoples: I guess it's never come up. Jarvis: It just seems, that for taking care of our seniors, that that's another category that might deserve some special attention, something to consider; otherwise, I think everything else sense; Lynch: Mr. Jarvis, are you saying we should add disabled veterans under the 60 and over, to be free? Add that to the 60 and over? Jarvis: Barring some compelling reason not to, that's why it was in the form of a question. Peoples: I'm not sure what the qualifier would be; active duty carry a card; Jarvis: Disabled veterans also carry cards as well, to identify them as such; the reason why I know that is because my son-in-law is a disabled veteran although he does not live in the area.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Bennett to move this resolution to full Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Bennett, Amos, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker

E. Reports

Matt Peoples –The only thing I need to add to my written report is that we opened both of the Gender Rd. and Street program bids; the street program bid came in \$90k less than the engineer's estimate, which worked out really well; Gender IV came in over \$45k over the engineer's estimate, which is okay with a \$2.5 million project; not too far out of line, just with the complexities of the railroad; not really surprised with that; still something that can be awarded; as a reminder, we will be coming back to have an appropriation ordinance to go through next time, to request some additional money that was out there for the railroad and the extended bike path; we will have an agreement with the railroad for the fifty percent cost share on that; Jarvis: For big projects like that, there's a contingency amount that is used to pad the budget, right? Peoples: There's a little bit of contingency added into that; as part of that, that process, we run on the engineer's estimate; we know how much funding we are going to get from the Ohio Public Works Commission; we knew we were going to have to re-appropriate funds anyways; a lot of times what will happen, for example the street program; we have

a set amount of money we had in the budget for the street program; we can do a couple of different things, if we came under the engineer's estimate; we can reform some of the items, as long as we don't do too much that it affects the contract, or we could do an appropriation amendment to request a little more money. By law, we are not allowed to accept anything over 10% of the engineer's estimate; we have to throw out the bids and re-bid everything; we are still within that even being \$45k over.

Lucas Haire – I apologize for not having a written report; from the Planning & Zoning Commission last month, they had final approval of the new Hampton Inn; that's proposed for 700 W. Waterloo Street; the Westport Homes proposal on Lithopolis Road and Hayes Road, that project has been tabled; we are awaiting additional information from the developer for that; they also approved the new Wyler Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep Wrangler dealership; a couple of items that are getting ready to start construction; Kay Jewelers will be starting their new location in the next 2 weeks; that's going to go on Winchester Blvd. just east of Walgreens; Winchester office park, the new office park planned for the western perimeter of Winchester Blvd.; they should be starting in the next 2-3 weeks; that'll be a 7,000 sq. ft. building. Bennett: The construction projects out on Thrush and Groveport Rd.; there's a church and a veterinary clinic that I believe were under construction out there; how are those projects coming along? I heard that construction has stopped on one, that some of the trailers have been removed; Haire: The veterinary clinic that's building out on Thrush; they ran into some issues with the water table; that required some changes of the designs in the building; they're parting ways with the engineer over the issue, and they're also parting ways with their contractor; they have a new designer on board, and they're in the process of hiring a new contractor; when the weather breaks, they should be back on track. The church is under construction, though. Walker: The Hampton, that's 82 rooms? Haire: 93; Walker: And that will be between the Aldi's and Fifth Third? Haire: Correct.

Amanda Jackson – As you all are aware, we did not have any email today; if there is ever an issue with your email, your packets are available on our website; you can always look there if for whatever reason you don't get the email; I just wanted to extend some heartfelt gratitude from Jessica and her family for all of the support she has seen from not only staff, but from council as well.

F. Items for Discussion

18-014 Housing Council Appointments

Haire: What we're asking is for 2 people to be appointed to the housing council; Canal Winchester housing council meets annually; they can review all the properties that are currently receiving a community reinvestment area real estate tax abatement; those meetings are generally held in March, we have to report that to the state by March 30th, so those meetings are held in March and review the properties; council appoints two members to that committee, there are 7 members total; 2 are appointed by the mayor; one is appointed by the Planning & Zoning committee; 2 are elected by the housing council. What I'm asking is for 2 appointments; the 2 members were Joe Abbott and Carl Heister; those were previously appointed by council and their terms have expired; so we are looking for council to appoint 2 new members; our meeting is scheduled for this year on March 14th...It's a 3-year term. It needs to be decided this evening in order to have the March 14th meeting. Amos: So our

2 previous that are falling off were not council members, correct? Haire: Mr. Abbott was a council member, yes, when he was appointed. Lynch: So are we looking at one council member, and then another outside appointment? Haire: It's at the council's pleasure; Clark: I am serving as a private resident; Haire: Mr. Clark was appointed by the housing council members; his term doesn't expire until next year. Lynch: That's an all-day meeting on the 14th? Haire: It is. We start at 8 o'clock, and generally end around 3:30. Coolman: I'd be happy to volunteer; Walker: How many do you need? Lynch: I'd be more than happy to help, yes. Bennett: Do you need a movement here or at full council to nominate? Jackson: I don't know that we've ever made a formal motion to do this before; as long as council is in agreement with your appointees. Walker: Mr. Lynch, Mr. Coolman.

18-020

Bed Tax Grant Application Review

Jackson: Back in December, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Jarvis and I met to discuss the Bed Tax Grant applications for the last round; during that meeting it came up that we haven't looked at the application itself since 2014; we thought when things were slower on a work session that we would bring it up to all of council and see what their desire would be with this; I think there's some cleanup that can be done with it; I wasn't expecting to have a full blown conversation this evening; I assume council would like some time to mull it over, but I did want to bring it to your attention; ideally I would like to have this done by mid-summer; Jarvis: I would like to refresh my memory on how this was handled; historically this program was started to address things that were more humanistic/charity in nature; when you look at the criteria as its stated, it is about attracting visitors to Canal Winchester; there are some long-standing that have been funded through grants for several years, organizations that are not "tourist" related; I don't know how you resolve that in this; those things would've been funded in a much lesser degree; I don't know how council wants to proceed with that; these were intended to be things that attract visitors to Canal Winchester, and yet not all of them are; Jackson: The thought behind that with the last time we looked at this grant was that this is Bed Tax money; it's being driven by those who are coming and staying here, as a visitor to Canal Winchester; the previous council wanted to see that money used for...Mr. Jarvis you are absolutely correct, there are a lot of applications that are not necessarily tourist-driven; ultimately it is council's choice what the money is used for; Jarvis: The "After Prom" program was one of these programs, right? Worthy program, but it doesn't really attract visitors; either we write that into the criteria to allow that, so not to confuse future generations of council; or we operate as we have historically, noting that some of those programs have been funded out of this grant program; Mayor: You could say in your application process that grants or applications that are tourism related will receive priority; Clark: Then if we have money leftover would be to fund other things; Jackson: Another option would be to take your pool and divide it up, and have two different types of grants that you award each year; one is more humanitarian-based, one tourism-based; Lynch: Correct me if I'm wrong, but 50% of the Bed Tax goes to Destination for them to do what they want, and the other 50% gets divvied up as a grant within this organization, is that correct? Jackson: It is actually - as 100%; 50% goes into the general fund, the other 50% goes into the Bed Tax fund, which is then split 50/50 between Destination Canal Winchester and this grant program; Lynch: So this is 25/25 overall, 50% goes to the general fund. Jackson: Correct. Jarvis: To further clarify that, Destination CW takes their portion and has a grant program that goes to other organizations, including themselves; they go

through a similar process, but it is strictly tourism based; Haire: You may also want to keep in mind that we have; and the requests, we have more events now as well; Amos: Lucas, please remind me how many beds the BrewDog hotel has? Haire: 32; but the rate will be much higher than any other hotel; so it's more money; the rate will be approximately \$200 a night; Lynch: So that'll be the equivalent of double the amount of rooms in general revenue; Jackson: We've also used the bed tax money before for the façade improvement grant; we've given that money to the CWICC and then they've granted it out for some of the building improvements that you see downtown; Lynch: In the past, last year, from what I understand, from what we divvy out on this end; it went to all nonprofits; the year before it went to businesses, or am I thinking of another grant? Mayor: That's not a grant; Bennett: It's a separate grant, it was given by the CWICC; it was funded through Bed Tax; Clark: All of it went to non-profits, just some non-profits geared towards a more tourist background; Bennett: All aren't non-profit though, are they? Jackson: Well, they're technically supposed to be; Walker: When will this be coming up, so we can all think about this? Jackson: It's really up to you when we want to discuss it again; I would suggest the Committee of the Whole meeting, however I will not be present for that meeting in April; you're free to talk about it without me; ideally we will just have this done by sometime in the summer; applications will be available sometime in October; Walker: I would like to request that you be here; Jackson: That's fine; we can put it out a month, we can put it out two months, whatever you'd like to do; Jarvis: You're saying that you will not be available for the Committee of the Whole meeting in April; if you want Miss. Jackson to be here, that shouldn't come up. Lynch: Miss. Jackson, you said that the 50% that goes to the city, that goes into the general fund; that's used for improvements around town? Jackson: It can be used for whatever; it's not earmarked for anything; Bennett: That's a change, from previous years; that's not the way it has been; Jackson: Legislation, when it was previously written did not specify where that first 50% of the total collections is supposed to go; after some consultation with Mr. Hollins, we determined that money goes into the general fund; 2018 will be the first year it goes into the general fund; Walker: Why don't we give council some time to think about it; 2nd meeting in March; 2 weeks from today, discuss it and make a decision; Lynch: I just have one last question; this year it's going to be different, I'm sure it changes from year to year; what kind of numbers are we talking about? Jackson: Last year we brought in \$80-\$85k; cut that in half; that was with one hotel, it all depends on how quickly things take off; Bennett: I think last year we awarded \$22k; Jackson: That does not include the Dr. Bender scholarship money; that is separate, so that would be an additional \$2k; Mayor: That's going to be out when? Jackson: The Dr. Bender scholarship applications are available right now; they are due by end of business on April 2nd; 4:30pm at our office; plan is to award those the second week of April; if you know anyone who would be eligible for that, the applications are available on our website, or they can stop in the office and we can give them a printed copy.

G. Old/New Business

Bennett: Before we adjourn; we all received an email about the recycling bins located on High Street; Mr. Jarvis, I don't know if you've had any conversations about that; one thought I had, I don't know if we want to potentially discuss increasing the number of bins, providing additional signage to share where other recycling locations are throughout the city; I know residents believe that is the only place to recycle, because it is the most visible; I know that there is recycling out at Waste Management; we

have signs out there that says you can't put trash in here, and people are still putting trash in there; I don't know if signs would help the problem; Lynch: Seems to me there's two solutions to the problem; we enact a curbside pickup, either voluntary or mandatory; I think council has researched this in the past; other one would be to figure out a way to create more pickup locations; there's a lot of different locations that we can do that; been getting a lot of feedback, a lot of comments on how it's all piling up behind the park; if we go with different locations, would Waste Management entertain putting a couple of containers out by their driveway? Mayor: As long as they're not in competition with another company that's doing the same thing, in the same location; so in other words, the school was asking if we could put a couple of recycling containers on two different school properties; they don't have Waste Management pick up their trash; Lynch: The school would be a great location; Mayor: They don't want to make the other companies mad because they're picking up their recycling; Bennett: Is the tow-path parking lot; is there an opportunity to add recycling? Mayor: We can put one in every stall if you want to; Peoples: It's not completed at this point; we have looked at that for a possibility; moving some of those containers there; the configuration of the driveway will dictate how easily we can or can't; there's some dead space in there; once we get it all laid out and done, that's something we are going to take a look at; we have had some other places around town that we've looked at; no one wants it on their property; they used to be, when we started having the problems is when Kroger went away; we are the regional drop-off point for everyone outside of the city as well; as well as the residents inside; we've heard from many residents outside when we were going through our recycling surveys that they won't have anywhere to drop their recycling off if we do away with it; most people follow directions, a lot of people don't; if they get some trash in there, they call it a "hot" load, and they have to dump the whole thing; they cannot take it to a recycler or they get penalized for it themselves; that's what the biggest problem is with those dumpsters over there; not everything that's plastic is recyclable; a lot of stuff is just trash; there's an article in the Dispatch about a month ago; so we could put out a survey, most people want to recycle; it's very difficult to figure out what's recyclable; they're talking about yogurt containers, it's plastic right? It's trash, even if it's rinsed out; it makes it very difficult, there's a very large public education campaign that they are going to start going through; where everyone thinks recyclable materials are in everything that you have, and they're not; Lynch: How many loads do you think are, as you called, "hot loads" over there? Are we talking 50%, do you have any idea? Peoples: I don't know, I've just heard them talk about it; we met with them about 2 weeks ago, to ask them about the frequency over there; there are 2 pickups on Monday, 2 Friday, and then we added a second time on Wednesday, and then once on Tuesday and Thursday; I didn't get any numbers, it was just an off conversation we were having about recycling in general; now they're being very picky about what they're taking over; one fella said that they have a barge sitting offshore that cannot be offloaded that are just sitting there, because they consider them to be hot; the Chinese are getting more picky; Lynch: Do they charge us for that? Peoples: It's a part of our contract; Lynch: Part of our city-wide contract...would they be opposed to putting out more dumpsters? Peoples: It is part of that, we've worked with them and the schools; there was a little bit of apprehension with the competition, not wanting to step on peoples' toes; Mayor: I'm not sure what the percentage of use is by city residents, versus residents outside of the city; I think outside of the city is pretty big; Peoples: We have TVs and couches out there; Mayor: Contractors bring in their

huge boxes that some kind of material came in, and they don't break them down; if they just do what they're supposed to do, it wouldn't be nearly problematic; Lynch: Any chance of putting a camera out there? Peoples: Who says we don't have one? Lynch: We should probably make that public; if we can't put one at the schools, one spot that I think might work well; it's very close to Waste Management; that drive that loops around Waste Management that loops to Groveport Rd; there's a lot of space right there, it would make for a very easy drop off, trucks wouldn't have to drive very far; Mayor: They've got them, they're out there now; they're outside the fence in their public parking; Clark: It's very difficult; Mayor: Everything has to be broken down; Clark: It's a little slot for your cardboard; Lynch: Do a lot of people know about that out there? Mayor: It gets used; Coolman: You have to think of the ease of using it too Pat; out here, we don't have any confined slots to slide broken down cardboard; versus on their site, you have to break them down; it's a convenience factor; maybe we should think about employing those tactics over here; Lynch: That's what I'm thinking, why don't we put some of those slotted ones over here, behind the park? Mayor: We briefly discussed that – Lynch: Probably would eliminate a lot of the "hot" stuff over there; Mayor: I don't know, with the stuff on the ground; Peoples: I think it would increase the amount of stuff thrown on the ground; Mayor: We can fine them for littering; Amos: I know down the street from my office in Pickerington, they have the slotted bins; there's constantly a revolving door of people dropping stuff; it does stay fairly clean, so maybe we could reach out; it's in Olde Pickerington right across from the fire department; they have 2 of those slotted bins out there; Lynch: Do we have posted that we offer fines for people who are illegally dumping? No? I think a \$250 or \$500 fine might get someone's attention.

Lynch: Parking downtown; I have been approached by several business owners; they're wondering what the possibility of putting in a couple of 10-15 minute parking spots would be; I know we have the 2 hour parking spots; what this would really be helping is the companies like the cupcake place, Shaw's Jewelers, Shade's, Harvest Moon, Roman's; people who just want to go in, pick up their food and leave, instead of parking a block or 2 away and walking and getting it; they feel it's going to increase their business, make it a lot more convenient for their clients; I know Shaw Jewelers, they're kind of concerned about the new guys up the block coming in; would it actually help their business a little more if people didn't have to walk 2 blocks or so to get their business; can anything be done to create one, two, three different 10 minute parking zones? Bennett: I think this has been discussed in the past, and the reason there was no action done; who's out there patrolling that people are only parking there for 10 minutes? Do we want to assign officers to watch these spots? If we designate a 10-minute parking spot, there's really no enforcement of that; just like there may or may not be enforcement of the 2-hour parking; you can put whatever you want out there, if you're not enforcing it, it's a moot point; Lynch: That is correct, with the 2 hour parking; it's a moot point to put signs out there; people go into Shade's and hangout 2-3 hours there; Coolman: I've been approached by business owners on the same thing; you're right, the people that have retail businesses down here, the main complaint I have heard; I have "ABC's" employees parking down here in front of my store, how do my customers get in here? You're right, it is an ongoing problem, but as Will stated, how do you patrol it? Lynch: To patrol it; let the businesses patrol it; in a different way than what you might be thinking; if the businesses can put together a letter, a calm letter, with all of their logos on it; a friendly reminder; if they see someone that's out there, they can put that card on their windshield,

and maybe, in the good will of men and women, they won't do it again; maybe that's a pie in the sky dream; it could happen, it could work; if it doesn't work, then at least they're trying; I think it would certainly help out some more businesses; Mayor: Who do you say is requesting this, what businesses? Lynch: I've talked to Harvest Moon, I've talked to Shaw Jewelers about it; Mayor: Have they requested it, or is it you that is going to them? Lynch: They've requested it; this isn't coming from me, it's coming from them; Coolman: A year ago I was told by Roman's that they have employees of other retail establishments parking in front of their store; so when their people are coming to pickup their pizza they have to park down the ally, which is restricted; it's posted by the owner; they have to go a block away, and then walk down to get their pizza; they made complaints to the business owner, saying that's a real injustice to her business; Lynch: I think it's a real need for our downtown businesses; after all, we want to try to boost our downtown business as much as possible; Mayor: I'm thinking of the businesses that are not open 7 days a week and have requested this – then what? Lynch: Maybe the signs that say 10-minute parking only applies during certain hours; in other words, after 9 o'clock it does not apply, or on Sundays it does not apply; there are ways you can work around that; Mayor: We can't make it 24/7; only because some of the businesses you mentioned aren't open; Lynch: No, there's no need for it to be 24/7; someone's going to pull in Fantasy Cupcake, they're ordering 200 cupcakes, how nice would it be to be able to park right in front, and load it right into your car? Rather than walk behind Shade's parking lot there.

H. Adjournment at 6:50 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bennett, seconded by Lynch. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker