

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Stow City Council held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Pribonic, Razor, Riehl, Adaska, Costello,  
D'Antonio & Lowdermilk

City Officials Present: Finance Director Baranek, Director of Budget &  
Management Earle, Service Director Wren, Police  
Chief Film & Clerk of Council Emahiser

Press Representatives: Stow Sentry

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### **Call to Order**

Mr. Razor called the meeting to order and Mr. Pribonic led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Costello moved and Mr. D'Antonio seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2016 as circulated.

Yes Votes: Pribonic, Razor, Riehl, Adaska,  
Costello, D'Antonio & Lowdermilk

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Riehl reported on the Finance Committee Meeting of February 25, 2016 as follows:

1. Discussed four items.
2. Two items would be introduced in legislative form.

### **City Officials' Reports**

Finance Director Baranek reported as follows:

1. Highlighted the following items from the Bill Listing:

Total - \$2,334,298.

Of that:

\$615,294 was for one payroll;  
\$368,684 was for employee benefits  
(including medical and pension contributions);  
\$74,245 was for bulk purchases;  
\$59,938 was for tax sharing with  
the City of Akron;  
\$54,124 was for capital improvements;  
\$40,038 was for utility payments; &  
\$21,206 was for water fund operation  
expenditures.

2. Earlier this week they were contacted by the Treasurer's office to continue their efforts to become more transparent. So, along with the OhioCheckbook.com Program, they were now going to be part of their Salary Survey, which was located on their web site. Therefore, people will be able to pull up the salaries of City employees off of their web site.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked for a copy of Mr. Earle's PowerPoint presentation from the Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Earle stated he would email it to the Council Members.

Service Director Wren reported as follows:

1. Struck a rate for the City's Natural Gas Aggregation Program which will go thru March of 2017. The rate would be \$2.85/mcf. Their current rate was \$4.55/mcf. More information is available on the City's web site.
2. While they were saving a lot of salt, part of the program they were in contained a requirement to pre-order salt. So, whether they used their salt or not, by September, they will have to take a minimum of 11,200 tons. Thus far, they had ordered about 4,000 tons under this year's program. So, they will have another 7,200 tons coming in.

Hopefully, they weren't going to use all of that this year, but they will stockpile it for next winter and, obviously, decrease their order vastly for next year. Having said that, he could guarantee that the price will go up vastly compared to what it was this year.

Mr. Adaska stated that last week he received an email complaint from a resident who received a letter from Constellation about the aggregation program. That resident recommended that participation in the program should not be automatic.

He had been happy with his current supplier, but when he got the letter, it said he was automatically enrolled unless he opted out. He would prefer not to have to opt out because if he hadn't opened up that piece of mail, he wouldn't have opted out and he would have lost his contract with his current supplier.

Mr. Wren stated he was going to have to look into that. He believed it was adopted by Council to do it that way when they created the program.

They had seen the same thing with the trash rates. If it were an opt-out program, they would get a much better rate on the City's program. That was the reason it was done that way – to capture the best rate possible. However, that was Council's discretion on how they want to do that.

### **Disposition of Ordinances & Resolutions**

Mr. Riehl introduced Ordinance No. 2016-24, entitled:

AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE  
EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF STOW FOR THE YEAR 2016, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

which was read by title by the Clerk for the first time.

Mr. Riehl introduced Ordinance No. 2016-25, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AND ENTER  
INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SQUIRE PAT-  
TON BOGGS, (US) L.L.P., FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING OUTSIDE  
LEGAL SERVICES AS BOND COUNSEL FOR DEBT ISSUANCE AND  
RETIREMENT ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

INCLUDING LEASING AND S.E.C. REPORTING AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

which was read by title by the Clerk for the first time.

Mr. Riehl moved and Mr. Pribonic seconded for the suspension of rules.

Yes Votes: Pribonic, Rasor, Riehl, Adaska,  
Costello, D'Antonio & Lowdermilk

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Riehl moved and Mr. Pribonic seconded for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-25.

Yes Votes: Pribonic, Rasor, Riehl, Adaska,  
Costello, D'Antonio & Lowdermilk

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2016-25 was declared to be adopted by Council and, upon its signature  
by the Mayor, shall take effect immediately.

**Disposition of Bills**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Costello moved and Mr. Adaska seconded to approve the release of the checks for  
the current Bill Listing.

Yes Votes: Pribonic, Rasor, Riehl, Adaska,  
Costello, D'Antonio & Lowdermilk

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

**Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Planning Committee  
Thursday, March 10, 2016  
at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee  
Thursday, March 10, 2016  
to follow the Planning Committee

C.O.W.  
Thursday, March 10, 2016  
to follow the Finance Committee

City Council  
Thursday, March 10, 2016  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Costello moved and Mr. Adaska seconded to adjourn.

Yes Votes: Pribonic, Rasor, Riehl, Adaska,  
Costello, D'Antonio & Lowdermilk

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Bonnie J. Emahiser  
Clerk of Council

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Mike Rasor  
President of Council