

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Stow City Council held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 8:00 p.m.

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

City Officials Present: Mayor Kline & Clerk of Council Emahiser

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### **Call to Order**

Mayor Kline called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

### **Election of President of Council**

Mayor Kline asked if there were any nominations for President of Council?

Mr. Riehl nominated Michael Robert Rasor for President of Council. Mr. D'Antonio and Mr. Lowdermilk seconded the nomination.

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Costello moved and Mr. Riehl seconded to close the nominations.

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

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Kline stated since there was only one nomination by voice acclamation they could vote on the election of Michael Robert Rasor as President of Council.

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

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Kline congratulated Mr. Rasor on being elected President of Council. She turned the meeting over to him.

### **Election of Vice President of Council**

Mr. Rasor nominated Matthew T. Riehl for Vice President of Council. Mr. D'Antonio and Mr. Lowdermilk seconded the nomination.

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Costello moved and Mr. Pribonic seconded to close the nominations.

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

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Costello moved and Mr. Pribonic seconded to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Matthew T. Riehl as Vice President of Council.

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

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Rasor congratulated Mr. Riehl on being elected Vice President of Council.

### **Election of President Pro Tem**

Mr. Riehl nominated James M. Costello for President Pro Tem. Mr. D'Antonio seconded the nomination.

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Rasor moved and Mr. D'Antonio seconded to close the nominations.

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

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Rasor moved and Mr. D'Antonio seconded to cast a unanimous ballot to elect James M. Costello as President Pro Tem.

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

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Rasor congratulated Mr. Costello on being elected President Pro Tem.

### **Committee Appointments**

Mr. Rasor stated he intended to keep everyone in the same place. If there was any objection to that, and he didn't think there was because he had reached out to just about everybody, they should let him know.

### **New Business**

Mayor Kline stated as always January sees a flurry of nominations and re-nominations for our boards and commissions. We are grateful to the citizens who step forward.

These are volunteer positions which often take significant time and effort on the part of those who serve. She asked for Council's positive consideration. She would be happy to entertain any questions Council may have.

Mr. Rasor asked Mayor Kline to recite her recommendations. Mayor Kline stated she was requesting confirmation of her reappointment of Sindi Harrison to the Parks and Recreation Board and her appointment of Ross Widenor to the Metro Board.

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Riehl moved and Mr. D'Antonio seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointment and reappointment as stated above.

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

No Votes: None

Abstentions: Lowdermilk. The motion carried.

### **Legislative Items**

Mr. Razor asked if Mayor Kline had anything to add to her Memorandum? Mayor Kline stated no.

As it said in her letter, this was a request to spend up to \$135,862.60 with Motorola Solutions, which was a sole source provider of radio equipment. This was for upgrades and impacted all of the City's safety forces.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked concerning the radio inventory at the bottom of the itemized costs, if the 51 radios for the police department were hand-held? Mayor Kline stated that was correct.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked if the 28 were for radios in vehicles? Mayor Kline stated that was correct.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked if the 2 were in dispatch? Mayor Kline stated no. At the bottom of the page was what was in dispatch.

The other two that were listed under police she was not sure where were assigned. She would speculate that they were in the office because she knew there were radios for other members of the police department, such as records and things like that. However, she could not answer for certainty. They would have to check with Chief Film.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked if the 63 for fire were for personnel? Mayor Kline stated that was correct. The 30 were for vehicles.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked if the 6 and 2 under dispatch would represent upgrading all the dispatch pods or if they were hand-held also? Mayor Kline stated hand-held and pods.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked if this figure was included in the other dispatch, the numbers they were given earlier? Mayor Kline stated they had talked about this in the past. This was separate from any potential combination of dispatch services. They had talked before about the P-25 compliance issue. That was what this was. This needed to be done regardless.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked if this would reduce that COG number? Mayor Kline didn't believe that was included, but she didn't have that information in front of her so she couldn't say for certain if it was included in that quote or not.

Mr. Lowdermilk asked if everybody else they contracted with had already upgraded? Mayor Kline believed so. Everyone had to do this. Cuyahoga Falls and Tallmadge had both done this.

Mr. Adaska assumed they were going to want to draw this money from the 911 collection money that they received last year. Mayor Kline stated she would defer that question to the Finance Director.

Mr. Adaska stated he would like to amend the legislation since the Finance Director wasn't present, unless they weren't going to vote on the legislation this evening.

Mr. Razor asked for the Mayor's time-line on this? Mayor Kline stated if Council had questions that she couldn't answer, she would certainly be happy to have a first reading this evening and to discuss it at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Razor asked if Mr. Adaska would mind getting in touch with the Finance Director? Mr. Adaska stated he would wait on it.

Mr. Razor introduced Ordinance No. 2017-1 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FOR THE UPGRADING OF THE CITY'S RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS FROM SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF PUBLIC BIDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Rasor asked if there were any other questions that couldn't wait until the next meeting? No questions were raised.

**Committee Meetings Scheduled**

Finance Committee  
Thursday, January 12, 2016  
at 6:00 p.m.

City Council  
Thursday, January 12, 2016  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Costello moved and Mr. D'Antonio seconded to adjourn.

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

No Votes: None. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mr. Rasor wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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Bonnie J. Emahiser  
Clerk of Council

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Mike Rasor  
President of Council