

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
January 25, 2011**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Headen, Henry, O'Toole, Morgan, Roche

The Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from January 11, 2011.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by Morgan, seconded by Henry.

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: The City Edition is out and in the mail now. Please let us know if you don't receive it. Regarding snowplowing, the Mayor told resident, Vida Habjun, to call Don Lazar with questions if she still had any. She had asked about the plowing in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Acting Fire Chief Armstrong: There have been 97 calls this year so far. Last Saturday there was a fire in a garage on Skyline. Equipment was destroyed and a portable heater was the cause. He warned everyone on the dangers of portable heaters.

Roche asked if we have been affected at all by the Fairport Harbor gas leak. Armstrong said we have not, but we did stand ready as back up help if necessary.

Police Chief Rowe: Mayor Ursu gave the report on police activity at the last Safety meeting. Activity is up slightly this year, but it's too early to detect a trend. We received a check for \$5,089 from a forfeiture. The 2 new cars have been changed over and are in service now.

O'Toole asked what fund the money would go into. The \$5,089 would go into the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Assistant Building Commissioner, Spada: -excused-

Finance Director, Rossiter: The City received a big bill from Republic Waste including the delinquencies from the 1st quarter, which was about \$16,000. This was not expected and is a setback. About 25% of residents have not paid. Rossiter also let employees know that their paychecks and W2's will now be placed in their city mailboxes vs. mailing them out, to save money.

Roche asked about the vacant homes and wondered how many of the homes we are being charged for are vacant. Rossiter said we will assess the homes in September.

Development Director, Gase: He was contacted last month by Momentive Materials, who bought the GE Plant. They are currently operating Quartz furnaces and are thinking about expanding and applying for tax credit. They want to build new foundations and new equipment and will be employing more people. He discussed how this is good for the City.

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Work continues on the Chelford and Harris home for the Neighborhood Stabilization grant. On February 15th we will receive clearance for the Hilltop project.

Recreation Director, Drda: The Rec Board had a meeting last night and 3 out of 4 hopefuls attended. We are having sign ups for volleyball, baseball training and cheerleading to start soon. The Heartbeats, a jump rope team, performed at the school this weekend. They are a tremendous team that has competed all over the world. Drda hopes to start up a jump rope team in Richmond Heights at the grade school.

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2- 2011, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO, INC.**

- *HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.*

***MOTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS.
MOTION MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY O'TOOLE.
MOTION PASSED 7-0. EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 8:38PM- 9:50PM.
ROCHE RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 9:50PM.***

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Alexander to adjourn this January 25, 2011 City Council Meeting at 9:50 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President