

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

May 13th, 2010

President Donato called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Clerk, Brian Watkins. ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Gyurko, Miss Dunlap, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Culbertson, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Cottis. Mr. Haney had a job related issue to tend to.

MINUTES: of the last meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Mr. Gyurko and seconded by Mrs. Cottis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Miss Dunlap, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes.

VISITORS:

Gayle Mick ó asked council if she could volunteer to plant flowers in the sewer pipe planters downtown. Council told her it was fine.

Barbara Gooding ó owns a property on Wardell St. She had a house torn down on it and wanted council to vacate an alley that is unopened that separates her property in half. She needs the alley vacated so that she could put a modular on it. Mr. Culbertson told her that she would need to get the property surveyed (at her cost). Council will not vacate the alley without the proper paperwork. President Donato also informed her that after the legal paperwork is completed she would have to petition council to have the alley vacated.

Julie Foraker ó representing Barney LaPorte - has 6 acres between State Rte. 250 and the Greenhouse. She proposed that the city use this ground for a RV Park or something of that nature. Council asked if this was going to be a donation of the property to the city. She informed council that the city would need to cover some of the expenses associated with the transfer and then the property would be donated. Mayor Reiger asked Ms. Foraker to go on record saying that LaPorte Dr. is private and owned by the Brokaw family. She assured council that it was a private road and she has the paperwork to prove it if council needs it.

Jeannette Wierzbicki ó W.E. Quicksall ó gave council an update on the E. 2nd St. project. All the pipe/structures are in the ground. Video inspection and restoration is left to complete. The project is a head of schedule and should be completed by mid-June.

Ms. Wierzbicki also spoke about the W. 3rd St. sidewalk project. The application deadline for the C.D.B.G. funds is May 24th. The city will get \$33,000 dollars in grants to continue with this project. Council told her to continue with the project. Ms. Wierzbicki will coordinate a time with Mr. Culbertson to meet and walk the area to get measurements.

REPORTS:

MAYOR: Mayor Reiger informed council that with the C.D.B.G. funds we are required to have an information/training session. On June 24th someone will be at the council meeting to provide this training.

Tony Danzo recently contacted Mayor Reiger concerning a property at 409 E. Bank St. The property is really dilapidated and needs torn down. The owners are willing to donate the property and hand over the deed to the city if council is willing to pay the back taxes. The back taxes total \$1,427.82. Mayor Reiger cautioned council that they could have anywhere from \$5,000-\$8,000 dollars to have the house torn down and all debris hauled away. President Donato was concerned that if council starts this type of practice it will always be presented with these types of offers.

DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES: Monthly reports for April ó Police ó 638 calls ó Fire - 38 calls

Mr. Angelozzi said that he had a call about a piece of property, 203 Dawson St. The owners offered the city the deed for the payment of back taxes, \$1,109.33.

Mr. Gyurko asked Mr. Angelozzi if the corner of N. Dawson and Eastport (triangle of grass) could get cleaned up. There is glass and other debris there. Mayor Reiger informed council that he had a buyer for that piece of property at the corner of Dawson and Eastport if council was interested.

LAW DIRECTOR: The police officers asked to address the mutual aid agreement with the SWAT team. An agreement has already been drafted and an ordinance would need written up if this was to proceed. Mr. Hurless went over the benefit of a mutual aid agreement:

1. if there is a large event and help is needed, a mutual aid agreement legally allows other officers (from other jurisdictions) to act in our jurisdiction or vice versa.

Mr. Peterson asked how far the mutual aid agreement expands. Mr. Hurless thought it would be from Newcomerstown to Dover.

Mrs. Cottis asked if there was any new info. on the permit fees or pit bull information. Mr. Hurless informed council that the ordinance the city has is actually more powerful than the state's stand. There have been convictions (5-6) concerning pit bulls and the officers are following through. Mr. Angelozzi said that he has instructed the officers to ask if the pit bulls are registered if they handle a call. If they are not, the owner should be cited.

AUDITOR: nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE: there was no correspondence

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MRS. COTTIS: informed council that there will be a first reading on ordinance 12-10 concerning a part-time employee in the Auditor's office. This ordinance will need to pass on the second reading.

MRS. DAVIS: nothing to report

MR. CULBERTSON: nothing to report

MR. PETERSON: nothing to report

MISS DUNLAP: questioned council about banners/flags on Water St. Miss Dunlap wanted to know if this could be put back into committee. She also asked if there was a budget for the downtown. There is \$1,500, but that money is not for banners/flags.

MR. GYURKO: Informed council that the cemetery board has hired John Chapman as the new supervisor at the cemetery. Mr. Chapman has been the Assistant at the cemetery for 11 years. Because of the budget crunch that was reported at the April meeting the board did not conduct interviews. When Dave Aldergate officially retires the cemetery board will hire a part-time person. This will save with insurance. There were 87 total applicants. Many of the applicants were not from the area. Mr. Gyurko also informed council that the cemetery has increased rates for burial of non-residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

MRS. COTTIS: none

MRS. DAVIS: none

MR. CULBERTSON: has received 4-6 calls on the trash on Main and 3rd St. The area is a mess and council needs to do something. Mr. Culbertson said that there are restrictions on trash and these people need to follow them. Mr. Hurless said that landlords need to provide proper trash containers with lids. If something is not in a container, then people could get fined for littering.

Mr. Culbertson also informed council that the tree on the corner of Romig and 3rd is gone and we will need written permission from the owner of the property to grind the stump out.

MR. PETERSON: asked council about the old Radio Shack building because there is another hole in the window. Mayor Reiger informed Mr. Peterson that paperwork is in the process of being completed to have the building torn down.

MISS DUNLAP: had a question regarding the skill games ordinance. Is the permit good for one year and the business must reapply every year? Mr. Hurless said that the permit is good from January to December; \$5,000 for the permit and \$200 for each machine. The fees are not prorated. The fees are to offset the cost of inspections/seizures.

MR. GYURKO: wanted to go on record and apologize to Mrs. Cottis for remarks/language at last council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MRS. COTTIS: asked if anything could be done about the low manholes on Water St.

NO OTHER NEW BUSINESS WAS DISCUSSED.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

First reading was held on Ordinance 10-10 regarding the fire code. A motion was made by Mr. Culbertson to suspend the rules and seconded by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Miss Dunlap, yes.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 10-10 was made by Mr. Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Cottis, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Miss Dunlap, yes.

Second reading was held on Ordinance 11-10 regarding an amendment to flood reduction ordinance 11-06. Mr. Hurless informed council that this ordinance had to have the three readings. Mr. Angelozzi needs the original ordinance when it passes signed in any other color but black ink.

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

PARK COMMITTEE: look into the 6 acres between State Rte. 250 and the Greenhouse that Mr. Foraker presented to council.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: banners/flags for Water St. Where should the money come from?

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: mutual aid agreement ó contact the police dept. to see draft of agreement and contact Mr. Hurless for help.

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES: properties that people want the city to assume for back taxes.

President Donato informed council that the 2nd Clay Workers picnic will be held June 26th from 11-6. Portions of Main and 3rd St will be blocked off for the picnic. The city will provide a dumpster for the day.

A motion was made by Mr. Gyurko to have only one meeting a month, June through August, the fourth Thursday starting at 6:30 and seconded by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Miss Dunlap, yes.