

## UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 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, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Culbertson, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Cottis.

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

### **VISITORS:**

Jim Eggan ó observer

Gayle Mick ó wanted council to know that the flowers in the sewer pipe planters downtown have been planted ó council will pay \$59.80 for the dirt to go in the planters. Joe Mako donated 2 flats of annuals that were used. She also wanted to know if anything could be done about the weeds that are growing on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Water St. Mr. Angellozi said that the city employees were too busy at this point to take care of them. He would check into getting her a sprayer and she would take care of the weeds. Mr Hurless, city Law Director, told her that he could get her help from the court. Finally, she wanted Council to know of a growing pigeon problem in the 300 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Council thanked her for her time and effort planting the flowers.

Glen and Iva Burkey ó brought concerns to Council again about a problem they are having with a neighbor at their property on 528 N. Uhrich St. He has built a fence that is on their property and has used their garage as part of his fence. Mr. and Mrs. Burkey said that there is trash/a swimming pool/play equipment on their property. Council and Mr. Hurless advised Mr. and Mrs. Burkey to get a survey done on the property so legal steps could be taken after that. Once the survey is done they are to contact Mr. Hurless with the paperwork. Also, they told council that the neighbor burns trash in the city limits only 7 ¾ inches from their vinyl fence.

Pat and Sandy Oberholzer ó wanted to know about the "No Parking" signs on Orchard St. Are they staying down or will they go back up? Mr. Angelozzi explained to them the reason the signs were put up in the first place; safety issues ó fire truck not able to pass through when cars were parked on both sides of the street and snow removal in the winter. Mr. Angelozzi informed them that the signs would stay down.

Mr. Donato wanted the visitors in attendance to know that the issue of snow removal has been put into committee. The committee would decide on starting a "snow emergency" so that cars would have to be moved off the street so that plowing can be easily done.

Mr. and Mrs. Oberholzer also wanted Council to know that cars and buses travel down Orchard St. excessively fast; especially at the intersection of Orchard and Franklin.

Mr. Gyurko suggested that they get the bus number(s) and go to the school board meeting to let them know.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** absent

**DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES:** The Mayor asked Mr. Angelozzi to pass along an estimate from Arbuckle Service to level and clean-up the Gorley Bottoms - \$5,500.00. Also, Mr. Angelozzi received a call from Kelly Powell (manages a property on W. 6<sup>th</sup> for Steve Barber) and they are having trouble getting the property rented because of the hill slipping in the back of the property. They want the blessing of the city to erect a fence. Their concern is that if city workers/water workers have to take down the fence to do any work that they put it back up.

Police Dept. applied for a 2009 COPS grant. They did not receive the grant but will be applying again. The grant is for 3 years and it is 100%. The money will go to salary and insurance. A motion allowing the Police Dept to apply for the grant was made by Mr. Haney and seconded by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Haney, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mr. Culbertson, yes.

The Fire Dept. will be applying for a A.F.G. grant (Assistance to Firefighters). They are applying for \$164,615. The grant is 95% grant ó 5% city. The money will go toward the purchase of radios and self-contained breathing apparatus. A motion allowing the Fire Dept. to apply for the grant was made by Mr. Gyurko and seconded by Mr. Haney. ROLL CALL: Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Two ordinances have been prepared and passed out to council for review ó one concerning the mutual aid agreement for the SWAT team, the other for permit fees.

**AUDITOR:** nothing to report

**TREASURER:** nothing to report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

At 7:35 a motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate with Tony Danzo was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes.

At 8:03 a motion to end the executive session was made by Mrs. Cottis and seconded by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MRS. COTTIS:** informed Council about the two ordinances that Mr. Hurless passed out. Council needs to read/review them so that they could be read at the next meeting.

MRS. DAVIS: wanted Council to know that Greg Grant is looking into getting the community center running again.

MR. CULBERTSON: wanted Council to know that he received a bid from a local mason that would construct a sign at the east end of the city park matching the one that is at the entrance to the water park. Mr. Culbertson passed this bid along to President Donato. Also, Business Activities Committee was asked to look into buying two properties for the back taxes ó tabled 1 property. At this time, a motion was made for Mr. Tony Danzo to apply for a grant for property improvement and the reduction of blight by Mr. Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Gyurko. ROLL CALL: Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes. Finally, the Committee recommends that council not buy the other property for the back taxes and tear it down. A motion to accept the recommendation by the committee was made by Mrs. Cottis and seconded by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes.

MR. PETERSON: Park committee met to discuss an issue that was brought to Council at the last meeting by Ms. Julie Foraker. Ms. Foraker manages properties for Barney LaPorte and wanted to donate 6 acres of ground between route 250 and Twin City Greenhouse to the city as long as the city would pay for some fees such as a survey. The Committee recommends that Council not take the land because of improvements that would have to be made to make it usable. A motion to accept the recommendation of the committee was made by Mr. Culbertson and seconded by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes.

Second, the West Side Park was discussed and the park needs a lot of work. At this point the park doesn't pass safety requirements. It is in need of a new basketball court and play equipment. The Park Committee recommends something be done with the park; possibly in phases since it will be an extensive project.

Finally, new fingerprint machines are needed for the water park. There have been many problems with the two that the park currently has. The new discount child card requires a fingerprint and there were a lot of problems during the sign-up for the cards because of machine error. Life expectancy of the machine is only two years. We only have two of these machines and if one goes down it could create problems for the water park. The park committee recommends that Council purchase three of the fingerprint machines at \$125.00 each. Two could be used now and one set aside for reserve. A motion was made for the purchase of three fingerprint machines for the water park and money to come from the park maintenance fund was made by Mr. Culbertson and seconded by Mr. Gyurko. ROLL CALL: Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes.

MR. GYURKO: cemetery fees are attached to the minutes. Also, the city has a 1.6 million dollar budget and at this time only \$573,000 of tax money has been collected.

MR. HANEY: nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

MRS. COTTIS: wanted to know where the tennis court issue is that went into committee in April. Is Council going to help and if so what would be the specific amount?

MRS. DAVIS: fielded several complaints about the rise in adult ticket prices at the waterpark.

MR. CULBERTSON: none

MR. PETERSON: none

MR. GYURKO: received a call from Ed Griffin about a sinkhole that is getting bigger on Johnson Court ó asked Dan to look into that.

MR. HANEY: none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MR. HANEY: Wes Dillon went over the fire inspection of the business at the end of Gorley St. That business is not in compliance.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

A third reading was held on Ordinance 11-10 ó An ordinance amending 1.6 A of the special purpose flood damage reduction ordinance 11-06, and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Mr. Culbertson and seconded by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes.

A second reading was held on Ordinance 12-10 ó An ordinance by council establishing one part-time employee in the auditor's office. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Culbertson and seconded by Mrs. Cottis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Culbertson, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes. A motion to adopt Ordinance 12-10 was made by Mrs. Cottis and seconded by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mr. Culbertson, yes.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Ordinance/Park ó amend water park rate ordinance reducing third member on the \$250 pass to \$60 from \$100.

Zoning ó check with street dept. and water dept. to make sure that fence that was mentioned for the W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. property is alright to erect.

Personnel ó seriously look into a building inspector ó someone to make sure building codes are being followed

Special Committee made up of Mr. Haney (chairman), Mr. Gyurko, and Mr. Culbertson ó look into what factors/precautions have to be made in order to tear down the City Auto building that the chamber purchased.

Youth Activities/Recreation ó 922 resolution ó September 22 ó 922 Festival

Park ó updating/improving West Side Park ó will it be done in phases and also projected costs?

**REMINDERS:**

Special meeting at 6:00 on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to address two ordinances:

1. mutual aid for SWAT team
2. Permit fees

Storm sewer meeting to follow special meeting at 6:30

June/July/August will have only one Council meeting ó 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:30

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Brian Watkins  
Clerk of Council

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Mick Donato  
President of Council