

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2010

Uhrichsville City Council met in regular session Thursday, January 14, 2010 in Council Chambers. President Mick Donato called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll call: Present – Mick Donato, Cathy Cottis, Linda Davis, Terry Culbertson, Joel Peterson, Angela Dunlap, Jeff Gyurko, and Mark Haney. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Law Director Garry Hurless conducted the swearing in of Councilman Jeff Gyurko.

Others attending were Mayor Rick Rieger, Dan Angelozzi, Service Director; Garry Hurless, Law Director; Doug O'Meara, Assistant Law Director; Auditor Joanne Dunlap; Treasurer Susan Peters.

Minutes: The minutes of December 30, 2009 meeting were approved as presented. Roll call: 7 yeas.

Visitors: Jesse Styles, Strategis LLC; Mike Hickman, observer; Barbara Carter, observer; Becky Hughey.

Mr. Styles discussed the possibility of a wireless network tower being located behind the Nickle's Building. City would receive \$500 per month with a 30-year lease. President Donato assigned the request to the Ways and Means Committee with Chair Jeff Gyurko to contact Mr. Styles regarding details so action can be taken at the January 28, 2010 regular meeting.

Ms. Hughey asked about the status of razing two buildings at the corner of Third and Water Streets and also spoke in favor of pit bull registration and the need for enforcement of laws on the books to keep the community safe.

Mayor Rieger requested an executive session to discuss water park rates and the Health Reimbursement Account and to return with further action.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis, second by Mr. Haney to go into executive session at 7:19 p.m. Roll call: 7 yeas. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Cottis to return to regular session at 7:40 p.m. Roll call: 7 yeas. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Rieger:

- Announced applications are available at the mayor's office for lifeguards, an assistant manager and concession stand workers for Summer 2010 at the Uhrichsville Water Park.
- An ordinance is needed to transfer money from the Water Park Building Fund to a bond retirement fund.
- Clarified that Republic Waste is only collecting recyclables at the city sponsored bins and that J & J Refuse continues to collect garbage citywide.

Mr. Angelozzi:

- Monthly December department reports: Police Dept. had 452 calls for the month and a total of 6915 for 2009; Fire Dept. had 17 calls with a total of 445 for the year; Service Dept. continued street sweeping and patching and 100 tons of salt were delivered.
- Reported the part-time officer and canine (drug) unit trial period is nearly expired and noted 45 arrests were made in 5 1/2 months. A motion was made by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mr. Haney to prepare an ordinance for continuation of the unit. Roll call: 7 yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Rieger suggested the need to create a subcategory line item within the Drug Education Budget to assist with costs for training dogs.

Mr. Hurless:

-Requested authorization for the Mayor to release a CHIP home improvement grant mortgagee from contract. The contract has been satisfied and no money is involved. A motion was made by Mr. Gyurko, seconded by Mrs. Cottis for the release. Roll call: 7 years. Motion carried.

Auditor: No report

Treasurer: No report

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis – No report

Mrs. Davis – No report

Mr. Culbertson – The Park Committee is finalizing water park admission rates for those 17 and under.

Mr. Peterson – The Business Activities Committee recommends continuing to control expenses. Committee recommends terminating credit cards at Sear's, Lowe's, Carter Lumber, Tractor Supply and Staples and replacing with one VISA card with a \$2500 credit limit. City should also let the membership at Sam's Club expire. City Auditor will be custodian of the card. The mayor and service director must give prior approval to all purchases. All purchases will be done with this card. Purchases made on personal credit cards will no longer be approved or reimbursed. Following discussion the recommendation was given to the Ordinance Committee with President Donato noting that the Ordinance Committee consult with Mr. Hurless in drafting the ordinance.

Miss Dunlap – No report

Mr. Gyurko – The January 10, 2010 meeting to place a replacement levy on the ballot for cemetery operations was well attended. They are continuing to look at wages and healthcare benefits for employees and won't know until April what funding will be. Mr. Aldergate will be retiring soon as superintendent. Mayor Rieger agreed to draft a resolution commending Mr. Aldergate for his years of service.

Mr. Haney – No report

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis – None

Mrs. Davis – None

Mr. Culbertson – None

Mr. Peterson – Noted he did research on pit bulls after the December 30, 2009 meeting and the committee work is continuing on the issue.

Miss Dunlap – None

Mr. Gyurko – None

Mr. Haney – None

New Business:

Mr. Culbertson reported the Elks Lodge is requesting two handicap parking spaces in front of their building. Mayor Reiger noted the easiest way to accommodate them would be to have the city stencil two spaces along the street.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

34-09 – An ordinance establishing rates for the City of Uhrichsville's Water Park for summer 2010 and future summers unless changed by ordinance by Council. Third reading. Motion by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mrs. Cottis. Roll call: 6 yeas; 1 nay – Mr. Haney. Motion carried.

35-09 – An ordinance amending Part Seven, Chapter 739 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Uhrichsville and prohibiting sidewalk sales. Third reading. Motion to by Mr. Culbertson, seconded by Mrs. Cottis. Roll call: 7 yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. O'Meara presented Ordinance 1-10 – An emergency ordinance to approve a two-year contract with Local 4265 of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF). Motion to suspend by Mr. Gyurko, seconded by Mr. Haney. Roll call: 7 yeas. Motion carried. Suspended. Motion to adopt Ordinance 1-10 by Mr. Haney, seconded by Mrs. Cottis. Roll call: 7 yeas. Motion carried.

President Donato commended Mr. O'Meara on his work with the fire department and street department contracts.

Committee Assignments:

Ways & Means – wireless tower request by Strategis LLC

Youth Activities – Trail resolutions

Grant – Request by Wendy Zucal for the city to explore a transportation enhancement grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Safety – Contact the Tuscarawas County Auditor's office regarding information for placing the fire truck levy on the May ballot and ready for recommendation and action at the February 11, 2010 meeting.

Ordinance – Mayor's request for transferring water park building fund money to a bond retirement fund; permanent part-time police officer with a canine (drug) unit; credit card use policy.

Other Discussion:

President Donato appointed Miss Dunlap and Mr. Haney to serve with the Auditor on the Police/Fire Pension Dependency Board.

President Donato announced Jeff Gyurko will serve as President Pro-Tem for the next two years.

President Donato asked Council Clerk to send a letter to Greg Grant at the Claymont Community Center noting that Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Davis will be student body members for 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Clerk of Council

President