

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, January 11, 2018

Council President Mark Haney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Clerk Trisha Addison.

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from December 28, 2017.

Mr. Grandison asked for a correction to the minutes to clarify and approve the change in the insurance plan regarding the medical insurance effective January 1, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Cottis to approve the change in the insurance plan effective January 1, 2018. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Baker-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis with a second by Mr. Warner to accept the minutes with the clarification made. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- Last week Chief Beal, Service Director and the Mayor conducted interviews with three candidates for the position of Patrolman with the City. Offered a conditional position to one of those individuals and he is currently going through the process. He has passed step one and has a couple more steps to go. Will keep all updated on his progress.
- Remind residents of the snow parking ban which is 3 inches or more on designated streets.

City Services Director Joe Bollon:

- Nothing to report.

Law Director Brett Hillyer:

- Has only received one response to the changes in the law proposed by RITA in House Bill 49. He will forward to Mr. Harmon. If anyone has any changes please send to him and he will have an Ordinance prepared for the next meeting.
- Mrs. Cottis stated that when you read through it you would have to have some kind of tax knowledge. It is a lot of information for a layman.
- Mr. Hillyer added House Bill 49 has been challenged by several municipalities and now it is unclear as to how they will rule.
- Mrs. Cottis asked about the Regional Planning Commission that meets monthly, are we supposed to have a person representing? The Mayor said that he was told we were not. She also asked who was the boss and Mr. Harmon replied that Chris Abbuhl is the head commissioner for it now.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Absent.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- Mr. Haney had a letter from the Ohio Municipal League offering a training program which he will pass along to the new council member.

- Quicksall has sent a letter regarding upcoming funding programs.
- Reminded everyone that there is a Cemetery Board meeting Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at council chambers and would like all to attend if they can.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner-Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker-Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison –The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for January 17 at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – He attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting last Tuesday night. The purpose is to review and interpreted the county's land use regarding zoning and economic planning. Although the City of Uhrichsville isn't currently a member, we are one of three cities in Tuscarawas County. Dover and Philly are members of it, we are not. He felt as a council member it is important to learn and build on the successes of other municipalities to increase economic activity in Uhrichsville. Mr. Bollon stated that the towns he was speaking of had enormous land available to them and we are land locked and wanted him to keep that in mind.

Mr. Baker –Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison –Nothing to report.

New Business

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – He feels it is important, now that it is 2018, the new state budget is in effect and wanted to inform council that the new state budget will impact our local government immensely. After reading over the new budget, he is deeply concerned about the loss of revenue it will cause for Uhrichsville. Instead of requiring businesses to file tax returns with individual cities, the budget will have them file through the online Ohio Business Gateway and then the Ohio Department of Taxation will then process the returns before distributing the money to each local government. Along with that would be a 1% fee to municipalities. Instead of the city collecting the money, the money would first be sent to the state where it is being collected with income taxes from other cities and villages. The state doesn't have to give any of that back to us. We have made significant progress in recent years and with loss of revenue, he hopes we can keep getting grant dollars and hopes that he can be of any help to the administration and council. Mr. Bollon suggested that he talk to our auditor regarding that issue. Mr. Dorland said he thought it was voluntary and not mandated. Mr. Hillyer said it is partially mandated. Individuals will still be paying their taxes to RITA. The mandated portion is certain employers will apply to the Ohio Department of Taxation and have their taxes centrally collected. One of the local employers interested in doing that is Dollar General. They have 500 or 600 tax returns that they have to file in municipalities and they have been having issues with RITA one of which is they have been involved in a dispute over thousands of dollars of income taxes over the past years that RITA is handling and someone like Dollar General would be able to apply to the Ohio Department of Taxation to have them be the collector of those taxes instead of RITA. That was one of the issues in House Bill 49 that he was referencing. It is being challenged in Court by several dozen municipalities but that's why we had to change our bill for the third time, because it was a request of the legislature.

Mr. Miller - Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker –Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

- Chief Beal – observing.
- Wendy Mann with Twin City Kid’s Coalition. Interested in getting a youth center started in the Twin Cities. Thanked Council for the generous donation. They were able to help 12 kids in the area and they’re very happy. Partnered with the Tuscarawas County YMCA for Healthy Kids Day/Safe Kids Day on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. They are now working out of the Uhrichsville Church of Nazarene starting next Monday. They will be there Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to help with homework, etc. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for board games and Wii.
- Steve Harmon – observing.
- Joel Peterson – dropped off a copy of the information regarding the joint cemetery board meeting to the clerk. Mr. Haney said that Mrs. Cottis will be taking his position on the cemetery board and they can work together to transition.
- Buck Cottrell, 499 Moravian Trail – observing.
- Michael Huff – observing.
- Officer Hickman – observing.
- Fireman Dylan – observing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None at this time. Mr. Haney is working on it and hopes we have new council members at the next meeting to finish putting them together. As they are now, Finance Committee will stay the way it is until then so they can have their meeting. Park Committee is not planning a meeting this month.

Other Discussions:

Mr. Haney asked Mr. Hillyer about President Pro Tem and he said we should wait. Mr. Baker will carry over in the case of an emergency.

Mr. Haney thanked Council, the Mayor and everyone for the card while he down for a couple of weeks. Mr. Bollon offered to take him to the doctor a couple of times and he appreciated it. Thanked Mr. Baker for running the meeting and the clerk for keeping him in the loop.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
Council President