

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, December 14, 2017

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. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-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 November 21, 2017. A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis with a second by Mrs. Davis to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- Past Thursday the Civil Service Commission gave tests for both police and fire departments. Four took the police test and eight took the fire test. All candidates passed. The police department is going to start a selection process next week or the first of the year to hire a new police officer.
- AEP has been installing new poles downtown and today they started hooking them up. The look really nice.
- Thanks to Mark, Dominion notified they will be donating a pickup truck to the city for the fire department as a utility vehicle.
- Traffic light at 11th and Water Street is fixed. Some kind of electric surge went through it and blew both mother boards. Got the part and replaced it on flash and then the flashing mechanism went out so moved the four-way stop sign barrel from 8th and Water to 11th and Water. Now up and running.
- At 8th and Water, people in the area still don't know what stop means. The stop barrel is temporarily back in the intersection. It has almost been a year since the signs have been there so will be instructing the police department to patrol the area and may even have an officer stationed there and start issuing tickets.
- Chris Corso from Little League contacted him. They are trying to obtain a grant from the Hall of Fame in Canton for new LED lights for the baseball field. If we get that grant, the only stipulation is they would like the old lights donated to the Stark County Fairgrounds. The Mayor and Mr. Bollon do not have a problem with that, but would like Council's blessing so he can get ahold of Chris.
- The City will be entering with the County into a Paving Program next year. Already compiling a list of streets that need work done and will prioritize it and get it to the County and they will give us an idea of costs and hopefully will get a good deal and get our roads paved.
- Would like to commend the city residents for decorating their houses. They look really nice.
- Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Officer Hickman stated they are issuing citations for the stop sign violators.
- A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Warner, to donate the lights at the baseball field to the Stark County Fairgrounds, if the grant is approved for new LED lights for the ballfield. Mrs. Cottis asked if we had any use for the lights in our area. The Mayor said the new lights become city property. Mr. Haney added that some of the parts for the old lights are obsolete. Mrs. Davis asked if they would install the new lights, and the Mayor said a company would install the lights. Mr. Peterson added that it would be good to get something new since the old lights are obsolete. ROLL CALL- Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.
- Mr. Haney added the new truck would be delivered soon.

City Services Director Joe Bollon:

- Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Law Director Brett Hillyer:

- Absent.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Merry Christmas everybody.

Treasurer, Susan Peters:

- Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis-Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner-Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson –Read the minutes from the December 5, 2017 Union Cemetery Trustees meeting. A copy is available upon request. A motion to approve the minutes of the Union Cemetery Trustees was made by Mrs. Cottis, seconded by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes.

Also read the minutes from the December 13, 2017 JEDD meeting. A copy is available upon request. A motion to approve the minutes of the JEDD meeting was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

Mr. Baker-Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller-Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison –Read the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on December 13, 2017. A copy is available upon request. Council received copies of the financial reports for the month ending November 2017 and they were approved as presented. A motion was made to approve the Cash Reconciliation report by Mrs. Cottis; seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Cottis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

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.

Mrs. Davis – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson –Was asked about water park manager. Mayor said he sent letters out recently. We're in the process of getting one hired. Two different people asked about the basketball court. It should be a priority. We only have two places in town to shoot baskets. Mr. Haney said we need to dig for financing. If anyone hears anything let the Mayor or Mr. Bollon know.

Mr. Baker –Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison –Nothing to report.

New Business

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson – Merry Christmas.
Mr. Baker –Nothing to report.
Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.
Mr. Grandison – Merry Christmas.

Visitors:

- Eric Harmon, 918 N. Water Street – Asked about the progress of the skate park. He knows Mr. Miller was looking into a few grants. Mr. Miller said that he and Mr. Peterson felt the basketball park should be a priority. Mr. Peterson added with the Tony Hawk grant you have to have the land purchased before you can apply and there are a lot of stipulations. The Park Committee is still working on it.
- Buck Cottrell, 499 Moravian Trail – observing.
- Officer Hickman-Thanked council for all they do but may offend some with what he has to say. He comes to meetings, takes his lunch break to come, and a lot of meetings everyone asks for old or new business and no one but a couple have anything to report. It's frustrating to him knowing that the city financially can use a boost. Why isn't something being done to bring more bring more businesses into the city? Mr. Bollon answered that there are a lot of things going on, but because of confidentiality they can't be discussed in open council. Mr. Hickman said he understood. There was a brief discussion.
- Firefighter Beckley – observing.
- Firefighter Lynch-observing.
- Jessie Newton-This Saturday It Takes a Village is having their dinner 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with over 35 donations. Buck Cottrell donated the venue.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 1805
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UHRICHSVILLE CITY AUDITOR
TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND
TO THE BOND RETIREMENT FUND; FROM THE WATER PARK FUND
TO THE BOND RETIREMENT FUND; AND FROM THE DARE GRANT FUND
TO THE GENERAL FUND**

A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mrs. Cottis. ROLL CALL – Mr. Grandison-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

**ORDINANCE 13-17
AN ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDES FOR A TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**

A motion to suspend was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL- Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.
A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL- Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

**ORDINANCE 14-17
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE
CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

A motion to suspend was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL – Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.
A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL-Mr. Grandison-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None.

Other Discussions:

Next meeting is December 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Haney, Eric Harmon, Bob Baker, and Bob Michels as Treasurer will be sworn in at that time. The Law Director will need to be present to swear them in and prepare the necessary paperwork. Mrs. Cottis asked that the Law Director have a paper prepared for the people being sworn in. Mr. Haney instructed the Clerk to ask the Law Director to prepare a letter for the paper for the three positions within the next week and send it out. Mr. Haney explained the process which is: You submit a letter with interest, with some background and why you want to be on council and all will be interviewed. The letter is be directed to the Clerk for Mr. Haney's review. He will sit down with council and they will put a letter together and do the interviews. If they are not done within 30 days, then the Mayor appoints them. They should also specify what position they are running for. The positions available are two for Ward1 and one for At-Large. In order to run for the Ward, you have to live in that Ward. Ward 1 is where Mr. Grandison, Mr. Baker and Mr. Grandison live. Mr. Haney gave Mr. Cottrell a chance to ask questions and there was a brief discussions. Mr. Peterson is waiting to hear from the Law Director regarding his status.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
Council President