

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, May 25, 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-excused due to illness; 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 May 11, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Baker with a second by Mr. Peterson to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes.

Council President Mark Haney introduced Bubbles Affolter of the Twin Water & Sewer District who presented the Twin City Water and Sewer report.

- Hired Tim Zurcher as new employee for waste water management maintenance position.
- Put JJ Ong on retainer for the Board.
- Still trying to secure money for Phase 2 of the Eastport project.
- Have a new policy manual that has been prepared by Clemmon and Nelson but it hasn't been given to the employees yet.
- Going to a new billing system. Part of the billing will be done by ARC. They will prepare the bills and then mail them out and they will take care of the postage and the bar codes that are required but our post office is not able to do. Feels it will be a more cost effective way after the initial startup. Mrs. Cottis asked if it would include paying and no it won't.
- Mr. Bollon asked if they were going to raise our infrastructure fees to pay for the new billing system and the answer is no. They are looking for a new way of billing which will be done by ARC, but the rates won't go up because of what they've done.
- Mr. Haney said that we've talked recently about progressive rates, about the rates going up in increments. Has it been discussed by the Board? Instead of just hitting everyone at once. Yes it has. It was brought up at the last meeting as far as ARC looking at how much you've used and being billed for what you've used vs. the minimum rate. If it doesn't go through still talking about a 25 cent increase at the first of the year.
- There were no more questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- Work has started on the sidewalk on the 200 block of N. Water Street. Not sure when the concrete will be poured. Weather is a factor and they may be waiting on the dirt to settle before the actual concrete.
- Work had been performed on the sidewalk levelling at the City Building on the N. Urich Street side. Had a company A-1 Concrete Levelers from Canton who did the best they could and it looks a lot better. There is a mixture of concrete and couldn't be patched up and look 100% but happy with the work.
- In regards to the property that the city acquired at 740 N. Main Street. Three separate individuals have looked at the residence and the concurred it is beyond repair. It has been an eyesore for some time. Spoke with the Law Director and it is the Law Director and Mayor's recommendation that the house be torn down. Received two estimates to have the work done. One from Bridge's excavating for \$8,717.00 and one from Dutch Valley Industries for \$15,000.00. Discussed the two estimates and feels Bridge's is the best and the most economical to the city. It had been estimated much higher at the Finance Committee and the Auditor and funds are available. Would

like Council's authorization to have it torn down. Bridge's can have it done by the end of June if not sooner depending on the weather.

- Water Park is almost up and running. Will be open the holiday weekend. The air conditioning system in the concession stand has been installed and is working. Gives his kudos to service department and workers who showed up to get it in shape. Hopefully have a repeat of last year. Last year was the best the water park's ever seen and would like to meet or exceed that this year.
- The gas line replacement on the west side by Dominion East Ohio is started. Began at Trenton Avenue and Newport Avenue. They didn't want to go down Trenton Avenue and interfere with school. It's a two to three month project and clipping along pretty good.
- The street light replacement in downtown has been delayed. He spoke with Mr. Dave Wheeler from AEP that morning. They are piggybacking our order with an order in Steubenville to get a better price. The poles that hold the traffic lights are ours and would like to get someone to paint those so they don't look so shabby.
- Earlier Chief Beal presented Sgt. Hickman, K-9 Ricon, Sgt. McCray and Ptl. Gunnish with medals for courage in the apprehension of the individual who shot at Ptl. Gunnish in 2016. That individual is currently serving time in prison. Kudos to the officers and Chief.
- Service Department has been finishing up on a list of projects that needed done around the city.
- Mr. Haney asked for a Motion to approve the \$8717 for Bridge's Excavating to tear the house down and a motion was made by Mr. Grandison, and stated that the Finance Committee does also recommend the purchase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.
- There were no questions for the Mayor, but Mr. Peterson commented that he was talking to Terry and Diane LeMonte who live nearby and they are looking forward to seeing that house torn down.
- Mrs. Cottis asked if he found out what was wrong with the light and the Mayor said no idea. A power surge or something because that was the second time this week it had gone on at the McCauley Drive area.

City Services Director Joe Bollon:

- Nothing to report.
- Mrs. Cottis asked if he had found out anything about Water Street Ext. lines. And he said they will get striped but he is waiting on the schedule and they are pushing it.

Law Director Brett Hillyer:

- Absent.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer, Susan Peters:

- Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis – As part of the Recognition Committee, we have a visitor today, Richey Johns to recognize. Mrs. Davis had emailed Mrs. Johns and asked that the recognition be moved to the 8th. Richey is a film director and he has written, along with his crew, a story and had it filmed and it was on at the Quaker Cinema for few weeks. Turned it over to Richey Johns who spoke. He is 18 and just recently graduated from Claymont as Valedictorian. Two years ago started writing the script for the film Ruth and his church, The Church of the Nazarene, granted him a budget and from June of last year to February of this year started filming in the surrounding areas. The premier was on April 18 at the Quaker Cinema. There were 12 showings, all of them at least 50% capacity or so and five of them sold out. He is blown away by the support. There may be a couple more showings in June or so and publishing for DVD distribution. Created a curriculum at the church and have had several requests for the curriculum. Everyone present

gave him a resounding round of applause. He brought with him his family and they were thanked for coming and a certificate will be presented to him.

Under Old Business she asked about the Bocce courts being removed and was told they were in the process of being removed.

Mrs. Davis-Absent.

Mr. Peterson – Read the minutes from the Park Committee Meeting on May 17. The meeting was held to discuss the latest offer to Camp Kaphar to purchase the land at \$10,000.00 for the city park. The committee agreed with the offer and it was decided to present it at the Finance Committee meeting. A copy of the minutes is available at the Clerk's office.

Mr. Baker –Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller –Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison –Read the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on May 17. A copy of the minutes is available at the Clerk's office.

Council received a copies of the financial reports for the month ending April 2017 and they were approved as presented. Mr. Grandison made a motion that they be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

At a previous council meeting Chief Edwards was there to inform us that we had received a \$500,000.00 grant to purchase a new ladder truck. Tonight a Resolution will be read to purchase the ladder truck and it is being recommended by the Finance Committee.

Discussed the purchase of ground for the basketball court. Mr. Grandison made a Motion that we continue with the purchase of the ground for the basketball court for \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson. Mrs. Peach asked if we have to have an Ordinance for a certain dollar amount purchase and Mr. Haney answered anything that exceeds \$25,000.00 needs an Ordinance.

ROLL CALL – Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes. Mr. Grandison added that the first time they applied for the grant they were turned down but commended Chief Edwards for doing a great job going after it. Chief Edwards was thankful to all of their partners and to the voters for passing it.

The next meeting is June 14 at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Mr. Warner-Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis –Already spoke.

Mrs. Davis – Absent.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson –Had a Camp Kaphar Meeting on May 18 at 4:00 p.m. and the minutes were read and a copy is available at the Clerk's office. The offer presented was accepted by Mark Linard. He informed Mr. Linard that it was approved by council he would get ahold of him to proceed. Mr. Hillyer will prepare the necessary paperwork to complete the purchase. A basketball court will fit in there, it might not be a full basketball court but it will be a good size court. Mr. Bollon brought up a good idea that we could possibly run the trail through the wooded area and could talk to Carl Householder who owns the land behind Camp Kaphar and extend the trail over there and get an easement then people wouldn't have to walk around the water park but walk straight through and then go over to Main Street. The land also goes out into Stillwater Creek so in the future could put in a dock or something. The main reason he wanted the land was to expand the park. There is plenty of room to put in a basketball court and room behind it to do something else. Thanked the Mayor, Service Director, and everyone that worked on this for a while. Thinks it is a good deal for the camp and the city. Then we will be working on the funding to get the basketball court put in. Mr. Haney asked didn't we have some discussion with Corso and that group about them doing that. Mr. Bollon said yes they feel a little better about where we're going to put it now. He also wanted to add that they offered Mr. Linard that after the basketball court is put in if we don't use the ground on the west side if he wants to use the ground for to erect a tent that he has the okay to do that. He also offered to cut the grass and the rest of the field for him. Mark is not feeling well and we will try to help him out. Mr. Peterson added that Mr. Linard offered the building to us if we ever need a place to have a meeting or anything. Mr. Bollon said Mr. Peterson did a great job. Also when he talked to Brett

Hillyer he has a surveyor in mind and he said it is not a problem if we choose to use that individual. Everybody is on the same page.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report

New Business

Mrs. Cottis – She just received a post from the Uhrichsville Clay Museum and announced that June 2 through August 11 on every Friday they are having a Clay Day. All ages are invited. Each week they are having a special theme and then people that attend will create a tile and have it fired.

Mrs. Davis – Absent.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson – On Tuesday, May 23 a group of people he referred to as the Veteran's Memorial Mulching Crew got together to landscape the veteran's memorial at the city park. He was contacted by Diana LeMonte. Duane and Mary Jo McConnell donated a dump truck full of mulch and also assisted with the project. Mr. Peterson thanked Terry and Diana LeMonte, Dave Hodkinson, Mike Howell, Brian Edgar, Jim Kreinbuhl and Sonny Terakedis. For 90 minutes they filled wheel barrels up and they mulched every bit of the memorial. Our water park looks great, the baseball field looks great and now this group is doing a great job with the Veteran's Memorial. If you get a chance take a look at it. A good group of people and they do a lot of good for our park.

Mr. Baker – Reminded everyone about the Memorial Day services on Monday. They start at St. Mary's at 8:00 and Newport Methodist at 11:30. There are six going on this year as usual. Haverfield is at 8:30 and then 9:30 at Dennison.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

Margaret Treherne was visiting. Mayor Dorland said that she lives at the trailer park on 2nd and received something from the Law Director and is confusing to her. He told her to stop in his office some time on Tuesday and hopefully she can answer those questions for her.

Shirley Miller was visiting and had two questions:

One was about the dam. She noticed soapy water and was told that the storm sewers that dump into that or it could be a natural occurrence. She discussed other questions about the dam removal and was told by Mr. Haney that it is Twin City Water and Sewer's dam and it was put in for containment and that the city has nothing in the dam. Mayor Dorland added that it is an EPA project. It was suggested that she contact Twin City Water and Sewer and attend their next board meeting. Her second question was about a committee to have senior citizens grass mowed. She was directed to Southern District Court. She said that she has already spoken with Matt O'Hara and was turned down. Mr. Bollon said that he would contact them.

Eric Harmon of 918 N. Water Street was in attendance to observe.

Chief Edwards spoke on behalf of the Fire Department and handed out a folder from Advantech describing the new ladder truck that will be purchased. Mr. Peterson asked about the paper that needs signed for the grant. Mrs. Pearch said that she contacted them and they said that the grant was awarded. Chief Edwards discussed how they partnered with five neighbors that agreed since they sent a ladder truck to their fires they would partner with them for this grant. They called several businesses for prices. They formed a committee of eight fireman to design the truck. They decided on Advantech because they are right in our backyard and they can provide great service. The next step in the process is signing a Purchase Agreement. They will visit an E-One facility to go over the trucks specs and to give the final approval. He and the Auditor spoke on the best options for finance the money. They will borrow \$825,000, then present the receipt to the State and receive the \$500,000 grant money. By prepaying they will be saving \$27,209. Mr. Haney asked what kind of warranty the truck would have and Scott Carlisle from Advantech described the warranty. Bumper to bumper one year warranty on the truck, two

year on electrical, diagnostic equipment has a five year warranty, the body has a 25 year warranty and the frame has a lifetime warranty. Mr. Peterson mentioned that Chief Edwards noticed that the price of the truck is less than a truck that was purchased 21 years ago. The Mayor added that it will be a nice truck for us that will fit our needs. Everyone worked together and it will be a nice piece of equipment that will last for years to come. Chief Edwards added that he was overwhelmed with the help of our neighbors. Mr. Bollon added that the new truck will help with the ISO rating and every citizen should check with their homeowner's insurance and let them know. Sometimes it helps on your homeowner's insurance. He also thanked the Chief.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 1799
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UHRICHSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
TO PURCHASE A NEW LADDER TRUCK AT A PRICE
NOT TO EXCEED \$825,000.**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Grandison, with a second by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Baker-yes, Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

Mr. Bollon asked that once the resolution was passed, if the purchase agreement could be signed and Mr. Haney answered yes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-17
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE HOURLY RATE OF PAY
OF THE UHRICHSVILLE POLICE CHIEF
AT A RATE OF \$22.81 PER HOUR
RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2017**

First Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7-17
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE CODIFIED
ORDINANCE CODE, SECTION CHAPTER 181, PURSUANT TO THE PRIMARY
ELECTION HELD MAY 2, 2017 WHEREIN THE VOTERS APPROVED A .25
ADDITIONAL INCOME TAX TO THE 1.75 TO THE EXISTING INCOME TAX
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017**

First Reading.

The Auditor was asked if she needed it passed tonight and she said that we could have three readings.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None.

Other Discussions:

There were no other matters to discuss.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
Council President