

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, June 28, 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; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Cottis-absent, excused due to work.

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

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Baker to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the Storm Sewer Minutes from June 14, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Rick Dorland:**

- Would like an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss police negotiations with no action to be taken.
- Last week he and City Services Director met with a representative from ODOT in regards to the slip on Deersville Avenue. He took some pictures and measurements and contacted someone in the federal government about funding. The mayor got a phone call today that evidently the federal government didn't think it was severe enough yet. At this point we're going to keep an eye on it. If we think it is slipping more we can resubmit the request or we can discuss some type of funding to fix it at the next Storm Sewer Meeting. It is going to be a pretty good chunk of money. He estimated probably \$100,000.00. Not too happy about it, but it is what it is. He voiced his displeasure.
- Last week we sold the old ladder truck. Representatives flew in and looked at the truck. They were real happy with it and left the next morning. They were from Western Technical College out of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Hopefully it will serve them well.
- We're excited that First Federal Savings & Loan is coming to town. Right now they are going to be temporarily located in Mako's Masonic building at the corner where Rod's Donut used to be years ago. Mako's is the process now of remodeling that. They will be there until they build the new building at Third & Urich. It will encompass where the old Dairy Queen and Romig Insurance. Looking forward to that.
- Library purchased the Fellowship Christian Church. They are going to expand the library. We're also happy about that.
- Last but not least, the last few days the Service Department has been installing a new guardrail on Newport from Trenton clear down to the parking lot at the dam. That guardrail was old, the posts were rotten and broken and it was a safety hazard. They did a real good job. He and the director looked at it and are real happy with it.
- Mr. Haney asked who looked at the slip. Cody Knox from ODOT. He asked if they contacted Joe to see if he knew of money because he's had to do slip repairs. There was some discussion about the slip issue.

**Bubbles Affolter, Twin City Water and Sewer District:**

- Handed out printouts to Council Members including June 21, 2018 list of work done; May 2018 Financial Statement; June 2018 Approvals; and May 17, 2018 Meeting Notes.
- Engineer for the project on Eastport Avenue will be Thrasher. The projected date will be either August or September and hopefully completed by November.
- Two of their guys passed the EPA test.
- Mr. Haney asked when she is up for renewal. She is up for renewal in September.
- Mr. Harman thanked her for getting back to us on the time frame of when the project is going to be taken place. We appreciate it.

**City Services Director Joe Bollon:**

- He'd like to let everybody know that since Donnie Fawcett and Robbie took over they have a great relationship with the water department. Robbie brings in a list to the Mayor and reports everything they've got going on in the City of Uhrichsville as far as whenever they tear up to do repair and paving so we know everything that's going on now.
- Circle K started their project on Water & 11<sup>th</sup>. It's going as smooth as can be right now, but is still in its early stages.
- Auto Zone – he and Rick looked at their proposal for their sign and approved everything so they will be acquiring their permits and everything. The sign is on the corner of Elm and McCauley and it'll be 25 feet in the air so they can see it from the highway.
- He wanted Council to know that he doesn't do a lot of reporting. He and Rick talk on Thursdays and he writes everything down because he has a hard time talking since his stroke last year. He's doing everything he has done before and he and the Mayor have a great relationship and between he, Rick and Julie they know everything that is going on in the City.
- Mr. Harmon asked once the Circle K project is completed, what does that mean for the other Circle K. The Mayor said it will close, they are razing that building. He also asked about the Chase bank building. The Mayor has talked with several people at Chase and they keep referring him to other people and no one will get back to him. They are taking their signs off. Mr. Bollon added Rick mentioned it to First Federal. Mr. Harmon said he talked to Blair Hillyer and he said the way the big banks work, when they leave a community they typically like to donate it to an organization that does charity work. There was a short discussion concerning Chase.

**Law Director Brett Hillyer:**

- Absent.

**Auditor, Julie Pearch:**

- The audit is complete. She will be scheduling with the Finance Committee, and they anticipate it being finalized tomorrow. She's happy with how the audit went and the feedback received and she thinks Council will be too.
- She received a call from the State Auditor's office. They are coming July 12. They are going to audit JEDD. We had no activity in 2017. One deposit in 2016, one deposit in 2015, and an initial deposit in 2014. They are auditing 2016 and 2017. Tentatively that is what is set up even though she filed an exemption form. She was waiting on them to get back because of the RITA disbursement in 2016 which she documented. She thinks it's just a JEDD issue.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Correspondence:**

- Williams Energy sent us some 811 information. He went to a meeting in Pennsylvania on 811 and Ohio is pushing it and it will be mandatory someday. Oil and gas producers are going to go through 811 and he's guessing that's what they are pushing because Williams is doing some work in this area.

### **Committee Reports**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Absent.

**Mr. Cottrell**- Reported on the Annexation Committee. He talked to Brett a couple of times and appreciated him getting back to him. He talked with him today, actually. He has been in contact with the lawyer, Kip. He has requested information so we can move forward with the project they are working on and he will get back with him once Kip gets back to him and a meeting will be set. It is moving forward now and he is happy about that.

**Mr. Warner**- Nothing to report.

**Mr. Harmon** – Parks and Recreation Committee met in regular order June 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the minutes will be provided and will be available upon request. Discussed at the meeting was the basketball project. As of right now, since the concrete wasn't poured on the date it was supposed to be, now Beaver and Stocker have coordinated together. July 3 is the date to pour, weather permitting. He can't say enough about their willingness to help the city out. We are certainly very appreciative of all their work and their donations to us. They also looked over a contract for a fence with Southway Fence of Canton. The fence for the basketball court will be on the North and East side since it is right by the parking lot for the water park employees. Next meeting is July 19 at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker**- Nothing to report.

**Mr. Grandison** – The Finance Committee met on June 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the report was read and is available upon request. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and all welcome to attend. Council received copies of the financial reports for the month ending May 2018 and they were approved as presented. Mr. Grandison made a motion to approve the Cash Reconciliation Report, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

Mrs. Pearch added about the financing. It went through on June 27 and sold the notes on June 26. All of the paperwork is signed and it is transferred.

### **Old Business:**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Absent.

**Mr. Cottrell** – 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** – Trash and Solid Waste Recycle will be advertised in the Times Reporter on July 3, July 10 and bids will close on July 17 at 12:00 noon.

### **New Business**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Absent.

**Mr. Cottrell** – Attended an annual council on June 21. At the RITA meeting they reported they had a record number of collections. They renovated all of their three facilities. They renovated their phone system so they can handle 400 calls. The new website will be up and running in two to three months.

Mrs. Pearch followed up that she got a letter in the mail today from RITA and they were talking about the cost ratio for collections and what the administrative cost is to the city. For every \$100 collected it cost \$1.00. Our retainer fee last year was around \$56,000.00 and we are getting a refund back from the retainer of around \$18,000.00.

**Mr. Warner** – Asked who is in charge of storm sewers and Mr. Bollon replied the city is. He asked about the one by Hookers and the mayor said it is on the list, they are trying to find the time. Mr. Bollon added that the service department is working on the guardrail now. Parrish Street looks like a lake after the rain. Mr. Grandison asked if we will ever be able to control people mowing their grass into the streets. Mr. Bollon said one we have additional officers we cite. The mayor added that there have been more pressing issues for the police department.

**Mr. Harmon** – Received calls about reckless driving on Parrish Street. He was going to check out some spots for signage and thinks that every place that needs covered is covered. He asked if they could put a work in to the police department and they will. It is city wide, unfortunately. There was some additional discussion regarding stop signs.

**Mr. Haney** – Presented a letter delivered to him by Park Christian Church. On August 19 Park Christian Church is holding its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Block Party for Twin Cities and surrounding area. School age children in grades K-6 will receive Claymont t-shirts and bags with supplies and goodies. In addition, they will receive hygiene products from Our Ladies Group and a voucher from Payless Shoes. Park Christian's Pastor, Scott Caley, has asked for a donation of 150 one-day passes to the water park. Mrs. Pearch said they do this every year and it is passed out right before school and you're looking at maybe two weekends of usage. It's only for the end of the year. It could be made out for 2018 and 2019. Mr. Haney added that'll of the churches do a lot of good for the kids in our area. No motion was needed, the Mayor will make the donation. For Twin City baseball on 7/21, the city donated passes for the kids, not the parents.

**Mr. Miller** - Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Grandison** – Nothing to report.

#### **Visitors:**

- Mary McClintock – Doesn't see how it is acceptable for the law director to miss so many meetings. She asked if it was legally required for him to attend meetings when it is part of his job for him to be here when we are paying him however much money per year. She comes to these meetings because it is part of her job and doesn't see how Council can effectively know what's going on legally in the City without the law director present and giving advice and thinks it's something to think on. Mr. Haney said he won't argue that. It is questionable whether he legally has to attend. The Mayor and Service Director do not have to legally attend, but they do because Council requests it. Mr. Haney has tried to discuss this with the law director and doesn't feel he is getting anywhere with it. He understands family things and work related things happen, but when it happens month after month, and the election is over. Everyone is concerned. There has been questions about council members and how many meetings can be excused. The Law Director can't be excused if he doesn't know why. Mr. Harmon asked with his absence, should be invite the Assistant Law Director? Mr. Haney said he should be sending him in his place. Mr. Harmon said it's been a huge help that Mr. Haney and Mrs. Cottis have the knowledge of how the meetings should be run. There was additional discussion. Mr. Haney will attempt to call him after tonight's meeting. Mr. Miller added that he and Buck waited for him at meetings that he didn't show up to. Mr. Warner added that it happened to him also.

#### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**None**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

The Auditor has asked for an Insurance Committee Meeting with representative the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Haney will send e-mails to everyone. Julie will type up something and post it.

President Haney asked to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. with no action to follow. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

**Other Discussions:**

Mayor recommended that Council approve the Fact Findings Recommendations from the hearing on June 5, 2018 regarding the City of Uhrichsville Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council. A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Grandison. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Trisha Addison  
Clerk of Council

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Mark Haney  
Council President