

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, July 12, 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-yes.

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 28, 2018. A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis, seconded by Mr. Warner to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Rick Dorland:**

- Would like an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel with no action to be taken.
- In regards to the slip on Deersville Avenue, he contacted Joe Baughman, the County Engineer, who in turn gave him a number to a young lady in Columbus and we are more or less in the same boat with them as we are with the federal money. It is really not that bad yet to qualify. We are just going to have to keep an eye on it.
- Tuesday he swore in the new officer which will bring the force up to 9 officers. His name is Tyler Walker and he has started his 8 week field training and will probably be at the next meeting.
- Monday night the Director, Auditor and he attended Claymont City School Board meeting. Found out that there was a lot of miscommunication in regards to the school Resource Officer. Happy and excited to announce that the Law Director drew up an ironclad contract, and it was presented to the Board and they will take it under advisement at this time.
- Yesterday met with Joe Garrett from Treble and he will try to be at next meeting. Right now we are currently not in the aggregate program for gas because the gas prices are so low. Of course, that can change at any time. They have rebid the gas prices and a couple companies are a little lower than what we are currently paying. It might be okay for a couple of months, but if we have a bad winter it is going to fluctuate so it may be best for us to stay where we are at. He will be at the next meeting to explain.
- Work has begun at the new Circle K. They are coming right along. They have set the gas tanks. He noticed today that one awning is down. Coming along good and happy to see that.
- He'd like to reassure area residents that the City of Uhrichsville does not have a West Nile problem. If anyone saw the front page of the Times Reporter the other day, West Nile has been detected in the county. What upset him was, the first thing you saw in the paper was a picture of the water park, which if you don't read the article, you see the words West Nile and you see a picture of the Uhrichsville Water Park, the first thing you think is there's West Nile there. We've already had people calling his office wanting to know if they should come to the water park because they are afraid of West Nile. That really upset him. He knows there is nothing they can do about it. He thinks it was a poor placement of the picture. The only thing that affected the park area was there was a large amount of mosquitos in the traps, so they did spray. The water park is open. We have had very good attendance in the last couple of weeks.
- Mr. Harmon asked if he could have some numbers on the attendance for the water park for the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting next week so it can be reported to Council.

**City Services Director Joe Bollon:**

- He added on the mosquitos, we have a highly concentrated amount of mosquitos behind Camp Kaphar because that is a swamp area, and they do trap down there and as of two days ago, none of them have contracted the West Nile. He is also upset about the Times Reporter article. Hopefully it is reported tonight that it was a bad choice of photos, why didn't they put Tuscora Park or the Dover Park instead of the water park?
- Reminds Council that the recycling bids are due by noon, July 17. As of today we have no bids in.
- Jeff Galbraith has been out this week and when he gets back next week they will work on getting the pole set at the Newport area.
- Contacted Jerry Cole and he is going to get ahold of someone to come down. Mr. Harmon said the company is from Dover and thanked Mr. Bollon for meeting with the rep from the fence company to get an estimate. He will email Mr. Harmon with changes. 12 foot fence at the north end and 6 foot fence by the water park. It may be a little more, but will be worth it.
- Mr. Cottrell commented that the fence guy said it would only take two and a half days to do it.
- Mr. Bollon thanked Mr. Harmon for his hard work on that.

**Law Director Brett Hillyer:**

- Updated Council on the Land Bank and the mobile home park on the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. It went up for auction. One of the residents purchased it. It hasn't been transferred yet, but it was purchased. He thinks Susan Peters will be in next week so he will find out if it is an issue of financing, but we will get our money back from that transfer.
- Asked Council for approval to sell 2105 N. Water St. Ext. By the radio station there is a house that the grass is three or four feet high that belonged to Bertha Ellwood. The City foreclosed the first of the year and it has recently come into our possession. The person that would like to buy it, Robin and Brent Anon, live next door. They would like to tear down that house, expand their property and add a garage. The estimate to tear it down is about \$10,000.00. The property has a value of about \$6,000.00. They are putting in an offer of \$3,700.00. He thinks that is fair and it would be nice to turn that property over to those people since they've done such a nice job with their property. We will actually make some money, probably close to \$3,500.00.
- Would like to ask for an Executive Session to update on negotiations at the end of the meeting.
- He prepared a School Resource Officer contract and sample ordinance, and waiting on the School Board to approve that.
- He and Trish will be getting together soon to put together a legal ad for the sale of the two cruisers and the old ambulance.
- Mr. Miller asked about an E. Bank Street property that the house is in really bad shape. His concern is kids getting on the porch and getting hurt. (The Kramer house.) Mr. Hillyer said we have foreclosed on that and no one would pick up the certified mail so had to get service by publication which takes several weeks, but it is in the process. Mayor Dorland said we have a bid to tear it down. It is in the publication phase.
- Mr. Haney asked if there was a time frame to tear it down, which 120 days is. Mrs. Cottis made a motion that we give permission to sell 2105 N. Water St. Ext. property to Robin and Brent Anon, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

**Auditor, Julie Pearch:**

- Nothing to report.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

- Absent.

## **Correspondence:**

- None.

## **Committee Reports**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Read the minutes from the Union Cemetery meeting on July 3, 2018. A copy is available upon request. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

**Mr. Cottrell**- Nothing to report.

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

**Mr. Harmon** – The basketball concrete has been poured and of course we are excited to announce that most of that came from local business donations. Very little tax money had to go towards that. In the coming weeks the court will have to be prepped and we can thank Service Director Bollon and Jeff Galbraith for their work on that. The Parks and Recreation Committee will be July 19, 2018 to discuss the ongoing basketball project and water park personnel.

**Mr. Haney** – Insurance Committee met last night and present was fire department, Mr. Baker, Ms. Pearch and himself. At that meeting, decided to have Romig's come to the next meeting to start getting numbers together for healthcare insurance and life insurance, and dental and vision. At that time they will meet again and look at those numbers, crunch them, and see what they have. Mr. Bollon asked, no one from the police department. No one from the police department or street department attended. They've asked. A possible next step is go to their union rep and ask him because it is in their contract. Mrs. Pearch said she had a meeting with Doug today. You cannot get concrete numbers until 90 days out. He can explore stuff, but the figures will not hold up. Mr. Haney asked if it expired in December. Mrs. Pearch said October 1 we can certainly get the data and information and be ready to go. He is planning to come to the next meeting to discuss. Mr. Haney said if we can't get the other departments on board and decisions are made, the decisions will be made without them and there will be no complaints heard from them because they had their choice. He has made that clear. They will meet again on August 8 at 6:00 p.m. and anyone is welcome to attend. Mr. Hillyer will call Mr. Deluke and remind them it is in their contract. Mr. Hillyer said it behooves them to participate.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

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

**Mr. Grandison** – The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

## **Old Business:**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Nothing to report.

**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** – Nothing to report.

## **New Business**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Cottrell** – An individual from our area, Adam Ridgway, asked him if wanted posters regarding Ridgway Casey Cars. He's having a free oil change for single moms and widows and car check and is inviting Uhrichsville and Dennison residents. July 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Harmon** – Tuesday he met with Diane Laughtenslager from the Convention Bureau and went over numbers from the June reports from the tourism impact that tourists have had in Tuscarawas County.

Visitors in Tuscarawas County generated business sales of about 410.5million directly and indirectly in 2017. The City of Uhrichsville alone has seen benefits in tourism for recreation, specifically with our water park, each tourist spends about \$150.00, and someone spending the night would spend about \$375.00. We are seeing an impact.

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

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

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

Mrs. Cottis asked why the city building was closed on Friday. Debbie is on vacation.

### **Visitors:**

Kathy Allen of 320 Packer Street, Uhrichsville – Talked about the alley between McConnell and Packer, which is one of the busiest ones in the City and a lot of people are going too fast and there are a lot of potholes. She would like to see if it could be one-way. Mayor Dorland said we don't have one-way alleys. He will see what he can do. They will try to fix the potholes, but there is not an alley that doesn't need potholes fixed. Mr. Bollon added the potholes may slow them down. She also reported that the Twin City Fall Festival will be October 13 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Chris Patterson of 512 Ray, Uhrichsville – Interested in purchasing 508 Ray which is adjacent to his property. The taxes haven't been paid and it is an undeveloped property. He mowed it the other day. He was referred to Mr. Hillyer to get that done.

Michael Huff of 307 Oak Street, Uhrichsville – observing.

Harry Jones of 506 Deersville Ave. – Interested in purchasing property in between his two, 502. The people that lived there passed away and he has been mowing it for the last 16 years. It is all hillside. He would like to get the trailer out of there and clean it up. He was referred to Mr. Hillyer to see what can be done.

Chief Edwards introduced the newest fireman, Curtis McGary who has been a volunteer. He has surpassed everyone's expectations and will be here for a long time and do a good job for us.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**None**

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

None.

President Haney asked to go into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss personnel with no action to be taken, followed by an update on negotiations with no action to be taken. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

### **Other Discussions:**

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Trisha Addison  
Clerk of Council

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Mark Haney  
Council President