

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

Council President Pro Tem Bob Baker 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-excused due to work. Council President Mark Haney was excused due to a family obligation.

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

Council President Pro Tem Bob Baker asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Grandison with a second by Mr. Warner to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the absences of Mrs. Cottis and Mr. Haney. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes, Mr. Warner-yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Rick Dorland:**

- Recently purchased a truck for the Service Department from Chuck Nicholson GMC in Dover.
- Concrete work around the city building has been completed and looks really nice.
- Insurance adjuster was at the water park to take a look at damage caused by the lightning strike two weeks ago and all indications are they will take care of all damages less the deductible.
- Stripping by Tusco has begun all around town and they are doing a really good job.
- Tuesday night met with Mr. Linard of Camp Kaphar and we did sign the purchase agreement for the purchase of land down by the park for the basketball court and Mr. Peterson will have more details.
- When asked if there were any questions, Mr. Miller asked on Trenton Avenue if yard repair will be done when the guys are done putting pipes in and the Mayor replied that yes, they will repair the sidewalks and roadways. He suggested he do a reverse route down Newport Ave. and up Walnut Street to see what has been done. The same will be done on Trenton and they are doing a very nice job.

**City Services Director Joe Bollon:**

- Nothing to report.

**Law Director Brett Hillyer:**

- Absent.

**Auditor, Julie Pearch:**

- Absent.

**Treasurer, Susan Peters:**

- Absent.

**Correspondence:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Mrs. Cottis** –Absent.

**Mrs. Davis**-Waiting on confirmation back from Miss Ohio Committee. She is supposed to be here on the 24<sup>th</sup> for recognition and the Mayor could present something to her at that time. Martha said she was clear, that she didn't have anything on that date, but the committee has to ok it. For those that don't know, Miss Ohio was Miss Clayland.

**Mr. Warner**-Nothing to report. Mr. Warner asked about the mosquito spraying and the Mayor replied that it will be done, but no date has been set yet.

**Mr. Peterson** – Union Cemetery Trustees met July 11, 2017. Mr. Peterson read the minutes from the meeting. A copy was handed out to council and a copy is available upon request from the Council Clerk. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept the Union Cemetery report, seconded by Mr. Grandison. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

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

**Mr. Miller** –Nothing to report.

**Mr. Grandison** – The Finance Committee met on July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Council received copies of the financial reports for the month ending June 2017 and they were approved as presented. A copy is available upon request of the Council Clerk. A motion was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve the Cash Reconciliation Report. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

The next Finance Committee will be August 16 at 6:30 and all are welcome to attend.

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes from the Finance Committee Report. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

### **Old Business:**

**Mrs. Cottis** –Absent.

**Mrs. Davis** – Nothing to report

**Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Peterson** –Reported about the Camp Kaphar land purchase which has taken awhile to get done, but it is done. He was looking back at notes and meetings had begun in May of 2016. It has been surveyed and the survey says .81 acres, surveyed by Jay Pearch. Total purchase price was \$10,000 which will be paid out of the park fund. A \$2,500 earnest money has been paid. There have been discussions in the past about it and it is definitely for a basketball court and the land goes all the way to the creek so a trail could possibly be put down there, maybe something set up for people to sit there. There have been a lot of good ideas. Brett Hillyer drew up the agreement and we are paying for the survey and for the closing costs. He feels it is a really good addition for growing the park and the money will help the camp. There was discussion about putting the basketball court by the water park and no one was in favor of that for a couple reasons. We would have people playing basketball right by the water park which wasn't a good idea but basically it would take away from our park area, and we need some trees and shelter houses. Now we can work on getting funding for the basketball court. He appreciates everyone's patience. Once the title search is done and the land is ours free and clear we can start working on improving the park.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Grandison** –Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

**Mrs. Cottis** –Absent.

**Mrs. Davis** – Thanked the Mayor. The town is looking good. Curbs are being painted, stripping is being done. She came back from vacation and it looks really nice.

**Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Peterson** – Attended a Twin City Water Board meeting the other night for reasons he would like to discuss later on at the end of the meeting in Executive Session. Shirley Miller was in attendance and

brought up about the dam and they told her the same thing they told us, because of liability there is no use for the dam on the west side to be there anymore. It used to hold water back for a pumping station. The water department has received grant money to remove the dam. One of the things Shirley asked was after the dam is removed, what is the plans then. Donnie Fawcett said he wanted to give the dam to the city and Mr. Peterson told him the city doesn't want the dam for the same reasons the water department doesn't want the dam. After it is taken out, they might approach the city with us doing something down there, maybe a park area or something. Once they remove the dam, that could possibly be a nice area. It is something that can be considered in the future. The Mayor added that Donnie approached him about a month ago about that saying that the water department would take care of the reclamation of it and possibly build a shelter there and wondered if the city was interested in taking it over to possibly be part of our park system. He said he would have to take it to the park committee at that time.

**Mr. Baker** –Nothing to report.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

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

**Visitors:**

- Shirley Miller, 233 Oak Street -observing
- Eric Harmon, 918 N. Water Street – observing.
- Officer Hickman- following up from last council meeting about the bike park/skate park. Doesn't want it to be brushed aside. Mr. Peterson talked about research that he had done but no decisions had been made yet. Mr. Miller added that he is for it and is going to get with other people and see what they can do.
- Chief Edwards-observing.
- Jack Jones-P. O. Box 33, Midvale- Here regarding the proposed housing ordinance representing a group. Against the proposed ordinance for multiple reasons. First, there is currently a housing ordinance passed in 1993 that is in place. This ordinance had multiple problems with inspections. Mr. Jones spoke on this matter. Mayor Dorland stopped Mr. Jones to tell him he was misunderstanding what was trying to be done. We are not invoking the inspection part, only want to register the properties. When there is a complaint about a property and looks into ownership of the property, there are a lot of absentee landlords that are out of state and he has no idea who to send the notice to. Only asking that each landlord come in and register their properties. If you have 15 properties, it cost \$25.00 per year per landlord. Then if there is a problem he can look at the register to find out who owns the property. There will not be inspections, registration only. There was a lengthy discussion. Mr. Jones felt it was a backdoor tax. Mayor Dorland said it was a one-time, per year administrative fee to create a database. Mr. Jones handed out a printout from the Columbus Dispatch to council entitled Rental Inspections Ruled Unconstitutional. He was advised by his legal representation to hand them out. Mr. Peterson pointed out that the article was about inspections and we are not doing inspections. Mr. Jones said the article went on to talk about licensing, which he feels we are doing. He believes Uhrichsville needs cleaned up but feels we are going about it the wrong way. He will pass the fees on to the tenants and the tenant will be angry. Mr. Peterson spoke about how he felt it was a good idea and \$25.00 was a reasonable idea and asked if Mr. Jones had a better idea. Mr. Jones said if the \$25.00 fee was eliminated, there would be no problem with registering. Mr. Bollon spoke about the other issue involved with registration is to know how many people are living in the residence for safety issues. Mr. Jones said that he doesn't know how many people are living in the residence. Another visitor spoke out of turn about how the \$25.00 fee would make it easier to find the landlord, if they didn't register. Mayor Dorland said they would enforce the Ordinance and could site them in court for violation of the ordinance. Mr. Bollon stated that since the \$25.00 fee seemed to be the issue, maybe council should consider dropping the fee. Mr. Jones also talked about the problem with the court not making tenants responsible for damages. Mr. Jones asked if the ordinance would be amended and Mr. Baker said there would be a third reading of the ordinance in two weeks and it could be sent back to the committee to be approved or adjusted.
- John McCreery-2534 Unger Rd. SE, Gnadenhutten-housing.
- Patty McCreery-2534 Unger Rd. SE, Gnadenhutten-housing.

- Chris Hopkins-2477 Unger Rd., Gnadenhutten-housing. Asked what committee was drafting the ordinance and was told the Ordinance Committee. The ordinance committee drafted the ordinance at a meeting as needed and tonight was the second reading of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 9-17  
AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO REGISTER  
ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES WITH THE  
CITY OF UHRICHVILLE**

Second reading.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

None.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Peterson to go into executive session with no action to be taken to discuss issues with the Twin City Water Board at 7:43 p.m. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes, Mr. Grandison-yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Miller to come out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. ROLL CALL: Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes, Mr. Baker-yes.

**Other Discussions:**

There were no other matters to discuss.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Trisha Addison  
Clerk of Council

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Bob Baker  
Council President Pro Tem