

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, September 27, 2018

Council President Pro Tem Bob Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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. Council President Mark Haney was absent.

Council President Bob Baker asked for a Motion to excuse Council President Mark Haney's and Mrs. Cottis's absences. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

Council President Pro Tem asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Harmon to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- Water Department's portion of Eastport Avenue Phase II is being postponed until the first of next year due some material issues. Their tentative start time is sometime in February.
- Striping hasn't been done yet on the new pavement due to weather delays. They will try to get started this weekend or early next week.
- He and the Director met with the members of Quicksall and the Water Department today in regards to East First Street. It is a street that definitely needs paving and was on this year's paving budget, but due to how much it was going to cost to pave it, felt that it could wait another year. The Director approached the Water Department about the water lines. We don't want to spend money on repairing the road and a couple months later a water line breaks, because right now there is about 18 cuts from N. Water Street clear down to the bridge. The Water Department is now seeking funding to replace all the water lines on East First Street which is close to a million dollars. They asked if we would be willing to hold off an extra year in if they get the money to do that. We have talked it over and have agreed to do that. East First Street will not be done until possibly 2020 due to water line replacements, which we feel is an excellent idea.
- Contacted ODOT in regards to the Trenton Avenue bridge renovation project. Was under the assumption that it was going to be done this year. They said it won't be done until the beginning of next year. In regards to paving, we were going to allocate an additional amount of money to piggyback onto that project and then pave all the way down Trenton Avenue, hopefully to the railroad tracks. Mrs. Pearch added that what was budgeted was \$284,000.00. She received the invoice and it came in under estimate at \$268,000.00, which she paid. At this point she took all of the money out of the paving fund to pay the bill and will be left with \$3,000.00 in the fund. She had also allocated in Capital Improvements \$100,000.00 for paving with the idea that we can get onto Trenton. The Mayor asked, do we wait and add that to next year's paving program to get more bang for our buck and get more roads done? The 400 block of N. Dawson has been bad for several years. It is a concrete surface and the pavement has come up and he has instructed the Service Department to grind that down and one lane is done. Questioned if we want to pave that road right now, or leave as is and fill in with durapatch and maintain as best we can. Left to Council to decide, he is leaning towards leaving it for next year due to the cost of getting a paving company in to do

that little bit. There was a discussion about the issue and some of the council members would like to view the area themselves and the matter was tabled for the next meeting.

- We have been working on this for a couple years about obtaining a vehicle for the Fire Chief's and department's use that he can take home, if he needs it to respond in or needs to go to schooling or whatever. Chief obtained a couple quotes. Ferris and Nicholson's could not meet the specifications. Whiteside in St. Clairsville is the best bet. They gave us an extra warranty and it will be on a four year lease. Would like to ask Council's permission to purchase the vehicle not to exceed \$40,000.00. Under that lease the lease payment would be maybe \$10,000.00 per year. What's unique about the Fire Department is they have three different funds that Julie can take from to pay it. Whiteside is better because they threw in a couple extra pieces of equipment.
- We no longer need the rescue truck. Would like permission from Council to declare that no longer useful for the Fire Department and authorize him to either seek bids for it and/or put it on a site like was done with the old ladder truck, and if permission is granted he will get with Brett and have a Resolution done for the next meeting.
- Sad to announce that Dr. Keating is leaving town. He is consolidating his Dover and Uhrichsville office. The last day for appointments is September 25 and the office will be officially closed sometime the first week of October. He spoke with an employee and he has a couple prospects for the building and is doing some rehab on the building including painting. We are sad to see him leave town.
- Reminder that Fire Department Open House is October 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the fire station.
- President Pro Tem Baker asked for a motion to purchase the truck for the Fire Department from Whiteside at an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

City Services Director Joe Bollon:

- We have been having an issue with people cutting their grass and blowing it in the street and it is becoming an issue not only for motorists but for motorcyclists and for our storm sewer. He asked that the Ordinance and Code Committee chaired by Mr. Warner to come up with an Ordinance specifically for grass clippings. We have an Ordinance now but it says sweeping grass clippings into the streets. We need something where they blow it out so he has more meat and potatoes to take to court. We deal with the same people each year and they don't respect the Ordinance we have.
- Mr. Miller asked the Service Director about the stop signs on E. 8th Street and Main, when you are coming down the road from the downtown area, you can't see the stop sign because of a tree. Also the stop sign in front of the Post Office coming from Huntington Bank down is blocked because of a tree. Mr. Bollon said we may need to put up the signs that flash because he hates to ask the resident to take the tree down or trim it back. We could put a sign saying stop ahead. Mr. Miller received a call and checked it out. Mr. Bollon will look into it.

Law Director Brett Hillyer:

- Absent.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Law Director has prepared a Resolution authorizing her to enter into a contract with Rea and Associates to do the GAAP audit for the next three years. They have been doing it for the last two years and the contract is up. She would like Council's approval to continue with their services. They do a great job.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

- Received a survey from Dominion Energy to complete regarding pipeline safety and use planning. The Mayor didn't feel that it applied. The Fire Department had completed the survey in the past.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Cottis – Absent.

Mr. Cottrell- Brett Hillyer may have met with Kip Walthers of Ice Miller this week, but he hadn't heard from Brett to know what happened regarding zoning at Aleris.

Mr. Warner- Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – The Parks and Recreation Committee met tonight at 6:00 p.m. The report was read and a copy is available upon request. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to accept the report as presented. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes. The next Parks and Recreation Committee is October 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker- Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – The Finance Committee met on September 19 at 6:00 p.m. The report was read and a copy is available upon request. A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to accept the report as presented. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Council received copies of the financial reports for the month ending August 2018 and they were approved as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Harmon to accept the Cash Reconciliation Report as presented. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis – Absent.

Mr. Cottrell – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Regarding the OPWC Grant, spoke with Alex McCarthy and he will write a letter of recommendation.

Mr. Miller - Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Reminder that Kimble's new five year contract goes into effect October 1 for one year ending September 30, 2019.

New Business

Mrs. Cottis – Absent.

Mr. Cottrell – Reverse Raffle tickets are gone. Sgt. Hickman added that 320 tickets were sold with food provided by Dennison Yard, a live band, and silent auction. Thanked everyone that bought a ticket and if you don't have a ticket can still come and enjoy.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Buckeye House had grand opening of their newly refurbished and renovated building. He thanked the Buckeye Hope Foundation, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the Ohio Capital Foundation for Housing Improvement and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Buckeye House has been a long time staple in our downtown and it is very important that we keep it preserved and in good shape.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.
Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

Sgt. Hickman – observing.

Captain Crouse – observing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 1825
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF THE SERVICES OF
REA & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE
AUDITING SERVICES IN CONNECTION
WITH THE CITY GAAP AUDIT**

A motion was made by Mr. Grandison to accept the Resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Warner.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

**RESOLUTION 1826
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADITOR TO PAY THE
WATER PARK MANAGAER THE REMAINING WAGES
OF THE CO WATER PARK MANAGER**

A motion was made by Mr. Warner to accept the Resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Harmon.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

**RESOLUTION 1827
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE
CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE TO PAY A STIPEND TO
LIFEGUARDS SERVING AN ENTIRE SEASON**

A motion was made by Mr. Warner to accept the Resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

**RESOLUTION 1828
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF THE SERVICES OF THE
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER TO
PROVIDE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES IN THE
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COURT
UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO FOR YEAR 2019**

A motion was made by Mr. Grandison to accept the Resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Harmon.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

**ORDINANCE 7-18
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE MUTUAL AID
AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE WITH
ACTIVE SHOOTERS TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO
("MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT") AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion to suspend was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

The Ordinance Committee is to work on an ordinance regarding grass clippings to get with Brett or Joe as to how it should be phrased.

Other Discussions:

Mayor Dorland asked about permission to sell the rescue truck. President Pro Tem Baker suggested Brett write up the Resolution and that would give him permission.

Mayor Dorland suggested that Council needs to consider a levy for the Police Department. We have a 9 man department and that helps tremendously. Their funds are limited, not like the Fire Department where they have a couple three funds, the Police Department only has one main fund. Plus even though there are 9 guys the call volume is still tremendously impacting the way things are done. Mrs. Pearch added that what we are looking at, using the Fire Department for an example, we got a fire truck and new equipment levy and they have been doing upgrades that they need. Then you also have the ambulance EMS fund. The police are strictly running out of the general operating fund and fire is paid out of there also. It is no secret that there is a drug epidemic in Ohio and with limited resources and manpower in our own department it is hard to even combat that with all other issues. She feels our police do an outstanding job with what they have, but we need more funds to properly equip and staff and to protect the citizens of this town. Our financial situation has improved over the last four years but that is temporary income tied to the oil and gas that has come in here which allowed us to do little more but it is going to go away. We have put on an extra officer and an extra fireman but she would like Council and the citizens to get behind the idea that we really need to fund our safety forces to keep our town moving forwarding and to be the best community we can be. Please keep this in mind as far as what amount we can get, what we can do to generate whether it be a levy or income tax. We need to consider this. She encouraged Council to go to the public and talk to them and get some feedback and encourage our citizens to support. She feels there needs to be committee meetings and support. Mayor Dorland said with the Street Levy we made promises and we kept that and will continue keeping those promises. We are good stewards of the money. We can definitely justify the need. Mr. Harmon added that this is a direct symptom of lack of funding from Columbus that has been taken away from us and it is ridiculous that we were promised back in 1939 a local government fund that was to support police, fire, and street department and to properly equip and pay them. When that fund goes away we are devastated. It is a shame that this is what it has to come to to keep our residents safe. Mr. Cottrell added that it was a pleasure riding with the police this summer and it was one call after the other. Mr. Hickman said he had

been at the meeting 35 minutes with 2 officers on duty and they have had five calls since he's been there. They are very busy.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Bob Baker
Council President Pro Tem