

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
February 28, 2013

President Mick Donato called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Haney, Mr. Gyurko, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Mick, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Cottis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Clerk, Amy Myers.

**MINUTES:** of the last meeting, February 14, 2013, were accepted as presented on a motion by Mr. Gyurko and a second by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Haney, yes, Mr. Gyurko, yes, Mr. Stewart, yes, Mr. Peterson, yes, Mrs. Mick, yes, Mrs. Davis, yes, Mrs. Cottis, yes.

Also minutes from the Special Council Meetings held on January 31; February 4, 5th and 6th; Mr. Peterson wanted to comment on the meeting from February 6; how did it happen and will it happen again and why did it happen? Mr. Donato said that on January 31 which he was not in attendance-there was a Special Council Meeting to act upon a particular ordinance for property tax increase; the property tax was not acted upon and another item was brought out, chaos rained on that meeting and on the next meeting; Mrs. Cottis apologizes for that; Mr. Donato continued to say that he made the mistake and should have put the other item in the Finance Committee and I took it upon myself to correct the mistake; Mr. Peterson asked about more discussion and should the president of council remind us of more discussion-and that on many meetings we look bad and didn't decide or discuss; Mr. Donato says there should be a motion made and a second then a discussion. Mr. Peterson asked if this would happen again? Mr. Donato if it's done correctly it won't happen again. Mr. Haney said on January 31 we had Mr. O'Meara bring it out; Mr. O'Meara said you asked me to prepare it and I did and I understood that the meetings on Feb. 4-5-6 were to vote and discuss. Mr. Donato said the only recommended by the Finance Committee was the property tax levy, but nothing on the income tax. Mr. Stewart said that at the January 31 meeting he said it could not be read because it wasn't part of the meeting. Mr. Haney said that on the February 6 meeting we didn't follow procedure; Mr. Donato said probably not but it was illegal to bring it out on January 31.

Motion to accept the minutes from January 31, February 4, February 5 and February 6th meeting; 1st by Mr. Stewart; 2nd by Mr. Gyurko; ROLL CALL: Mr. Haney-no; Mr. Gyurko-yes; Mr. Stewart--yes; Mr. Peterson-no; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes;

**VISITORS:**

*George Haskins, noting.*

*David Blank;* I'm here to find out how to vacate an ally on 486 Deersville for me and Mrs. Comantz; Mr. Donato said you have to formally petition council and that there will be an expense of money on your part; legal description and map approval from the map office-an

ordinance will be prepared and council will recommend to vacate; Mr. O'Meara said he will email Mr. Blank on the instructions.

**Joe Bolon;** on the February 6 meeting wants to know if it was legal? Mr. Donato said probably not, but the mistake was made on the January 31 meeting.

**Mr. Baker, nothing.**

**Beth Cush;** It said in the paper that you didn't think council was ready to vote; can you tell me which of council was ready which was not? Mr. Donato said 2 council people were not ready. Ms. Cush asked couldn't you abstain from voting? Mr. Donato said out of 7 council you need 5 to pass. Mr. Gyurko said he wasn't ready and it didn't come through Finance Committee. Mrs. Cottis said it wasn't done right. Mrs. Davis said she felt the same way and it was thrown at us and I had alot of questions.

**Diane Aberth-Lemonte,** nothing.

**Barb Gooding,** alley vacate.

**Janet Harkelroad;** she owns apartment on West 1st Street, the front yard and drive way are torn up and will it be replaced? Mayor said it's because of the West Side Storm Sewer Project and yes it will be restored and landscaped.

**Wendy Zucal;** update on the Clay Museum; raised \$10,000 for building and \$40,000 for new roof; next step is a full scale architect and drawings which will be \$25,000; received a \$15000 grant that will benefit both the Depot and the museum for storage collection; Mr. Gyurko asked if Wendy was in charge of the Patriot Rally; she said yes it is a team of people; Mr. Gyurko wanted to compliment you and did a great job and more people and younger people attended and thank you for that.

**Dawn Furniss,** hear to discuss the 175th birthday for the City of Uhrichsville in 2014; the next meeting will be March 4 @ 6 @ Presbyterian Church in Uhrichsville. Several different events planned, cemetery tour, 4 breakfasts throughout the year; Mr. Donato said the Jon Baker is putting together a book; Mrs. Davis met someone at the Patriot Rally from Connecticut and she was impressed.

**Bubbles Affolter,** handed in minutes from the water board meetings from December 20 and January 17 and a brochure from Neptune. Mr. Gyurko said there was an article from the Columbus Dispatch that don't fluoride water; Dennison, Uhrichsville, New Philadelphia and Dover don't; she didn't know but will find out; Mrs. Gooding said she thought it had something to do with arthritis.

**Dan Lindsay,** handout on the budget/expenses for the West Side Storm Sewer Project; received a letter from the county for the application for the community block grant fund, due April 22; also may have to meet in executive session after council meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Culbertson,** handed in minutes from the Records Committee meeting on January 24. There were 41 fire calls and 695 police calls.

There is a new business moving into Uhrichsville on 583 Creek Street, Bridges Excavating; will create 4-5 jobs; Mr. Peterson asked if this was still zoned for business? Mayor said yes.

The meeting with the DC people on Feb. 19-20-21; they toured the city; they were positive about area; plan will be emailed to me on their suggestions and what we should do next; Mrs. Cottis says this reminds her of the group 20 a few years ago and they look ahead to the next 20 years; Mr. Peterson said that a few of the Uhrichsville Class of 1951 attended; Mrs. Zucal said when we get the plan what will be key is what we do next;

Received a grant from the Reeves Foundation for \$5000 for the Gorley Street Bottom Project. Mr. Donato asked how much have we raised? Mayor said \$93,000.

We are down to two police cars; one had to be towed to Humphries, may be back tomorrow; should be around \$270 plus towing bills; this will continue to happen; we have a K9 unit but cannot transport prisoners; Mr. Donato asked didn't we discuss a lease for 2 vehicles? The Mayor said yes @ \$18515 for 4 years and he recommends Fords.

Mr. Donato asked Chief Beal if he had anything, nothing.

*Doug O'Meara, absent.*

*Jody Dunlap, nothing.*

*Susan Peters, absent.*

*Correspondence, nothing.*

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mrs. Cottis: Ordinance Committee there are 2 before you.

Mrs. Davis, Recreation & Youth Meeting on February 19; recognizing people and youth/students in the city; students for sports and adults and businesses once a month; start the month of April, will present them with a certificate. Mrs. Cottis said she has been carrying around a picture of a house on water street that the homeowner made beautiful and this is a great idea.

Motion to accept Park Committee Report: 1st motion made by Mr. Haney, 2nd by Mrs. Cottis; ROLL CALL; Mr. Haney-yes; Mr. Gyurko-yes; Mr. Stewart-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

Mrs. Mick, there will be a Business Association meeting on March 12 @ 5:3 @ Suttons.

Mr. Peterson, spoke to Keith Morris and Craig Host on the Gorley Street Bottoms Project; Keith is the president of the Jr. Miss Softball Association and Craig is the president of the Twin City Little League; they are very interested in the project and will help submit grants; Mr. Donato asked how many children? Mr. Peterson said 300 boys and 300 girls.

Mr. Stewart; nothing.

Mr. Gyurko; nothing.

Mr. Haney; nothing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Cottis, nothing.

Mrs. Davis, nothing.

Mrs. Mick, nothing.

Mr. Peterson, there has been some negative comments in the newspaper and people asked to resigned or impeach with letters written; he reviewed how many have run for office in the past years; not to many have run for office; and not alot of people running; he doesn't agree with the letters written and we should work together.

Mr. Stewart, nothing.

Mr. Gyurko, nothing.

Mr. Haney, nothing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Cottis, wants to recognize the 6 Claymont wrestlers that made it to state.

Mrs. Davis, also wants to say that 4 out of 5 pinned.

Mrs. Mick, Dog business; there are tenants that live in apartments that aren't cleaning up after their dogs.

Mr. Peterson, nothing.

Mr. Stewart, nothing.

Mr. Gyurko, nothing.

Mr. Haney, attended a parliamentary procedure seminar, what council can and cannot do and recommends everyone to attend.

**ORDINANCES:**

UHRICHSVILLE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 1691;

"AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION EXPRESSING UHRICHSVILLE'S SUPPORT FOR THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY AND TO DECLARE THAT THE CITY WILL SUPPORT THE INDUSTRY THROUGH ALL LAWFUL MEANS:

MOTION TO SUSPEND; 1ST BY MR. GYURKO; 2ND BY MR. PETERSON;  
ROLL CALL: Mr. Haney-yes; Mr. Gyurko-yes; Mr. Stewart-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

MOTION TO ADOPT; 1ST BY MRS. COTTIS; 2ND BY MRS. DAVIS;  
ROLL CALL: Mr. Haney-yes; Mr. Gyurko-yes; Mr. Stewart-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

UHRICHSVILLE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 3-13;

"AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION AN UNNAMED ALLEY RUNNING IN A GENERALLY WEST TO EAST DIRECTION

FROM SOUTH WARDELL STREET TO AN EXISTING UNNAMED ALLEY AND BETWEEN THE PROPERTIES PRESENTLY TITLED TO BARBARA J. GOODING, PARCEL NO. 41-02575-000 (LOT 1095) AND PARCEL NOS. 41-02576-000 (LOT1096).

MOTION TO SUSPEND; 1ST BY MRS COTTIS; 2ND BY MR. HANEY;

ROLL CALL: Mr. Haney-yes; Mr. Gyurko-yes; Mr. Stewart-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

MOTION TO ADOPT; 1ST BY MRS. COTTIS; 2ND BY MR. GYURKO;

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**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Safety Committee: CDBG Grant; Information on police cruisers.

Ordinance Committee: Resolution opposing HB5.

March 4 @6 @ Presbyterian Church for the birthday meeting.

Motion to meet in executive session: 1st made by Mr. Gyurko; 2nd by Mr. Peterson;

ROLL CALL: Mr. Haney-yes; Mr. Gyurko-yes; Mr. Stewart-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

Meeting adjourned: 8:06 p.m.

Council met in executive session @ 8:28 p.m.

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Amy L. Myers  
Clerk of Council

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Mick Donato  
President of Council