

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**August 8, 2013**

President Mick Donato called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mrs. Cottis, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Haney.

Let the record show that the following member was absent, Mr. Gyurko, Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Mick.

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

**MINUTES:** of the last meeting, July 11 , 2013, were accepted as presented on a motion by Mrs. Cottis; second by Mrs. Davis; ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Haney-yes.

**VISITORS:**

**Ethel and James Gatten;** pot holes on their road and in their alley behind their house; they live at 519 E. 1st street, also the yard next door needs mowed @ 521 E. 1st; Mr. Bollon says that is a foreclosure and he has sent the homeowner a letter but need to find which bank it is; Mr. Gatten said the street needs paved or patched.

**Debbie Wenger,** visiting.

**Kathy & Ralph Allen;** there is trash on 3rd street in front of Smokers Paradise; Mr. Bollon will call Kimble.

**Bob Baker;** visiting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Culbertson:** received a letter from Mr. Bachman/County Engineer about the bridge inspections; they are the responsibility of the city to inspect and pay for; he has contacted Law Director Doug O'Meara; everyone is upset. There are at least 3 bridges and maybe more; Trenton, West 3rd, Railroad, all of Grant Street, Center Street and Logan Street may be included also. It costs \$1000 to inspect per bridge; The Mayor thinks this was unethical for them to dump this on us. Mr. Peterson asked who repairs the bridges, the Mayor said the city does.

- Pump motor at the Waterpark needed to be replaced on the green slide at a cost of \$894 plus freight plus installation; we are taking the old one to Fenton's to be rebuilt.
- Brandon McCrea received the highest score on the Sergeant's test and has been promoted to Sergeant full time.
- A company out of Orrville, Master Renovations won the bid to tear down the 19 properties; 6 in Uhrichsville; 7 in Dennison; 1 in New Philadelphia; 5 in Newcomerstown.
- Wants to cancel the JEDD Special Meeting on August 22.  
Mr. O'Meara says we need to have a Public Meeting but must first advertise at least 30 days before Public meeting in advance. Needs ordinance passed then public meeting. You can have a Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. on August 22 and then after have an Executive Session; Have a Public Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. on September 26.
- The city needs to have a Finance Committee Meeting; there needs to be money moved around and we should be having one once a month. Mr. Haney said he asked the chair for a meeting but had not received a response.
- Asking council to approve spending \$2500 for the new Clay Museum building water drainage; the current spouting is through the walls and it is causing flooding in the basement; the Clay Museum will split the cost of the total \$5000 through Benchmark Construction. The Mayor said we could use the money from the bed tax fund. Mr. Peterson asked if the money in the bed tax fund was for tourism? Mr. Haney said yes that was the purpose. A Motion was made by Mr. Haney to use \$2500 from the

bed tax fund a second was made by Mr. Peterson: ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Haney-yes.

- Posted the entrance exam for a police officer; due to the fact the Mr. Dorland retired it has left an opening and have advertised in the paper.
- Mrs. Davis asked the Mayor how the Waterpark was doing? The Mayor said it is down because of the weather but we have around a \$107,000 profit.

**City Services Director, Mr. Bollon,** All the lights on Water Street are now working. Mr. Peterson wanted to thank Mr. Bollon for fixing all the lights.

- Rite-Aid will be doing some inside modeling.
- There will be a new restaurant going in the old Lee's Chicken building, a Mexican restaurant, a group from Mentor. There are 2 liquor licenses available.
- Letters have been sent for high grass, trash and thanks the police department for keeping up and giving citations.
- West Side Storm Sewer Project: paved; street on 1st and Jay is not being paved because the Twin City Water dept. has patched about 5 times; he met with Greg Simmons/Quicksall and Donnie Fawcett and they will be boring lines and water taps; the project will cover the cost of paving around \$3100 and the Water Dept. will cover anything over and above that. Approx. \$605,000 will be spent on the project total and \$646,000 has been budgeted.
- Uhrich Street was lined and wanted to thank Jeff Galbreath, he is an asset to the city and saves tons of money; he designed a street lining machine. Mr. Haney said he saw the equipment Jeff built and he did a great job.
- Remind everyone school will be starting soon watch out for children and school buses.
- The traffic light on Walnut and Trenton will not be replaced there will be a three way stop instead.
- There are Police and Fire department reports in his office if anyone wants to take a look at.
- Wants to respond to whoever put the article in 30 seconds; the fence put up was ordered by the court for safety reasons and he has to give the city plans.
- Mrs. Cottis asked if there was anyone she could call for skunks in her neighborhood? Mr. Bollon said to set a trap and take out to the country, that is what he is doing.

**Law Director, Doug O'Meara;** nothing.

**Jody Dunlap,** absent.

**Susan Peters,** nothing.

**Correspondence,** council members have been invited to the open house for the new well water treatment plant on Saturday, August 17 @ 12:00 p.m. @ 4194 Indian Hill Road SE, Uhrichsville.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mrs. Cottis, nothing.

Mrs. Davis, tonight is the recognition from the Recognition Committee; starting something positive; the first business to be recognized is the Graphic Shack; owned by Ralph & Kathy Allen for five years; they have T-shirts; vinyl/signs. Wanted to thank them for their years in business, Ralph is from New Jersey and Kathy is from Uhrichsville. Mrs. Davis presented them with a Business of the Month Certificate.

Also, Mrs. Davis read a word of thought, "Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while your climbing it".

Let the record show that Council member Mr. Stewart arrived @ 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Peterson, handed in the Union Cemetery minutes from 08/06/13 meeting. Jerry Piccin and Joel Peterson were the only members in attendance. After further research it was discovered that the cemetery never became a district. They set prices for cemetery lots. A funeral director asked if there is any way we can prevent stones from being placed on lots where money is still owed to the funeral home. Doc Howell presented a list of costs for tree trimming and shrub removal, but he is not bonded or insured. A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis and a second by Mrs. Davis to accept the Cemetery Minutes from 08/06/13; ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Haney-yes. Mrs. Cottis asked if you can have a general meeting and say we are a district? Mr. O'Meara said Ron is looking into it.  
Mr. Haney; nothing.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Cottis, nothing.

Mrs. Davis, nothing.

Mr. Peterson, being asked about the Panhandle passage trail; questions have been asked where it is going; Mr. Peterson has a map; Mr. Haney has had resident complaints and on the original plans there were 2 different maps; Council President Mick Donato said former Mayor Rick Reiger changed the route for safety reasons.

Mr. Stewart, nothing.

Mr. Haney, met with Brian Bridgeman, needed another bid for the Gorley Street Bottom project for the MWCD grant.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Cottis, is concerned about the unsightly look of the recycle bins can we move those to Main street or Starky's Junk Yard. The Mayor said the junk yard is privately owned.

Mrs. Davis, wanted to thank Mr. Bollon and to thank Jeff Galbreath.

Mr. Peterson, still working on Gorley Street Bottoms Project, was hoping Chevron Oil was to help but they aren't; OHPO has now agreed to do an archeological survey and may help.

Mr. Stewart, nothing.

Mr. Haney, meeting with local labor unions tomorrow; receiving complaints from residents on Dawson and Water streets after a storm with water in their basement; no infrastructure there; also complaints on Water Street extension for heavy truck traffic and not using the highway.

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

2nd READING;

ORDINANCE 11-13; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY SECTION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND INCREASING APPLICAION FEES.

1329.14 FEES AND NOTICE OF VACANCY.

(b) AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) FOR EACH DWELLING OR PROPERTY. FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) FOR THE SECOND INSPECTION OF THE DWELLING, AND NO CHARGE FOR ANY OTHER INSPECTION OF THE SAME PROPERTY WITHIN A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**OTHER DISCUSSION:**

**Thursday, August 22 @ 6:30; Legislation on Public Hearing**

**Thursday, August 22 @ 6:45; Executive Session**

**Thursday, September 5 @ 6:30; Storm Sewer Meeting**

**Thursday, September 12 @ 7:00; Council Meeting**

**Thursday, September 26 @ 6:00; Public Hearing**

**Thursday, September @ 7:00; Council Meeting**

Mayor needs to have a Finance meeting. Mr. Stewart asked what was on the agenda? Mayor said need to have money moved around and accounts are in the red. Mr. Stewart said that anyone on council can meet with finance, that the reports are never correct, they are not emailed the night before and don't receive them until the meeting, the auditor told me that she had a program that funds wouldn't be in the red, there is still money being taken out of the Pension fund; The Mayor asked are you refusing to have a meeting? Mr. Stewart said yes until I get accurate information; Mr. Haney said he will have the meeting; President Donato said he has talked to Mr. Gyurko and Mr. Stewart and doesn't know what to do; Mr. O'Meara said that finance should meet once a quarter or once a month and it is typical to have to move money around and money in red. Mr. O'Meara said to resign if you can't have a meeting and President Donato could appoint a new chairman. President Donato said the information we get is not correct and there is always an excuse and we can discuss this off the record.

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 p.m.

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Amy L. Myers  
Clerk of Council

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Mick Donato  
President of Council