

**UHRICHVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Public Meeting - JEDD
Thursday, September 26, 2013**

President Mick Donato called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

President Donato said the reason for this public meeting is to discuss JEDD, Joint Economic Development District between the City of Uhrichsville and Rush Township. Read an article from the Canton Repository, that the City of Canton, North Canton and Plain Township are holding their public meeting October 30 for JEDD.

President Donato explained the forum for tonight will be to have the Mayor explain the program and take questions and answers.

Mayor Culbertson explained this is going to allow Uhrichsville to collect cit income tax for any business brought into Rush Township. Rush township has spent all the money has footed the bill for the whole project. The split with the income tax will be 75% for Rush Township and 25% Uhrichsville. Rush Township will maintain their own roads. After the contracts are signed, there will be a board appointed. Two trustees, 2 from the City of Uhrichsville, 1 appointed by the board.

David Blanc, asked if they will be using city streets and who maintains those? Mayor said yes, Route 36 to Trenton to Route 28 and we are working ont hat. Asked will there be a storage plant out there, any drilling, and what is the danger? Mayor said no storage and no drilling, eventually run with electric and propane, and yes there is a risk.

Deb Wenger, will the EMS be provided by rush or Uhrichsville? Mayor said rush has their own fire department and we have a mutual aid agreement with Rush for ambulance, it could possibly be anybody in the county. Asked how long is contract? Mayor said 50 years with a renewal clause. Asked if you could annex after 3 years and who is providing water? Mayor said no can't annex and providing water is up to the Twin City Water Dept. Asked why we were only taking 25%, why not take 50 or more? Mayor said 25% is better than nothing.

Rick Moss, there is a hazmet company division in the county, the fire department needs to be educated with kind of gas, and he commends the city for getting JEDD in place. Mayor said our new fireman hired belongs to the county hazmet team.

Dave Kirven, appreciates recognition for the Union craftsman and passage.

Lisa Willis, asked when they would be breaking ground and will the railroad be there? Mayor said he doesn't think they got the right of way for railroad, and the end of next year, the Mark West Group will be maintaining and operating plant.

David Blanc, asked is there anything the contract for our fire department to cover equipment, ambulance training and any offices? Mayor said rush has it's own fire department, he hasn't met with anyone to ask but he will and have notified them about using Uhrichsville office space.

Mr. Stewart asked can you add additional properties? Mayor said yes and he has a map.

Mrs. Mick asked if they are going to put up signs to get there? Mayor said doesn't know but will check into it.

Diana Aberth-Lemonte asked if there was any projections on the 25%, would you explain the board again and is this a 24/7 operation? Mayor said he has no projections but there will be 400-800 workers, yes it is 24/7 operation and it's a board.

Deb Wenger asked if the property had already been purchased? Mayor said yes and it had been privately owned.

David Blanc, will there be jobs for Uhrichsville and a strain on the city? Mayor said yes there will be a strain, can we stop it-no; we signed to hire trained labor, we will do everything we can to support locally.

John Kisler, have over a dozen laborers in Uhrichsville/Dennison and over 160 in Tuscarawas County.

Mayor said their biggest concern was drug users and can't have those types of people working there.

Mr. Gyurko said glad they chose Uhrichsville and they could have chosen other communities around there and could have chosen some other city.

Mayor said takes 2 people to run the plant; 1 check levels and 1 check computer, they will have a maintenance crew.

Doug O'Meara, said cannot annex, 25% is a very typical split, perfectly legal, we approve, the county commissioners approve, then JEDD board is chosen.

Mr. Bollon said we met with Rush Township and asked for a bigger split but that is what they offered.

The Mayor said he has a map and will keep a copy of the contract in his office.

Mr. Peterson explained that the board is similar to Cemetery board and Twin City Water District board.

Mrs. Mick asked is there underground piping? Mayor said he doesn't know, there are Tennessee gas lines there now underground, there will be one plant there possibly 2 and room for 3.

Meeting adjourned: 6:44 p.m.

Amy L. Myers
Clerk of Council

Mick Donato
President of Council