

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, February 27, 2014

Council President Mark Haney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mrs. Cottis, Mr. Warner, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Mick, Mr. Baker and Mr. Grandison. Let the record show that Mrs. Davis was absent, Mr. Haney said her husband had called him and has the flu.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Peterson to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2014 meeting; 2nd by Mrs. Mick; ROLL CALL: Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Culbertson:

- Mayor attended an Omega meeting on Feb. 19 @ Chef Ernie's; topic was gas and oil in the region; coming but no one knows when; 3-4 years in our county; there was an engineer at the meeting; we don't have a straight line in our county to drill that's why it's taking longer.
- Dominion Gas replacing a new line on W. 3rd and Miller Avenue; had a meeting with them; they will replace sidewalks; on the North Side of W. 3rd they will replace all the sidewalks; start end of April; they need permits but we don't charge the utility companies for permits;
- Attended a Mayor's luncheon at the Museum in Newcomerstown; was a nice social meeting; 200th anniversary of Newcomerstown; they have a very nice museum. Mr. Roseberry gave the Mayor a news article from 1989 with the 150th anniversary of Uhrichsville.
- Met with Public Entity of Ohio, reviewed liability and only had 3 recommendations, all about the Clay Museum.
- Getting alot of calls about pot holes, we have purchased the Durra Patcher, training tomorrow on the machine, not going to be able to fix all pot holes in one day; we know we have them and every city in the state does also; it was a very smart move of the city to purchase the machine will save us money.
- Mr. Bollon (who was absent) and the Mayor are working on a plan for junk cars; almost 70% done; been in touch with salvage yards and some will tow for free; if anyone knows of any junk cars give him the names and addresses.
- There was a zoning meeting tonight, we have 3 new board members, Dwight Johns, Joseph Vansickle and Tamra Wilson; discussed the proposed zoning on Herrick Street, waiting on paperwork.

City Services Director, Mr. Bollon: absent.

Law Director, Mr. Hillyer,

- Two ordinances to read tonight; altered from Mayor's feedback; Mayor gave him a couple of projects; the bridges and the rail crossings.

Auditor, Jody Dunlap, have a pre-audit conference, Wednesday, March 5th 3-3:30. 1st one with State of Ohio in ten years. Mr. Haney said you can ask alot of questions and it is very interesting.

Treasurer, Susan Peters, absent.

Correspondence: none.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis; the Health, Safety & Services Committee met and discussed the rental request for properties; Mr. Bollon is checking on surrounding communities; also discussed clean up of Stillwater- received two bids and are applying for a grant from conversancy. The next meeting is March 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Warner; nothing.

Mr. Peterson; the next Cemetery Board meeting will be March 4 @ 6:00 p.m.; The next JEDD meeting will be March 10 @ 4:00 p.m.; the next Clay Museum Meeting will be March 12 @ 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mick; Two ordinances from last meeting.

Mr. Baker; nothing.

Mr. Grandison; next Finance Committee Meeting will be March 13 @ 6:30 p.m. to finalize the budget.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis; nothing.

Mr. Warner; nothing.

Mr. Peterson; took the Mayor's advice and has been talking to people about the 1/4 tax increase; we need this tax; the Local Government Fund (LGF) has decreased significantly over the last years; in 2013 we received \$118,000; in 2012 \$156,811; 2008 \$278, 905; this shows you why we need the tax. The Waterpark is here to stay and all conversations lead back to that.

Mrs. Mick; nothing.

Mr. Baker; nothing.

Mr. Grandison; nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cottis; nothing

Mr. Warner; nothing.

Mr. Peterson; one more thing; Tom Heakin was instrumental in me becoming a councilman; visited him in at his home, I took over for him in 2009.

Mrs. Mick; nothing.

Mr. Baker; nothing.

Mr. Grandison; nothing.

Visitors:

- Dwight Johns, here on the Zoning Committee; asked Mr. Peterson if he could give his information to the media so people would understand why we need the tax.
- Tamra Wilson, Zoning Committee new member.
- Beth Cush, visiting.
- Diane Aberth-Lemonte, visiting.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Third Reading; Ordinance 1-14;

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE 121.11 (c) TO PROPERLY REFLECT THE POSTED TIMES OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL, AMENDING SET HOURS FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. TO REQUIRING POSTED HOURS WITH ADEQUATE CONTACT INFORMATION TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt; a second by Mr. Peterson; ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes;

**ORDINANCE 5-14
FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING AND EXEMPTING THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE FROM THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE WHICH ESTABLISH AN UPPER AGE LIMIT UPON THE EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS IN THE UHRICHSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**ORDINANCE 6-14
FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE ALTERING AND AMENDING OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 124.45 REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS BY DISALLOWING PROMOTION OF CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS BY EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY SERVING A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: NONE.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Amy L. Myers
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
President of Council