

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mrs. Cottis, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Warner, Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Mick, Mr. Baker and Mr. Grandison.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis to accept the minutes from the February 27, 2014 meeting; 2nd by Mrs. Mick; ROLL CALL: Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Culbertson:

- Asking for an Executive Session either now or after the meeting, nothing to be decided just discussed.
- Had a meeting this morning on the bridges; don't know the outcome yet; commissioners won't have a say in what the county decides or what the county engineer can or can't do he is an elected official; some of those in attendance were the Dennison Mayor; our Law Director; Stonecreek Mayor; Dennison Law Director; the county had their attorney and Mr. Bachman; not sure how it's going to come out; everyone got to speak at the meeting; the Mayor feels we have never owned the bridges or maintained them, the Mayor has contacted a gentlemen from ODOT and will inspect all bridges free of charge but we are on a time schedule to apply for that and would have to pass an ordinance; inspecting the bridges is the minor part the maintenance and repair is the big thing. Mr. Hillyer said he has drafted another letter and final argument. Mr. Haney asked the commissioners won't make him or can't? The Mayor said because he is an elected official they don't have the authority. Mr. Haney says they have before and to look into County Road 82. Mr. Peterson asked if we would go with the ODOT program if they find a problem would we have to take care of it? The Mayor said yes we would or close the bridge. Mr. Peterson asked how would we set a budget? The Mayor said you would have no idea and we don't have any money in the budget for this. Mrs. Mick asked if we close the bridge can the pedestrians still use it? The Mayor said no. Mrs. Davis asked if any other counties had this happen? Mayor said he didn't know. Mr. Baker asked is the county responsible for the bridges? The Mayor said no. Mr. Baker asked what is something happens to a bridge now is the county not going to fix it? Mayor said yes they wouldn't fix it. Mr. Warner asked as far as the inspection we almost have to go with the inspector? The Mayor said he doesn't disagree with that but doesn't want the county to think we have accepted their decision. The Mayor said there is a deadline to get on the program and it's in April.
- Received notice for County CDBG funds; used money on west side curb and sidewalk project; has to be turned in (our engineering firm does) before April 28. 80/20 fund and it is not budgeted for this year.
- Fire Captain's test held, will promote new captain on Monday, 03/17/14; and was given under ORC; Mayor wants Council to table ordinance for Fire Captains; can't say who is being promoted.
- Time Warner Cable is merging with Comcast; doesn't change cities contract.

City Services Director, Mr. Bollon:

- Pot holes; our Durra Patcher machine is up and running and Councilman Warner can attest to that on Packer Street.
- Police department is building a file on junk cars and finalizing the project; offering owners a program to get cars removed if they can't afford it.
- Spring is around the corner and just a reminder to stop at the city building and get a permit if owners are going to put up fences, swimming pools, etc., we will really keep watch this year and make them take down if they don't follow ordinance; there are only five things that don't require a permit-painting; hvac; electric; plumbing and floor. Mrs. Davis asked what height does the fence need to be? Mr. Bollon said 5' with a locked gate; no pools in front yard. Mrs. Mick asked still doing boats and campers? Mr. Bollon said yes.
- Mr. Bollon wanted to stress we are not picking on anyone and some people don't have means to remove; trying to protect those that have nice yards; trying to get pride back in the community.
- Mayor wanted everyone to know the house on South Water that was the meth house is being torn down.
- There was a discussion between Mr. Warner, Mayor and Mr. Bollon about foreclosures and getting in touch with the banks to clean them up.

Law Director, Mr. Hillyer,

- Meeting went well today and will forward to Council the next step.
- The court case City of Uhrichsville vs. Verhovic has been dismissed, good news.
- Tax liens on properties is working with the County Prosecutor with a Pilot Program; there are so many tax liens on properties that buyers won't buy because they don't want to pay the tax liens; the Auditor would place a value on the property and would be significantly less than the tax lien.
- Researching properties the city owns and paying taxes on that should be exempt, have to file on each property and would save the city money. Mrs. Cottis asked we had done this years ago? The Mayor said yes but there are so many properties.

Auditor, Jody Dunlap, nothing.

Treasurer, Susan Peters, nothing.

Correspondence: none.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis; Health, Safety & Services Committee met March 3, discussed the rental regulations; Codified Ordinance Part 13; Chapter 13-29; Reviewed two bids for debris removal program MWC; asking what her next step should be? Should they contact Quicksall for application or Mr. Lauchenslager? The Mayor suggests she contacts Quicksall to write grant .

Mrs. Davis; nothing.

Mr. Warner; nothing.

Mr. Peterson; Handed in the Cemetery Board report from March 4 and the JEDD Committee report from 03/10/14.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis and a 2nd by Mrs. Davis to accept the Cemetery Board report; ROLL CALL: Mrs. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis and 2nd by Mrs. Davis to accept the JEDD Committee report;
ROLL CALL: Mrs. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes;
Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

Mrs. Mick; nothing.

Mr. Baker; nothing.

Mr. Grandison; held a Finance Committee tonight; voted to accept the 2014 budget and 1st reading will be tonight and wanted to thank Jody for her work.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis; nothing.

Mrs. Davis; thanked Mayor for representing the City at the Museum volunteer banquet.

Mr. Warner; nothing.

Mr. Peterson; Thank you to the media and wanted to educate the public with your help and my presentation on the tax levy; it is still very important to the city.

Mrs. Mick; nothing.

Mr. Baker; nothing.

Mr. Grandison; nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cottis; nothing

Mrs. Davis; nothing.

Mr. Warner; nothing.

Mr. Peterson; In 1994 he worked for the maintenance crew and we had 7 full time employees and one part time; in 2014 we have 4 full time employees covering 175 miles; bothers him when stuff is in the newspapers and wanted to thank the service department, Mr. Warner agrees. Mr. Bollon said people don't understand what they do and hours they work. Jeff Galbreath is the supervisor and save the city alot of money.

Mrs. Mick; nothing.

Mr. Baker; nothing.

Mr. Grandison; nothing.

Visitors:

- Beth Cush, A year ago I took a look at the ODOT web-site; cut 30% by Fed. Transp. Dept.; they are not receiving as much money on gas tax because people are buying fuel efficient cars; Mr. Bachman said a year ago hew wasn't getting as much money anymore; these trails are taking money out of ODOT.
- Diane Aberth-Lemonte, Big Bend Golf Course what are they going to do with all the junk behind it? Mr. Peterson said the new owner will clean that up; When is the next JEDD meeting and you said the project will be started? Mr. Peterson said May 12 and he hopes so. Did she understand the Mayor to say we receive money from Time Warner Cable? The Mayor said yes.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**ORDINANCE 5-14
Second 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

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.

This ordinance was tabled at the recommendation of the Mayor;

A motion was made to table the Ordinance by Mr. Peterson and a 2nd by Mrs. Mick;

ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-abstain; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Mr. Haney said the NRG Grant; met with Quicksall; grant for Eastport Project and all will be included on Council with project; have a very short time frame; apply for grant by June 20.

Mr. Haney asked Council to think about the summer scheduled; his predecessor only had one meeting a month but we are very busy in the summer and we will discuss this next meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis and a 2nd by Mr. Warner to go into Executive Session @ 8:17 p.m.

Amy L. Myers
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
President of Council