

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, May 8, 2014

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

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

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

Council President Mark Haney said we would be going out of order, Mrs. Davis has a recognition. The Recognition Committee would like to represent Office Meftah and Sergeant Shawn Smith for going above and beyond their duties to save a life recently. Mrs. Davis presented them both with Certificate's of Recognition. Sergeant Smith spoke for both he and Office Meftah, he said that any officer in their lifetime doesn't get the opportunity to save a life and they are by no means heroes. He also thanked Mr. Gotschall who also helped. A standing ovation was given by everyone in Council Chambers, including Council and all visitors.

Council President Mark Haney recognized Mr. Chris Fausto, the life the officers saved, he said he wouldn't be alive today without them. He was pronounced dead and they brought him back to life and he wanted to thank them and Mr. Gotschall.

A motion was made by Mrs. Davis to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2014 regular Council meeting; 2nd by Mr. Peterson; ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Mick-abstain because she was absent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2014 Public Council meeting; 2nd by Mrs. Davis; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes.

Council President Mark Haney recognized Bubbles Affolter, Twin City Water & Service Representative, she handed in the minutes from the March 20 meeting, Financial Statement March 2014, minutes from the February 20 meeting, Financial Statement February 2014; she said their selling water to Chesapeake; contract signed and good for 3 years.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Culbertson:

- Met with the Auditor and are looking to change the phone system, pretty substantial savings.
- Meeting Tuesday, May 6 with Terri Edwards, Commissioner Abbuhl and representative from OECC (Ohio Erie Canal Coalition); researching adding to the trail on the back side of waterpark to E. 4th Street, gave a couple books to Council President Mark Haney to look at; funding would come from outside funding.
- Had a Gorley Street Bottoms meeting with Mr. Moss for clean-up.
- There will be a meeting Wednesday, 05/21 @ 10:30 to remove debris from the Gorley Street Bottoms.
- There will be an entrance exam held for Police Officers, June 9; the city is looking Donna Patterson, she is resigning.
- The income tax levy failed asking all administration to get heads together and have a plan.

- Met with Chief Beal and getting truck traffic down Walnut Street, will meet with Mr. Bollon and Mr. Hillyer and try to get a no truck traffic signs.

City Services Director, Mr. Bollon:

- Wanted to say Office Meftah and Smith they are stewards and go above and beyond; Chief Beal and Mr. Bollon have a Medal of Distinction for both of them.
- Summer time get permits for yard sales and cut grass.
- Looking into truck traffic on Walnut; and there is no light on 1st and Water because there had been an accident. Mrs. Cottis added make sure when you cut your grass there are no grass clippings on the streets; Mrs. Mick said the light being gone by the food pantry sometimes the parking there makes it difficult to see. Mr. Haney asked when the community garage sale was, Mr. Bollon will look into it.

Law Director, Mr. Hillyer:

- Last meeting proposed a tax abatement; he handed out a sample ordinance for Council to review; this will attract new developers into the area. Mr. Haney said this was already in a committee.
- The pit bull ordinance, met with Mr. Warner, just because the State has changed their law doesn't necessarily mean the city has to.

Auditor, Jody Dunlap, nothing.

Treasurer, Susan Peters, absent.

Correspondence: none.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis; the Health, Safety & Services Committee met tonight to discuss 34-08 and she will defer to Mr. Warner to discuss.

Mrs. Davis; nothing.

Mr. Warner; met with Mr. Hillyer and discussed the ordinance vicious dogs, due to the fact that the State of Ohio got rid of it; he gave the Mayor a copy of the ordinance; should be changed for pit bull and shouldn't pick on any breed and any breed can be a vicious dog; recommends ordinance to say any breed; there is an ordinance to pay a fee to the city; the Mayor said since he has been Mayor no one has come in to pay the fee. As far as tethering; Dennison has an ordinance, hasn't been able to get in touch with Rob Hunt. Mr. Haney asked what was the recommendation is it to take fees out and to discuss further? Mr. Warner said yes. The Mayor said there is a database when the fees are paid; Mr. Hillyer suggested should see how many are in database and see if it is working. Mr. Haney asked Office Meftah if he runs across other breeds besides pitbulls and how can Council change this to help you guys? Officer Meftah said the laws are already on the books. Mrs. Cottis said they will further review 34-08.

Mr. Peterson; read the following report: Cemetery Board May 6 (handed in to Council Clerk); A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis and 2nd by Mrs. Davis to accept the Cemetery Board Minutes from May 6; ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Mick-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes.

Met with Craig Host, President of Twin City Little League, found Resolution 1225; lease agreement with city and Uhrichsville Little League in 1978; Gorley Street can be used and is important to the city; reviewed Dennison's lease agreement and gave to Mr. Hillyer.

There will be a JEDD meeting, May 12 @ 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers;
Clay Museum meeting, May 14 @ 4 at the old Clay Museum.

Public Meeting May 15 and May 27 @ 6 @ Eastport School. Mr. Haney said these public meetings are very important for Eastport Avenue Project and to contact your county commissioners to lobby for money. Mr. Haney had the Council Clerk email all council people.

Mrs. Mick; make a motion to untable 6-14; already untabled 4-24.

Mr. Baker; nothing.

Mr. Grandison; Finance Committee met this evening, the phone system is with AT&T (\$1399 month) and are looking at Time Warner Cable (\$927 month) for a significant savings. Finance Committee will meet every month 2nd council meeting of the month @ 5:30.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis; nothing.

Mrs. Davis; nothing.

Mr. Warner; nothing.

Mr. Peterson; Wanted to thank Mr. Bollon for filing potholes, he had given Mr. Bollon a complaint form; wanted to thank everyone who voted for or against the tax; there was an article in the paper and usually don't respond to but since the gentlemen signed his name and doesn't agree with it-the service department is down people since 2009 and we are short police officers; the new Ford SUV police cars are not gas guzzlers; our officers are not at Circle K drinking coffee; he wishes this gentlemen would have come to a council meeting.

Mrs. Mick; asked Mr. Bollon about care hauling away, Mr. Bollon said he has not implemented yet. Also asked Mr. Bollon about the blue house on the hill with the tarp on it? Mr. Bollon said he sent them a letter.

Mr. Baker; the public meeting's for the Eastport Project are very important.

Mr. Grandison; next Thursday, vital to get good audience participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cottis; The public library is launching the Youth Fit Initiative, get a chart and record your walking, you also get a chain with a foot and if you turn this in by August 4 you get a free tshirt.

Also, received an invitation from Office McCray to attend the DARE graduation, 25th anniversary.

Mrs. Davis; will be attending the DARE Graduation and Office McCray has lunch with the students; agrees 100% with Mr. Peterson on the levy.

Mr. Warner; nothing.

Mr. Peterson; Clay Museum meeting on May 14.

Mrs. Mick; asked Mr. Bollon on her street safety issues, drain on left side of street there is a hole; handed council a trash truck ordinance for Dennison for review.

Mr. Baker; nothing.

Mr. Grandison; The DARE project is great.

Visitors:

- Shannon Burton, visiting.
- Brian Harkelroad, own a twinplex on 1st Street in Uhrichsville, there is a business on Romig & Trenton, Mr. Sheeley owns and all the trash and it stinks, he brought a petition with 24 signatures (handed in to Council Clerk) to get this taken care of, Cardinal Waste owns property of some of the rental units; Mr. Harkelroad said people have called into the city and complained; Mr. Haney asked Mr. Hillyer to look into this; the Mayor said no one has called his office. Mr. Bollon said it's zoned commercial.
- Joseph VanSickle, visiting.
- Tamra Wilson; handed in Zoning Meeting Minutes from 04/27/14.

- Shirley Miller; Is the bottoms going to be done with ball fields? Mr. Haney said yes. And why are you tearing up Eastport? Mr. Haney said asked have you driven down Eastport lately, we have the opportunity to get TAP money and use storm sewer money. Mrs. Miller says she opposes both projects.
- Beth Cush; disappointed that the income tax levy didn't pass and please put it back on for November.
- Diane Aberth-LeMonte; agree with Mrs. Cush, asked Mr. Peterson when is the JEDD meeting; he said it will be May 12 @ 7:30, Mr. Peterson said haven't broken ground yet. She asked if the tax levy should be recounted because it lost with only 22 votes.
- Lona Scalabrino; opposes yard setbacks.
- Jenny Storrie; visiting and also opposes yard setbacks.
- Orah Robinson; why did you remove the sign on 11th Street-Children at Play? The Mayor said we didn't and are not allowed to put them up and doesn't know when that was put there. Why are some of the alley's black topped? Mr. Bollon said we don't black top those anymore. There should be a sign by Big Ben to slow down because of all the children who play, the Mayor will look into this.
- Debra Wenger; oppose setback ordinance, did some research and gave Council President Mr. Haney copies of other cities with setback ordinances.
- Herb Cotton - attended the meeting but had left.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

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

Second READING;

ORDINANCE 8-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF UHRICHVILLE ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 11 5.06/6.06/7.06 COLLOQUIALLY KNOWN AS YARD SETBACK REQUIRMENTS.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Parks and Recreation - Trail Project
- Finance Committee - Time Warner Cable
- Health, Safety & Services - Trash Truck Ordinance

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

Council President Mr. Haney said that since the income tax didn't pass look at any and all revenues because the budget is very tight.

Mrs. Cottis said she would not be able to attend the next council meeting.

Council President Mr. Haney asked again for Council to review the summer schedule.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46 p.m

Amy L. Myers
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
President of Council