

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, January 12, 2017

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

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Clerk Trisha Addison.

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from December 22, 2016; a motion was made by Mrs. Cottis with a second by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

Mr. Haney is currently working on committee assignments and a motion was made by Mr. Peterson, with a second by Mr. Warner, that Bob Baker continue as Council President Pro Tem. ROLL CALL: Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-abstained; Mr. Miller-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- The city website has been launched. He is currently working on entering email address and will get a hold of everyone about setting up passwords.
- Looking into a four-way stop at 8th and Water Streets. Feels it might be a good idea for the Safety Committee to study the area at different times of the day.
- Also considering a four-way stop at 10th and Main Streets.
- The Law Director informed him that the city is now the owner of the property at 740 N. Main Street,
- Asked the Law Director to prepare a Resolution to be considered tonight to honor Cody "No Love" Garbrandt. There will be a parade honoring Cody Garbrandt on January 22 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Lineup will be at the Intermediate School and will go down Grant to Third and Main and end at the Junior High School. At 5:00 p.m. there will be a rally at Claymont High School. The tickets are free but must be obtained in advance. If anyone has questions they can call Terry at Twin City Chamber.
- Susan Peters will not be running for Treasurer this year for the term beginning 2018. Anyone interested should file with the Board of Elections.
- Received a collection list from Kimble of approximately 150 names. He is concerned with where these residents' trash is going. Reminds everyone that if the property is vacant, it is the owner's responsibility to contact Kimble to cancel trash pickup.
- He is putting the alarm ordinance on hold for the time being. He doesn't believe there have been any new false alarms since the last meeting.
- During discussions, Mrs. Cottis asked if a light at the intersections on Water Street would cause an issue for getting out of the businesses and the Mayor felt that it would help the flow. Mrs. Davis asked if a study had to be performed for a red light and the Mayor said that it did not need done since it was stop signs proposed and not traffic lights and he has the authority to do so. Mr. Peterson asked if it would help control speeding on Water Street and the Mayor replied that he talked with the police chief and they felt that it would, but the reason for the possible stop signs is not to control speeding, but because of congestion at the intersection.

City Services Director Joe Bollon:

- Handed out a packet of information to all council members with a quote from Ace Trucking and Equipment. The city has two small salt hoppers that spread salt and one hopper had collapsed and rusted through prior to the last Storm Sewer meeting. This week the Hooper used for

durapatch quit working and needs replaced. The price is \$6,259.00 each and will be stainless steel. Will be the same as the large hopper. The Auditor is on board. The money to purchase will come out of the general fund. Asked for approval from Council to purchase two small hoppers.

- Also needed is an intermediate dump truck. The Auditor had requested that Mr. Bollon wait until the 2017 budget to purchase. The lease will be \$19,054.00 at 2.75% interest. Payments will start once the truck is received.
- The money for the dump truck will come out of the storm sewer fund.
- Mr. Grandison stated that the Finance Committee had discussed the purchases and approved the same. Mrs. Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of two hoppers and a dump truck as presented with a second by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes.

Law Director Brett Hillyer:

- The City has taken possession of 740 N. Main Street and would like Council's permission to list the property for sale as part of the land bank. A motion was made by Mr. Warner, with a second by Mr. Peterson, to permit the Law Director to list the property at 740 N. Main Street for sale. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller.
- The Atkins property on Maple is under contract. This property is not part of the land bank, but has been an ongoing eyesore to the city. One of the property owners had passed away and the other was in a nursing home. Tom Powell is interested in purchasing the property.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer, Susan Peters:

- Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

- Received a statement from Walter H. Drane Company in the amount of \$390.00 for "hosting code on the internet from 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017" and it was turned over to the Auditor for payment.
- Received a form from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control asking if the city requested a hearing regarding the advisability of issuing a permit for Big Bend Golf Course. A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, with a second by Mr. Miller that a hearing was not necessary. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mrs. Cottis-abstained; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes. The form will be completed by council clerk and returned to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis – Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis – Recommended that January 22 be named Cody Garbrandt Day. The Mayor agreed and told council that he was planning a proclamation doing just that.

Mr. Warner – Will be working on the medical marijuana issue.

Mr. Peterson – All council members should have received a letter that a Cemetery Board meeting on January 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mill Township Building to discuss a .5 mill renewal on the ballot and hopes all can attend. Also, a Jedd Meeting will be held on January 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – The Finance Committee met to discuss and approve the three purchases discussed earlier by the Service Director. The next finance committee meeting will be held on January 18 at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis – Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson – Gail Mick contacted him regarding the Aggregate Program. She had received a letter to participate in the Mill Twp. Program and had never received a letter to participate in the Uhrichsville program. Mr. Hillyer said that she could participate in the Uhrichsville program. The letters come from the same people and offer the same rate and it wouldn't matter either way. She has already decided to opt out. Mr. Miller said that others had contacted him regarding receiving information and after discussion it was decided that this was not offers from the Aggregate Program, but a company soliciting business. Mr. Miller said that it would relay the information.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

New Business

Mrs. Cottis – Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson – Everyone knows that something needs done with the streets and need to generate revenue.

The Auditor spoke and has briefly researched the issue. The 2 mill levy for the hospital is off and generated \$100,000.00 approximately. If we raise income tax .25% would generate approximately \$275,000.00. This wouldn't touch retirement income and the elderly. Money has to be transferred every year to the street fund. The street fund is not solvent. It costs approximately \$35,000.00 to pave a block. Our street department equipment is in terrible shape and we are down to four workers covering the same size city as eight or nine workers formerly. The funding has been cut from the state. To make the street fund solvent we do need to add revenue. .25% would be earmarked specifically for the street fund and not used for anything else.

Mr. Peterson and Mr. Miller will talk to the public when they get petitioner's signatures for the ballot. The .25% has been voted down in the past but need to give people of Uhrichsville the opportunity to let us know how they feel by putting on ballot on May primary. The Auditor pointed out that anything to be placed on the May primary has to be filed by February 1. The Auditor asked the Law Director if we have to do a Resolution of necessity and then pass an Ordinance to put on the ballot. It could be done at the next meeting or a special meeting.

The Mayor agrees we need to get citizens involved, maybe a citizen's committee for input. Better to hear from someone other than administration, it sometimes resonates more to come from someone other than a government official.

Mr. Peterson said that Coshocton failed on their first time on the ballot and then had a committee and fund raisers and then passed by a couple hundred votes.

The Auditor said that if any citizens want to become involved they should contact the Mayor's office.

Mr. Miller stated that he and Mr. Peterson talked about going door to door. They would tell the citizens that 100% of the money coming in would go to the streets and not for raises or in anybody's pockets.

Mr. Hillyer thinks it's best to have a real estate levy but doesn't disagree with Mrs. Pearch, but believes it wouldn't generate as much money and feels the best way to get it passed would be to call it a street levy.

Mr. Bollon said it was amazing how much Water Street has deteriorated and Mr. Haney said that asphalt has a seven year life span. Mr. Grandison said that the matter is already on the agenda of the next meeting of the Finance Committee. Mr. Hillyer would be happy to draw up a proposal for what is needed for the next meeting to compare both ideas. Mrs. Cottis clarified that two options are being considered: .25% income tax or Street Levy based on property values.

It was agreed to be discussed again at the next meeting.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Visitors: None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 1794
A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF UHRICHVILLE
HONORING CODY "NO LOVE" GARBRANDT**

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

**ORDINANCE 1-17
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE HOURLY PAY OF VARIOUS
DEPARTMENT HEADS WITHIN THE SERVICE OF
THE CITY OF UHRICHVILLE
EFFECTIVE 1-1-17**

A motion to suspend was made by Mrs. Davis with a second by Mr. Peterson. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Peterson; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes.

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

The Safety Committee will look into traffic at 8th and N. Water Street.

Other Discussions:

Mr. Bollon wanted to remind Council and the Finance Committee that negotiations are around the corner for contracts including the police department and that we need to look at soon. The Finance Committee will sit down with the Mayor soon.

Mr. Haney is looking at the committees and will be ready by the next meeting. He also reminded everyone of the Cemetery Board meeting on 1/15 and asked everyone to be there.

There were no other matters to discuss.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
Council President