

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUCIL
Thursday, January 23, 2020

Council President Robert Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He then introduced Matt Fox who has been appointed by the Democratic Central Committee as replacement for the Council seat vacated by Buck Cottrell.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: President Cottrell yes, Mr Fox, yes, Mr Huff, yes; Ms Myers, yes; Mr Harmon, yes; Mr Miller, yes; Mr Baker, yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Clerk Protem, Mary Ellen Campbell.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council meetings from the last meeting. Motion was made by Mr Harmon, seconded by Ms Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr Harmon yes, Ms Myers yes, Mr Miller yes, Mr Baker yes, Mr Fox, yes, Mr Huff yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the special Council meeting on January 13. Motion was made by Mr Harmon and seconded by Mr Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr Harmon, yes, Mr Huff, yes, Ms Myers, yes, Mr Miller yes, Mr Baker Yes, Mr Fox yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell reported that the only application for Ward 1 council seat was from James Zucal. He then asked if there were any other nominations. A motion by Mr Harmon to elect James Zucal was seconded by Ms Myers, ROLL CALL: Mr Harmon yes, Ms Myers yes, Mr Miller yes, Mr Baker yes, Mr Fox yes Mr Zucal was then sworn in by Eric Harmon.

Elaine Affolter, representative on the Twin City Water & Sewer Dept. board gave the council clerk minutes and list of work done from December and January. She also advised council that there will be an opening at the Water Department for a position in Maintenance 2. Resumes may be sent to the water department.

Council President then asked for a motion to go into Executive Session, with a decision to be made. At 7:07 PM Mr Harmon moved that Council go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr Harmon yes, Ms Myers yes, Mr Miller yes, Mr Baker yes, Mr Zucal yes, Mr Fox yes, Mr Huff yes.

At 8:34 PM Mr Harmon moved that council come out of Executive Session, seconded by Ms Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr Harmon yes, Ms Myers yes, Mr Miller yes, Mr Baker yes, Mr Zucal yes, Mr Fox yes, Mr Huff yes.

A Motion to accept the AMENDED contract with Smith Ambulance for 3 years was made by Mr Harmon and seconded by Mr Zucal.

Ms Myers then made a motion to table the motion and it was seconded by Mr Miller.
ROLL CALL: Ms Myers yes, Mr Miller yes, Mr Baker no, Mr Zucal no, Mr Fox yes, Mr Huff no, Mr Harmon no. Motion was defeated.

ROLL CALL ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Mr Harmon yes, Mr Zucal yes, Mr Fox yes, Mr Huff no, Ms Myers no, Mr Miller no, Mr Baker no. Motion was defeated.

President of Council then appointed the Ambulance Committee, Mr Miller CHM, Ms Myers and Mr Huff. He then reminded council that the Ambulance Committee would meet on Monday, January 27 at 6 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

Office has received complaints regarding the trash bins not being placed at the curb and are not being taken from the curb at the scheduled times
The Water dept. will be working on East 1st street the first part of April or May.
The city will be paying for half of the cost for that project
Brenda Seibert will be the Manager at the Water Park this summer
Found that the city has a spreadsheet for the list of Landlords/registered property.
Will be working with this information for cleanup contacts.
There are some Water Park issues, Jeff is making a list
Asked Council Members for a paving list
Rita Brindley asked for 2 park committee members to be on the Trail Committee
Removal of the dam will begin in May.

City Service Director Belle Everett

Has met with 2 members of the Zoning Committee and plan to get with Mr Ong regarding next steps on a project.
Has sent letters to property owners and tenants regarding clean up
In the process of getting 3 quotes for the fuel tanks
Street Department is filling holes
Hope the Paving lists can be in by the next meeting.
Thanked the Fire Department for their work this past week.
Advised that she had received a phone call from a resident that has sold some property and the Storm Sewer assessment has not gone down. It was suggested she tell them to contact the Auditors office.

Law Director, James J. Ong:

Had nothing to report.

Auditor, Julie Pearch: Nothing to report
Treasurer, Bob Michels: ABSENT

There was no correspondence

Committee Reports:

Mr Fox Nothing to report
Mr Huff Nothing to report
Ms Myers Nothing to report
Mr Harmon Nothing to report
Mr Miller Nothing to report
Mr Baker Nothing to report
Mr Zucal Nothing to report

Old Business

Mr Fox Nothing
Mr Huff Nothing
Ms Myers Nothing
Mr Harmon Extended a welcome to the 2 new council members
Mr Miller Nothing to report
Mr Baker Nothing to report
Mr Zucal Nothing to report

New Business

Mr Fox Nothing
Mr Huff Nothing
Ms Myers Nothing
Mr Harmon Showed photos of some homes in the city and told members there is a severe Blight issue in the city. There is just \$15,000.00 in the Demolition budget. In 1960 there were 7000 people living the city. In 1980 there were only 6500 and today there are 5400. If we loose 400 more this year in the census we will be considered a Village. Ms Myers asked what amount he suggested and he said at least \$35,000.00. No action was taken on this.
Mr Miller Nothing
Mr Baker Nothing
Mr Zucal Nothing

VISITORS:

Jody & James Zucal
Mike Hickman-Observing
Justin Beckley – Observing
Nathan Crouse – observing
Zach Lynch – observing
Bob Smith – There to answer any Council questions regarding Smith Ambulance
Wes Dillon - observing

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Second reading on ordinance 1-20

1-20

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FORMAL EVALUATIONS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT HEADS OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE AND REPEALING
ORDINANCE NO. 1092

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None

Other Discussions:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr Harmon. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM