

## UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Council President Buck Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.

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

Council President Buck Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

Council President Buck Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the EMS Special Council Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2020. A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

#### **Mayor Mark Haney:**

- Needs street paving list by the end of the month. Jeff Galbreath has a list and he agrees with most of what he has, but is adding E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street
- Would like Council to review Ordinance 9-17, Landlord Ordinance, and possibly amend fees to see if we need to make changes. JJ has Village of Dennison Ordinance. In March of 2018 the Village of Dennison amended their Ordinance to include the landlords being responsible. He thinks Council needs to consider making that change to Uhrichsville's Ordinance and if it is decided to change he will make that change to the Ordinance.
- Been working closely with the Police Department about blight issues. Belle has been typing letters. They have asked to police to help out by taking pictures when they do their initial report so there can be a comparison.
- Our service yard, the rims are gone and the tires will be gone tomorrow. We have some plans for the yard. We are looking at it for a grant for the fuel tank. AEP is looking at dropping electricity into that facility for us.
- Belle met with Thrasher Engineering regarding our master service agreement. We don't pay anything unless we use them. Asking for approval from Council to sign the agreement. They are doing a lot of work with Twin City Water and Sewer. Erin Wright is at Thrasher and she has done a lot of our grants and has been very helpful to the City finding money. JJ has reviewed and the City has no financial obligation to the firm, they will be available in the event we call and will be paid for the work they do. There is no term to the agreement.
- US Census Bureau has sent us a map and he has reviewed it and believes it is correct.
- Mr. Harmon asked about the house next to the city yard on the west side. It is being looked at for a training house and then a burn house for the fire department.
- We are working with the health department regarding five houses with lead abatement. They have been helpful and suggested other things we can do.
- Ms. Myers asked if the houses with lead abatement were occupied. They are not supposed to be occupied. Mr. Harmon asked for a list of the houses.
- Mr. Fox asked about the fees to the landlords. It is per owner and should be per property. It is a once a year fee. They are required to let the City know when there is a change of occupancy. Mayor Haney said it helps the fire and police departments know who is living there. The

notification is also for income taxes purposes that is turned over to RITA. When contractors come in to fill out building permit they will be required to fill out a W-9 and form for RITA based on the amount of time they are working on the property.

- Mr. Zucal thanked the Mayor, police department and administration. He had several constituents complaining about a junk car with expired plates and they got it removed.

**City Services Director Belle Everett:**

- Met with Erin Wright at Thrasher to discuss the City's wishes. Twin City Water is currently doing a project and her concern was we don't have storm sewers from Deersville Avenue to Water Street. Twin City Water is using a grant and it would be to our benefit to install storm sewer lines in the process of that project. She discussed that with them and asked if it could possibly be done. We could go through OWDA with a low interest rate. We wouldn't have a change to get a state grant. They discussed options and pedestrian access to McCauley Drive.
- They've been dealing a lot with blight on properties and trying to put together a system. We send the notice to property owner. Still looking at the West Side Yard.
- Election Day is March 17. There will be three precincts voting here. All employees are to park behind First Christian Church.
- Ms. Pearch asked about the storm sewer issue and if it would be a storm sewer grant.
- Jeff Galbreath and the Mayor brought up an issue at Deersville Avenue and Scott Street. There is a huge box underground and there is issues with the street collapsing. Twin City Water and Sewer will camera it for us. There was a discussion regarding the issue. We don't have the equipment to handle. We will have to decide quickly. Mayor Haney recommended that we do something now or be nicked and dined in the future. Mr. Zucal said he would support the move.

**Law Director James J. Ong:**

- Nothing to report. Everything he had has been discussed.

**Auditor, Julie Pearch:**

- Asked that her financials for November and December be approved. Everyone had copies from the previous meeting.
- Audits are starting. They are working on her GAAP audit and the State is conducting the two-year audit which will happen sometime this Spring.
- A Motion to approve the November and December financials was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Baker-yes.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

- Absent.

**Correspondence:**

- Received a letter from Tuscarawas County Homeland Security with invoice for 1,353,25 for renewal of 2020 contractual agreement. It will be turned over to Ms. Pearch for payment. A motion was made by Ms. Myers to pay the bill, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.
- Ohio Municipal League send information on seminars for newly elected council members. The information will be placed in Councils mailboxes. If interested they are to get in touch with Ms. Pearch.

### **Committee Reports**

**Mr. Fox** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Huff**- Nothing to report.

**Ms. Myers**- Finance Committee met last night and the report was read and is available upon request. The next Finance Committee meeting will be February 20 at 6L:00 p.m. and will meet each week February 26, at 6:00 p.m. A motion to approve the Finance Committee report was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

**Mr. Harmon** – Nothing to report. He will be in contact with members of the Economic Development Committee and will give them an official date.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker**- Nothing to report.

**Mr. Zucal** – Nothing to report.

### **Old Business:**

**Mr. Fox** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Huff** – Nothing to report.

**Ms. Myers** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Harmon** – Tonight will be a third reading on proposed Ordinance No. 1-20 which is the ordinance establishing formal evaluations for the department heads of the City of Uhrichsville and repealing Ordinance No. 1091. Ordinance 1091 is severely outdated and this sets up the formal process of repealing that ordinance and sets up a formal procedure for identifying and recognizing proper pay rates based off of evaluations of the various heads of city departments. It is intended to enhance communication and establish mutually agreed upon goals for the future of the City of Uhrichsville. He asked for everyone's vote in favor of the legislation

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Zucal** – Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

**Mr. Fox** – He turned in his paving list and hopes that it is priority one.

**Mr. Huff** – Nothing to report.

**M. Myers** – Welcomed back our council clerk. She had been out for a couple months not feeling well. Thanked Mrs. Campbell for filling in. She did a fantastic job. Congratulated a couple of new businesses in the City. Joe Cottis opened Mike's Barbershop which was his grandfather's and also Eric's grandfather at 201 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street. It opened on February 5. Also, Vikki O'Hara came back to Uhrichsville from Dennison. Nanny and Pop's Little Treasures opened at 215 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street on February 6. She congratulated both of those businesses.

**Mr. Harmon** – He will be submitting a copy of his 2020 paving recommendations to the Council Clerk for consideration.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Zucal** – Nothing to report.

### **Visitors:**

Mr. Rentsch and Mr. Beckley, Claymont City Schools – presented Council with and handout and asked for a Resolution to support the levy for Claymont City Schools. He discussed the need for the levy and

what the money would be used for. The next community meeting is next Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School and next Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the intermediate School. Martha Campbell is the chairman of the committee.

Erin Wright from Thrasher Engineering. She met with Belle Everett yesterday regarding the storm sewer issue on E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. She had presented Council with a master agreement in October and asking for approval of same. Mr. Zucal thanked Erin for coming tonight. She is really good at what she does and at finding money. Mr. Zucal made a Motion to approve the Mayor signing the master agreement with Thrasher Engineering, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr., Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Ms. Myers- Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

Jeff Galbreath, City Services – he gave a report of all work being done at this time.

Chief Beal – handed out paperwork showing numbers of indictments, calls, and arrests from last year. Also, the Cops Grans, we can't apply for it until we have a budget. The grant is due my March 11 at 8:00 p.m. That is the only part of the grant that is not filled out and as soon as we have that we can go forward with it. The money is a little different, more of a 50% than 75%, but it's over three years. On the 4<sup>th</sup> year you have to agree to make an effort to keep that person. There is no penalty if you do not keep the officer. If you don't keep the officer, it is a black mark for future grants. The grant pays a cap amount. We are applying for the maximum amount \$120,000, that is spread out over three years. The fourth year there is nothing. There may have to be a special meeting if the budget isn't approved by the next meeting.

Trent Troyer, President of First Federal, along with Scott Ferrell and Kathy Norman. The wanted to officially thank City Council and the administration for welcoming their bank and being very accommodating during construction. Also thanked the safety forces. Kathy wanted to mention there is a pot of hot coffee available if you want to stop in.

Nathan Crouse – observing.

Shane Milligan, 405 North St., Uhrichsville. Has a problem with drainage. Water is pouring into his basement. Jeff Galbreath discussed. The administration will contact Twin City Water and Sewer. Belle said they will smoke it.

Adam Wilgus – running for Tuscarawas County Probate/Juvenile Judge and came to introduce himself.

Chief Edwards – Councilman Harmon requested information regarding overtime and he presented information to everyone and explained the paperwork and answered questions.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **ORDINANCE 1-2020**

#### **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FORMAL EVALUATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEADS OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1091**

#### **Third Reading**

A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

**RESOLUTION 1832**  
**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CLAYMONT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S**  
**CONTINUING REPLACEMENT 5.0 OPERATING EXPENSES AND PERMANENT**  
**IMPROVEMENT, AS CONTAINED ON THE MARCH 17, 2020 BALLOT**

A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Ms. Myers-yes.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

A Resolution regarding the Programmable Agreement with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office will be placed in Council's mailboxes and discussed at the next meeting.

Landlord Ordinance to be reviewed by the Ordinance and Code Committee.

The Mayor would like a meeting with the Park and Recreation Committee.

The Mayor asked to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel without action to be taken. A motion was made at 8:34 p.m. by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Miller. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Fox at 8:49 p.m.

**Other Discussions:**

No other discussions.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Trisha Addison  
Clerk of Council

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Buck Cottrell  
Council President