

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 26, 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-no (sick); Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by council member Amy Myers.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Ms. Myers-yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fox. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

- He had given Council Resolution 1966 to look at for reference regarding the original Mutual Aid Agreement from 1993. He paid outside counsel to send letters out to Townships and Villages on how the EMS will work. Under Ohio Revised Code, we cannot provide mutual aid without a contract. That letter will go out in the next day or so to them so they can see why we cannot provide that service to them without a cost and with no agreement. In the next week or so he will have mutual aid agreements signed with Arrowhead Fire District and the City of New Philadelphia for EMS. They have been very cooperative and will work well with us.
- Has a copy of the agreement with Rush Township that has been signed tonight for their EMS service with the City of Uhrichsville.
- Gave Council a Resolution/Ordinance for tonight authorizing the Mayor to apply for or accept designs for the storm sewer. He had discussed about a month ago regarding the issue on E. 1st Street. Erin Wright and Steve Hamit. from Thrasher are on the call. We are going to have to make a tough decision. He gave Council two proposals with two different designs and two different costs. Option One is to do a full project to get storm sewer from off of East 1st and Option 2 is a lot smaller project. They will be starting short term. This project needs to move forward and can't hold up Twin City Water. He believes the money is available through a loan. Erin and Steve discussed the options. Option One – water is collecting on the south curb line. So instead of running catch basin on the street they were concentrating on the south curb lines of E. First street. They have a series of pipes 12" and catch basins to 36" running in the westerly direction from Main Street until you get to Thompson Street and there is a large 48" pipe that drains to 2nd Street. They will tie into that. If you decide to go with Option Two, they will be milling along the south curb line from Main Street to make a constant profile so the drain will drain towards the west and drain in a constant series of catch basins at the intersection of Scott, Deersville, and Thompson to drain to the existing storm sewer that goes to 2nd Street. Mayor

Haney said they did the 2nd Street project about six years ago and we planned to use curbs to run down into the bottom. We had planned for this project for in the future and that's why such a large pipe was put in. Belle said it would start this summer. It will make a huge difference. It makes no sense for Twin Coty Water to tear up the road and us come back and tear it up again. Mr. Zucal asked about funding and Erin replied we don't have time for public works money through ODC. Donnie has to have this project bid this winter and has a grant agreement signed and executed and has to have this project done by the end of next year, the end of 2021. Belle asked about low interest loans and money in the storm sewer. Erin replied OWDA is a low interest loan and the City would qualify for .5 reduction of whatever the interest is because we have used OWDA in the past. If the City doesn't want to move forward, Donnie is going ahead with construction this summer. He is willing to wait to bid the project over the winter if the City wants to participate and fix their storm sewer, but Donnie has to have the project done by 2021 due to the grant agreement. President Cottrell asked if she suggested we move on one of the options. Erin replied funding agencies do not like to have to replace something once they've already paid for something to be done and if its something you'd like to see fixed, I would recommend doing it. It would probably save a little bit of money. You are already agreeing to pay 50% of the paving. Donnie is already agreeing to pay his share. If you tear it up down the road, you will be paying the full pavement repair. Ms. Myers said as committee chair she needs to talk to Auditor Pearch and meet with the Finance Committee and present it at next Council meeting. She is not comfortable voting before doing so. Cottrell asked if we have a month to decide. Erin said if we can do it at next Council meeting that would be best because it will take about two months to get and OWDA loan to get the project started and we are delaying Donnie in getting construction started. President Cottrell said we should know in two weeks. Mayor asked if we are looking at a 20-year loan on option two? And it is. Erin and Steve are working out of their homes so if any questions, reach out to them.

- Submitting paving list, probably tomorrow. Had a lot of discussion and it comes in at roughly 300,000.00. Last year paving costs were down. I feel we need to submit the \$300,000.00 and see where we come in at. He talked to Joe Baughman. We have a lot of streets that need repairs and \$3000,000 isn't going to put a dent in it.
- He's been talking with other local mayors on how to help local businesses during the Coronavirus. Reach out and support these businesses as much as you can. You can buy gift certificates, gift cards. See if they will deliver. We have to keep local businesses running. Use social media to support them. It's a tough time and buy local as much as you can. Don't buy Amazon or Walmart, buy local.
- Our departments are running as is. We've put out information to our employees about social distancing. We will be using Zoom in the future.

City Services Director Belle Everett:

- We're been learning how to run our day-to-day business in a different way and its been working out. Call or email with any complaints. Building permits can be emailed.
- Durapatch has been out and working.
- Joe Baughman's men will be back to work April 6.
- She and the Mayor will be going to look at dump trucks at ODOT for future purchase.
- Water Park repairs will proceed. We will not open in time for Memorial Day. Odds are we will not be permitted. Hopefully weather will cooperate. Umbrellas and locks for lockers will be ordered. Mr. Fox said that in the future he would hope we would do these projects in the fall.

Law Director James J. Ong:

- Absent.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Absent.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- Letter to Uhrichsville Water Park from the Tuscarawas County Public Library System thanking them for their generous donation to the summer reading program.
- Thank you card to Mayor Haney from Hannah's House 119 for the generous donation toward their 2020 Gala fundraiser.
- Thank you card from Celeste Golec of the Dennison Railroad Festival for the donation to help support their yearly fundraiser.

Committee Reports

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff- The Health, Safety and Services Committee is working on coordinating with the Fire Department and Administration to set up a meeting.

Ms. Myers- Had emailed everyone the minutes and presented the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on March 25, 2020, and a copy is available upon request. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes. Asked for a Motion to accept the February Cash Reconciliation for 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Ms. Myers-yes. They are going to ask JJ for a report from the assistant Travis Collins. They used to have how many court hearings, etc. and they would like a report from him on charges and hearings. She asked if Mayor Haney or Belle were not going to be at the Finance Committee that they let her know or if one could come or send something in writing as an update so they can discuss at meeting. Belle said she spoke to Julie but more specifics were needed and the Mayor had called right before the meeting, but Amy asked for earlier notice. The next Finance Committee Meetings are scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Harmon – Absent.

Mr. Miller – Ambulance Committee Meeting will be Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Baker- Ordinance Committee met Monday at 6:00 p.m. He forgot to print out his minutes so will have the report at the next meeting.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers – Asked the mayor about our city emails and he asked if Josh Galloway is on that and he is not. He is out of quarantine now. Mayor Haney is looking for a code to access it He is also waiting on Nick Brown to update the website.

Mr. Harmon – Absent.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

New Business

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers – This Sunday she will be doing a ride-along with the Fire Department.

Mr. Harmon – Absent.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

Nathan Crouse – Hopes that everyone will vote yes.

Wes Dillon – Observing.

Chief Edwards- Spoke about the transaction from Smith Ambulance to Uhrichsville Fire Department as EMS. The goal has been to use existing revenue, place more full-timed highly trained firefighters on the scene of your fires, medical emergencies and rescue emergencies. This evening Council will decide if they should hire two new fire firefighter paramedics. As Fire Chief, I support the decision to increase the staff of the Uhrichsville Fire Department. The additional staff is essential to the staff of the EMS service as well as the safety of your firefighters. Moving forward we are looking to a mutually beneficial benefit for the City of Uhrichsville. We did receive a grant for \$3,706.67 back in training funds to reimburse spent last year. Chief Parrish took it upon himself to nominate some of our paramedics and EMTs for a call that happened in Union Township last month It was a nomination for Star Life Aware. It recognizes outstanding achievements. At the scene, they saved a woman's life and were awarded the Star Life Award with a presentation happening on May 20,2020 at the Ohio Department of Transportation, 198 W. Broad Street, Columbus at 11:30 a.m., reception, 1:00 awards ceremony. It is a prestigious award and we are honored. The three to be honored are Captain Nathan Crouse, Curtis McGarry, and Cory Paisley. If anyone has Covid-19 questions, let them know. Nathan has been studying up on it. He discussed how they are handling it. A couple serious calls this week, one being a person in high waters. Thanked publicly their mutual aid departments. There was a structure call last night on Orchard Street. His guys did an awesome job. A two-story house, and neighbor's house didn't catch on fire.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 6-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE UHRICHSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 737.08, THEREBY AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE

Third Reading

A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-no.

Mr. Fox asked that it be in the minutes that he misunderstood, and intended to vote no. He asked for an amendment or recount. President Cottrell said that it could be put in the record.

ORDINANCE 7-20

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO REGISTER RENTAL PROPERTIES
WITH THE CITY OF UHRICHVILLE, AND REPEALING
ORDINANCE NO. 9-17**

First Reading

There was discussion and questions involving the Ordinance.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Finance Committee – 1st Street Project.

Other Discussions:

Mayor Haney met with Fire Department and Street Department. The fire department went to 30- 40 residences monitoring the high water. Shut the power off at several places. Some basements were just high water. Evacuated two homes. Contacted the Red Cross. Mayor Haney added that our leadership in our departments is good and appreciated the call and their work. Their work time may be reimbursed.

President Cottrell read a statement about EMS encouraging council and voters to support the fire department and EMS.

Mr. Baker asked about the moving of Council Meeting and was decided to keep the next meeting at April 8.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Robert Cottrell
Council President