

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 11, 2020

Council President Robert 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 Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

Mayor Haney asked to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel with possible discipline. A Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Fox at 7:01 p.m. A Motion to return from Executive Session was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Miller at 7:17 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

- Distributed to Council a job description for full-time Administrative Assistant to the Mayor where the job of Administrative Assistant and Water Park Manager are combined for a salary of around \$26,000.00 per year with benefits. Discussed with Finance last night. JJ said Council would have to pass an Ordinance if we are creating a new position. Mayor Haney would like to hire someone in the next couple weeks if possible. Council President Buck Cottrell referred it to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation. Ms. Pearch asked if it was a salary or hourly position. Mayor Haney said it would be \$12.50 per hour. He has three good candidates for the position. Ms. Myers said she loved the new job description and that Debby's talents were underutilized. She felt the salary was where it should be for the position. Ms. Myers also asked how many landlord letters would be sent out and there are around 600.
- Had discussion with Erin Wright regarding Trenton Avenue project and has an estimate. From the bridge to the school \$749,579.00 through ODOT Small Cities. They would pay up to \$602,000.00 leaving the local share of \$165,000.00. Local share could come through ARK or OPWC. We will be submitting a letter of interest by end of the day on Monday. Construction at the earliest would start Fall 2023. Mr. Huff asked if anyone had spoken with the school and Mr. Haney will be talking with them, mainly about school pickup.
- Steve will meet with them to look at Wardell. They will discuss an EDA FEMA possibly. Mr. Harmon said he applauds the administrations efforts on Wardell Street. That road has been talked about for quite some time and he hopes we can get some results for the residents and our largest taxpayer, U.S. Wells. He contacted ODNR and hasn't heard anything. He put this road on his paving list. He feels we should look at paving when you first turn in in front of Ms. Dalpiaz's house.
- Demolition CVDG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Allocation has been talked about. We will submit to Scott Reynolds in 2021 and projects can move forward in 2022. There is \$500,000.00 in grant money available. Can be used for demolition, curbs, sidewalks. He reached out to Erin about heading the demolition project.
- Still working on the McCauley Drive project. The application is not due until Fall to get a pedestrian walkway out there.

- Thanked the City of New Philadelphia, Mr. McAbier and Mayor Day for lending their bucket truck.
- We will be receiving a 2004 50-foot boom truck from AEP at no cost to the City. We are told it is in great shape and we should receive Wednesday or Thursday. Our entire community will benefit from it.
- Water Park floor is in. The contractor gave some recommendations about changes that need to be made. We have more work that we will price out for playground equipment refurbish. Will be speaking with Rotary again about the gazebo. The company from Arizona did a very good job and hired a couple local kids from college to work for them. Umbrellas are being made at Herbs and he will have the final estimate on that.
- Have three estimates for the catch basin work and would like to get those done before paving begins. Scheduled company to camera and video catch basins for Orchard, Holiday, E. 8th and 9th and Eastport area at Becky Chaney property.
- Two contractors looked at catch basin at Moose and found the catch basin. The problem is the pipe and it is on the list to get a price.
- Have talked about reducing the workload on our men. He has two estimates to mow City Park and Water Park. Scott Lawncare \$265.00 each time, at 27 mowings per year. Did not include West Side Park. Fockler Snow & Lawncare who did all of our landscaping work this year is \$200.00 each time. They will not charge if they do not mow, it is per mow. We put a maximum of 27 mowings. Mayor Haney asked if Council had his blessing, it falls under \$10,000.00 expense so he can approve on his own and Mr. Cottrell agreed.
- Has the paving bids. He submitted \$300,000.00 for paving and our bid came in at \$228,000.00 with Newton Asphalt getting the bid. That includes the City receiving all the grinds which will be stored at the West Side yard for use in alleys and filling potholes. Would like to add a couple of streets, Wardell and Herrick. The streets to be paved are:
 - E. 6th from Water to Gorley
 - W. 11th Street from the dead end to N. Water St.
 - N. Dawson Street from Eastport to the tracks
 - Gorley Street from Shamel St. to Parkway
 - Jay Street from Trenton Ave. to W. 3rd
 - E 9th St. from Eastport to dead end
 - Maple St. from Eastport Ave. to Uhrich St.
 - Orchard St. from Holiday Ave. to Franklin St.
 - Holiday Ave. from the tracks to Old County Road 28
 - E. 8th Street from Water St. to the end
 - W. 10th Street from Parrish St. to the gold course

Will get estimates on the two additional streets.

Mr. Fox asked where the grindings would be stored and the Mayor has a spot designated at the West Side garage.

Mr. Huff asked if Council could be provided with a copy of the final paving list and the Mayor will provide that.

- Went over expense report and based on the math for EMS out of tax revenue we have brought in \$36,000.00 and spent \$32,000.00. We are up on calls and are very busy. At six months we will have a meeting with EMS to discuss how things are going and council members are invited. Mr. Huff asked, in layman's terms, is the fire department working in the black and Ms. Pearch said yes, it is. Factoring in the \$7,000.00 that was paid for private ambulance it came out of the levy and that money should be factored into your monthly revenues. If that is factored in they are \$2,000.00 to the good. It is really hard to do that month to month. EMS Reports need to be looked at, with COVID calls were down, but are now picking up. In May just for charges for services they brought in close to \$10,000.00.
- City workers were out last night cutting trees and a lot of brush and debris yet to clean up. Mr. Miller complimented all on their work last night after the storm.

City Services Director Belle Everett:

- Absent.

Law Director James J. Ong:

- Nothing to report.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Emailed everyone the financials for everyone to look at before the next meeting.
- Closed on the Water Park financing. We have to pay \$250,000.00 down on principle next year at a minimum. She has \$224,000.00 in budget for this year, which means we would have to go into next year's budget to pull the other \$25,000.00. Typically, the interest payment is pulled from Water Park funds. There is \$76,000.00 in the Water Park fund. Next year the interest payment is only \$44,000.00. Last three years it has been around \$100,000.00. Our part of the Note is paid and the will wire the other 2.9 million.
- Revenues is always a concern. When looking at the reports, you will see percentages are up but two things to keep in factor, for the month of April and May we are down \$125,000.00. Some of that might be addressed because of the change in individual income tax. That is our general operating expenses. When budgeted, we had \$188,000.00 that we did not account for. All that revenue has to come in. I only have \$188,000.00 that it can go down.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- None.

Committee Reports

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Still discussing MOU with Fire Department and will get that out.

Ms. Myers- Finance Committee met last night, June 10, 2020 and will have the report to Council by next meeting. Next meeting was going to be Tuesday, July 21, 2020 but have one next week and will let all know when that is.

Mr. Harmon – Economic Development Committee met June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. A copy of the report was emailed to all and read at the meeting. A Motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker- Ordinance Committee met June 8, 2020 in council chambers and a copy of the report was emailed to all and read to Council. A Motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mr. Fox – Good job to Mayor for locating the boom truck for the City at no cost. Who will be servicing the truck? Mayor Haney said there is a place in Canton to service and certify. Mr. Zucal asked the Mayor what would happen to the old one. If we don't have it looked at we will seal bid it.

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 – Scheduled a committee meeting on June 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to have initial discussion about the definition of real property in the City. (Later in the meeting, this committee meeting was cancelled.)

New Business

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Thank you Mr. President. Tonight, I will be introducing legislation requiring responsible bidding on City construction projects. This ordinance is designed and intended to fight fraud and prevent favoritism and special interests while ensuring that public works projects are completed on time and on budget while utilizing a skilled workforce of good quality.

In short, this legislation creates a competitive bidding process for potential construction contractors seeking to do business with the City of Uhrichsville. With that being said, the ordinance embodies the belief that taxpayers are best served where construction services are obtained through an open, public, and competitive process to which the maximum number of contractors are encouraged to participate.

Moreover, this legislation sets fair and basic standards for construction projects to ensure that taxpayers are getting the most in return for their tax dollars. For example, basic standards are set in this ordinance to ensure that City construction contractors are in compliance with Ohio's prevailing wage laws, workers compensation laws, and Ohio's' Drug Free Workplace Program. Common sense provisions like assuring that contractors have the proper business registrations, showing past compliance with environmental, labor and safety laws, relevant insurance coverage, prevailing wage compliance and workforce development participation can go a long way in assuring the financial and structural success of all public construction projects.

In closing, the legislation encourages the concept of providing local jobs for local workers and serves as a taxpayer protection plan while creating economic development at the local level. I appreciate the opportunity to introduce this legislation and appreciate the recommendation of my colleagues on the Economic Development Committee and the support from the various workers in attendance tonight along with the input and guidance from Mayor Haney and Service Director Belle Everett. It was truly a team effort, I appreciate Council's consideration and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – The Ordinance Committee will meet June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers to discuss fence ordinance, and manufactured home ordinance.

Visitors:

Gertrude Dalpiaz, 108 N. Wardell Street. Had concerns about N. Wardell Street and water issues. Ruth Gatts, who is handicapped and, on a scooter, told her she was stopped by the police and was told she couldn't ride Uhrichsville streets in her scooter. Gertrude has a handicapped son who rides a scooter. Is this a new issue? Mr. Ong said there was a committee meeting on Monday where the issue came up and he knows complaints have been made to the police department. As of right now there is no prohibition from them doing it. The police department may have thought it was a safety issue. It will be discussed at committee meeting to discuss what to do. Ms. Dalpiaz said there are sidewalks that are not safe to ride

scooters on and they have to have some independence to get places. Mr. Haney will discuss with the police and get back to her. U.S. Wells is selling their property and putting up signs. They have a sign at Trenton and Wardell and you can't see to the left when coming out of the street. Also, Mr. Kimble leaves garbage laying on the street that doesn't actually go into his hopper. W. 1st Street is lined with it. Mayor Haney will get ahold of them and have a discussion.

Dave Kirven, Canton, Ohio, President of East Central Building Trades Council representing construction workers in six different counties. Spoke in support of the Ordinance that Mr. Harmon proposed regarding responsible bidding.

Andrew Erving, 125 6th Street, supporting Mr. Harmon's Ordinance proposal.

John Kustler, Newcomerstown, Ohio, supporting Mr. Harmon's Ordinance proposal.

Abe Brunner, Akron, Ohio, supporting Mr. Harmon's Ordinance proposal.

Wes Dillion, Fire Department, observing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**ORDINANCE 12-20
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING
COMPUTER AND INTERNET USAGE POLICY
Third Reading**

A Motion to Adopt was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes.

**ORDINANCE 15-20
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING
A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY
First Reading**

**ORDINANCE 16-20
AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING RESPONSIBLE
BIDDING ON CITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
First Reading**

**ORDINANCE 17-20
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING A
SWIMMING POOL POLICY
First Reading**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Zucal asked for clarification of the zoning matter. Ordinance Committee will take care of and Mr. Zucal's committee meeting is cancelled.

Other Discussions:

Mayor Haney asked if there were any cities that register contractors and Canton does. They will get him that information so he can look into registering contractors.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Robert Cottrell
Council President