

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, June 25, 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 June 11, 2020. A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Fox. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Harmon-abstained; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

- Thanked Twin City Water & Sewer for coming out with their back truck and helping with the manhole cover.
- Found a pipe off of Uhrich and 8th on the Eastport project, the pipe has cement in it. We have pictures and a call has been made to ODOT. The pipe is half full of cement.
- Feecorp will be back for more photos/videos of catch basins, by the Moose, Uhrich and Maple.
- Looked at the issue by Gary Watkins house. Tied into old storm sewer system and there is a house that water shoots up in the yard.
- Purchased a Hot Box from the City of Hudson for \$2,953.12. Decided not to buy a plow truck that they had for sale based on issues that we saw.
- Have dealt with a lot of residents with high grass and swimming pools.
- Service Department is mowing the entrance to Uhrichsville on 250. We decided we will take care of it since ODOT is not taking care of it. It is a traffic issue and an eyesore when you come into the city.
- Council received a copy of the 2020 paving list (copy attached). The total is \$228,444.00. Additional streets looked at are Herrick Street for \$57,622.00, N. Wardell Street for \$9,188.00, and Oak Street for \$24,544.00. Also looked at Kilpatrick Street and the 1000 block of N. Water Street for possible grind repair. Tentatively would like to do Oak and N. Wardell this year. Herrick is a little pricy for this year, I'd like to spend money doing patching and repairs. Gorley Street soft spots have been dug up. We put ones and twos in. Curbs look good. We are going to put 4-6 inches of asphalt. We are doing that, and getting it ready for paving. They are heading to Maple Street. Spots on Uhrich off of Eastport and some other spots in the city have been marked where we have some structure issues and we will do the same as done on Gorley. Our guys can do those repairs to get ready for paving. We will probably have Jeff Gessner look at a couple additional small streets.
- Have an issue with vandalism. Spent time riding with officers from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. We had some vandalism of some murals. Really disappointed to see that. Its tough when we have people that invest a lot of money in our community and take pride in what they do for it to be vandalized. Our officers will go to whatever extent to find the person or persons who vandalized.

Been asked about a 10:00 p.m. curfew and will leave that to council. Been asked about fireworks this year because the State is looking at allowing fireworks in the State of Ohio, so what time would we allow that if the State passes that. There is a lot going on at night and encourages council to ride with an officer at night.

- Mr. Harmon received complaints from residents near the Dawson Street area regarding speeding off of 6th and Dawson and asked for more of a police presence in that area. Glad to see N. Wardell on the paving list.
- Ms. Myers asked if Wardell Street paving would include Ms. Dalpaiz. It will go past her residence to the tracks. Asked about updates on emails and everything is in Google's hands. Email addresses will be first initial, last name, @cityofuhrichsville.org. She had a concerned citizen saying she didn't want any fireworks.
- Mr. Fox asked about Gorley. It will be Shamel to Parkway this year and the other side next year and Parkway.
- Mr. Zucal appreciates the Mayor and Belle taking infrastructures very seriously. Asked if the number in paving was reduced or if that was the amount we were going to spend. Mayor Haney said he still wants to spend \$300,000.00, but doesn't know what is going on with E. 1st yet. The way it was structured with Twin City, we will pay half of paving, but that bill may not come until next year. Council President Council said council approved \$300,000.00 for paving. Mr. Harmon added that money is from the paving levy and can't be used for anything other than paving.
- Gave Council a copy of the letter that will be sent out on Monday to landlords for roughly 720 rental units. There is a form attached that they will return with a check for the fee and when renter changes they will need to notify. It is also for a benefit of the police and EMS.
- Reached out to an oil and gas company that is looking to relocate. They have 30 to 50 jobs. Thinks they would be a good addition to the city. Once there is more information he will talk to Council.

City Services Director Belle Everett:

- Gorley Street base is almost completed. There is a lot of patching in areas to get to.
- Arranging for training for the new bucket truck.
- Met with Dick Heiser, owner of Partsmart building, and Gary Locker. Met with Jeff Cox and they are interested in the Partsmart area to store a lot of equipment. It would be difficult for us to accommodate for their large semis. There is someone else possibly interested.
- Working with Thrasher Engineering to get information for the EDA Grant.
- Met with Feecorp and couldn't make it through because pipe was filled a quarter way with cement. Camera to 8th and ran into brick. Did view and video all of entries. Corner of E. 8th to E. 9th we know from Twin City Water & Sewer is blocked and would be an important one to do to get water off of E. 9th. Stop in or email for any details. Plan to keep this record permanently because all previous records were burned in a fire. The ones previously done by Quicksall were not purchased by the city.
- A lot of swimming pools popping up. Permits are up. Roofers are now getting permits. A lot of fence issues, one on E. 4th that is being discussed with property owner.
- Greg Goodrich has removed his work trailer and will be coming in to meet on Monday to discuss a variance. Mr. Harmon appreciates all the work. Once variance is done there will be a public hearing and neighbors will be notified.
- Mr. Zucal asked if there are any grants for job creation and Belle has been looking into extensively. He feels we should look into a joint economic committee, possibly with the Village of Midvale, or other communities and he would be willing to help, to create jobs.

Law Director James J. Ong:

- Absent (on vacation)

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Absent.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- None.

Committee Reports

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Safety Health and Services Committee met May 21, 2020 and a copy was emailed to Council and read at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

Ms. Myers- Finance Committee met June 9, 2020 and June 18, 2020. May financials were emailed to everyone. Council received copies of the financial reports for the month ending May 2020 and they were approved as presented. A motion to approve the May financials 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.

Minutes from the June 9, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting were emailed to Council. Asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.

Minutes from the June 18, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting were emailed to Council. Asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Harmon – Economic Development Committee will meet Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at council chambers.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker- Ordinance Committee met June 15, 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. Zucal, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Mr. Baker-yes, Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes. The next Ordinance Committee meeting will be June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mr. Fox – Concerning the water park, are we going to have someone package up the buckets and ship them out? Mayor Haney said we will get it done. The gentleman that did the water park floor is interested in moving here.

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Thank you Mr. President. Tonight will be the second reading on the legislation that I've introduced requiring responsible bidding on City construction projects.

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, fair, and competitive process in which the maximum number of contractors are encouraged to participate.

Basic provisions and requirements 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. These requirements are simply common sense.

In closing, the legislation encourages the concept of providing local jobs for local workers and serves as a taxpayer protection pan while boosting economic development in our local economy. I appreciate the opportunity to introduce this legislation and appreciate Council's consideration. I look forward to the third reading on this important legislation and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Mr. Zucal thanked Mr. Harmon for his passion in this matter and appreciates full support from council and thanked the trade unions and skilled labor for coming and taking time away from their families this evening to support this important legislation.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Council had previously supported legislation to write a letter to the Judge at Southern District Court asking for a tougher stance and asked the Mayor to follow up with JJ about the letter. Mayor Haney and JJ have met with Matt O'Hara and have a plan in place. They are going to sit down with Judge Hillyer and discuss the matter. Mr. Zucal said Council agreed that JJ would draft a letter. Mayor Haney said that JJ is on vacation, but he would discuss with him. Mr. Zucal asked if we are putting a demo list together? There was discussion on the subject and Council President asked for a list to report by the next meeting. Mr. Zucal is concerned about the time frame and safety issue. Mr. Zucal asked the Mayor to reach out to Marvin Fete, the Law Director of New Philadelphia to ask them how they do it. Mr. Harmon also had a check list from Mr. O'Meara.

New Business

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Made a Motion to pay the Mayor's Assistant \$12.50 per hour, if it is a combined position with the Water Park Manager, or a rate of \$11.65 if it isn't. There was an extensive discussion. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-no.

Ms. Myers – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Thank you Mr. President. On behalf of various concerned residents, I am once again submitting another list of blighted properties in the City of Uhrichsville. Overall, this list includes twenty blighted properties. Recently, I submitted a list of 30 blighted properties. This marks 50 properties that I've now submitted to Council and the Administration in just under a month.

It is no secret that neighborhood blight continues to remain a very serious problem in our community and it's going to take a strong focus and a very aggressive, all hands on deck approach. Neglect has caused this large problem and as our downtown has grown and redeveloped in recent times, these issues plaguing our neighborhoods must get resolved. The people of Uhrichsville deserve better. In my view, there's no excuse for not addressing this blight issue over the years. We can't afford to pull the plug on stricter code enforcement. As for demolition, we are heading into July and we have designated funds for the demolition of blighted buildings for this fiscal year. I've said it before and I'll say it again, our goal should be 0's in the demolition line item come December.

We all know the dangers and negatives of neighborhood blight and it's my sincere hope that we get a stronger grapple on this very serious issue. With that being said, we can't afford to turn back the clock on code enforcement. We must protect our homes, our neighborhoods, and our future. Thank you.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – The Ordinance Committee will meet June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers to discuss manufactured home ordinance and Ordinance 19-14. Ordinance 19-14 will be fully rewritten. Mr. Baker asked for a Motion to rescind Ordinance 19-14 pending a new discussion. A motion to rescind Ordinance 19-14 was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Zucal. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-no; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes.

Visitors:

Gayle Mick, S. Water Street Ext. SE, the beatification of our city is heading in the right direction.

Butch Tedrick, 108 Gulf Stream Lane SE, supporting Mr. Harmon's Ordinance.

Justin Gartrell, 68 High Ave. NW, supporting Mr. Harmon's Ordinance.

Mike Wepler, supporting Mr. Harmon's Ordinance.

Bob and Becky Carpenter, 319 E. 6th Street, observing.

Chief Edwards, reported for the month of May there were 88 total fire calls, 61 were EMS and 42 with patients transported to the hospital. For the month of June so far, 121 total fire calls, 78 EMS, 57 patients transported to the hospital. 175 calls ahead of last year at this time. Chief Edwards spoke about the recent article in the Times Reporter regarding a patient by the name of Marsha who went into cardiac arrest on May 27, 2020. She was successfully resuscitated and subsequently flown to Aultman and spent ten days in the hospital. The fireman/paramedics on that call were Captain Dillon, Zachary Lynch, Chris McGarry, Brent Moreland, and Cory Paisley. They did a fantastic job. She recently visited the fire department and they were very glad to see her.

Rick Moss, of Dover, in support of Mr. Harmon's Ordinance.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE 18-20
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FENCE**

**REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO
First Reading**

**ORDINANCE 19-20
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES
INCLUDING BOATS AND MOTOR HOMES WITHIN THE
CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE; ESTABLISHING CRIMINAL
OFFENSES AND PENALTIES
First Reading**

**ORDINANCE 20-20
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IT UNLAWFUL TO RAKE,
PLACE OR MOW LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS ON THE
PAVEMENT OR SIDEWALK OR INTO THE
GUTTER OF ANY PUBLIC STREET
First Reading**

**ORDINANCE 21-20
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING GRASS AND WEEDS
First Reading**

**ORDINANCE 22-20
AN ORDINANCE COVERING THE USE AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND
“ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES” WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO**

**RESOLUTION 1881
A RESOLUTION CREATING FUND NUMBER 330
(LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND) FOR FUNDS
RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE COUNTY
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND**

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

**RESOLUTION 1882
A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT FUNDS
RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS
RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND MAY BE EXPENDED
ONLY TO COVER COSTS OF THE CITY CONSISTENT
WITH THE CARES ACT**

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None.

Other Discussions:

Thanked Council Clerk Trisha Addison for preparing an Agenda form that will be used at future council meetings.

Mr. Baker reminded everyone to take the public records training.

Mr. Zucal reminded everyone to do their census.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Robert Cottrell
Council President