

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

Council President Mark Haney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

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

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2017; a motion was made by Mrs. Cottis with a second by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Rick Dorland:**

- Received an estimate for road stripping. Asked for Council's permission to spend up to \$20,000.00 on stripping. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to spend up to \$20,000.00 on stripping, with a second by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes, Mr. Grandison-yes.
- The tree trimming of the downtown area has been completed by McConnell Landscaping and it looks really good.
- Will be selling one or two old police cars in the future.
- Proposes that the Council Meeting on March 23 begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be two presentations: A representative of AEP will be discussing Gorley Street, and a representative of Circle K will be discussing the renovation at 11<sup>th</sup> and Water Streets. Possible action to be taken on both.

**City Services Director Joe Bollon:**

- The target date to install the new stop signs on 8<sup>th</sup> and Water and 10<sup>th</sup> and Main has been set for April 5. There will be four-way stop barrels so everyone is aware of the new signs.

**Law Director Brett Hillyer:**

- Handed out to all Council members a map and copy of a tax card for a property at the end of Second Street which is a mobile home park with approximately eight or nine units. The property is owned by Barb Mauer who is deceased. There is approximately \$14,000.00 in back taxes owing. The living conditions are deplorable. We have money in the land bank and with the assistance of the county prosecutor's office, Mr. Hillyer feels we can obtain the property and clean it up, and/or fix or remove the mobile homes. Two of the homes are possibly livable, all others are abandoned. Mr. Bollon and Mr. Hillyer have spoken in the past about this property and it is on the list of projects to be completed by the end of the year. Will need the help of the police department to find out who lives there. Mr. Dorland said that it has been on his radar since he came into office. Mr. Peterson suggested contacting the water department and they may be able to help out and tell Council how many units are being billed. No one is paying lot rent. Mr. Hillyer said that the first step is taking over the property. He is asking Council for the authority to initiate a foreclosure action through the land bank with the help of the county prosecutor's office. A motion was made by Mr. Warner with a second by Mr. Miller to permit Mr. Hillyer to initiate foreclosure of the trailer park owned by Barb Maurer. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes Mr. Miller-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-no.

**Auditor, Julie Pearch:**

- Nothing to report

**Treasurer, Susan Peters:**

- Absent.

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Committee Reports:**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Nothing to report.

**Mrs. Davis** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Peterson** – Read the minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting of the Union Cemetery Trustees. A motion to approve the Union Cemetery minutes of February 7, 2017 was made by Mrs. Cottis, with a second by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Miller** – The first meeting of the Citizen Street Committee was held last night at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Miller read a report from that meeting, which all felt went well. The next meeting will be March 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Mr. Grandison** – Nothing to report, but would like Ordinance 3-17 passed tonight as an emergency due to the Auditor's deadline.

**Old Business:**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Nothing to report.

**Mrs. Davis** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Peterson** – Received a list of activities from Renee of the Claymont Library that are being held during the month of March at the Claymont Public Libraries and read the activities to all. Libraries are an asset to the community and encourages all to support our local library.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Grandison** – The next Finance Committee meeting is March 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.

**New Business**

**Mrs. Cottis** – Another important part of our community is our schools. Reported that the Claymont Foundation is holding a Steak Dinner and Reverse Raffle on March 18, 2017 at the AIC. The payout is \$1,700.00 and the cost for a ticket is \$50.00 with only 120 tickets being sold. There will also be a silent auction. This is the only fundraiser held by the Claymont Foundation and last year the foundation awarded \$86,000.00 in teacher's grants and scholarships.

**Mrs. Davis** – State testing begins this Tuesday until the last week of April. She wishes the students the best of luck in their testing. Mrs. Cottis suggested that in past years the Mayor has sent a letter of encouragement to the schools and it was read during announcements.

**Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Peterson** – Cody Garbrandt has a new Geico commercial that will be aired and thinks that is very impressive. Also, five out of the six Claymont wrestlers won their first round at the state competition and Mel Peters is representing us well again. Mr. Peterson was at last night's street levy meeting. Shared with everyone a list of cuts that State and local governments have incurred. Most people say that they are still paying the same taxes, but they don't realize it doesn't trickle down to local government. We've lost 49% of local funding in a four-year period. That is why the need to pass the .25% street levy is so important. Mrs. Davis added that one of the Warner boys, a former Claymont wrestler, had placed nationally in wrestling at West Liberty. Mr. Bollon said that Cody Burcher, also a Claymont wrestler, had an at-large bid as an Ohio State wrestler. It was mentioned also that Mr. Bollon's grandson from New Philadelphia is also a state wrestler this year.

**Mr. Baker** – Noticed that the April 13 Council Meeting falls on Maundy Thursday and suggested changing the meeting to another date. After discussion, it was agreed to change the Council Meeting from April 13 to Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Grandison** – The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on March 15 at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

**Visitors:**

Eric Harmon – just visiting  
Officer Mike Hickman and another officer – just visiting

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance #3-17  
AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES  
OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

A motion to suspend was made by Mrs. Cottis, with a second by Mr. Grandison. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Miller, with a second by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

None

**Other Discussions:**

It had been suggested that during the months of June, July and August that only one council meeting be held per month. After discussion and polling of council, it was decided to leave it at two meetings per month during these months, unless it was felt that a meeting was not needed at some point.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

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Trisha Addison  
Clerk of Council

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Mark Haney  
Council President