

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, September 14, 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-excused to a family commitment; 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 August 24, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Baker with a second by Mr. Miller to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes.

Scott Belcastro of Trebel gave an extensive presentation to Council regarding the Government Aggregation Programs:

- Presented a handout to Council that showed the different prices of companies for electric and gas, the capacity base charge by planning year, and the natural gas contract settlement price history.
- He believes that the cost of gas will go down in the future. His suggestion to Council was that they wait three or four weeks before locking into a price for gas.
- As far as electric is concerned, he feels that Capital Energy for a term of 36 months at \$0.05259 is a strong offer. Their customer service is good. He suggested that Council lock into a contract with Capital Energy at this time.
- Mayor Dorland said that he doesn't want to decide tonight, but would prefer that Council have time to look everything over. He asked why Carrollton has a much lower rate with AEP.
- It was decided that Mr. Belcastro would return to the next Council meeting in two weeks and Council would have two weeks to look everything over and decide. A copy of the contract was given to the Law Director for his review.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- Saturday he attended the grand opening of the new Dollar Tree at McCauley Drive and spoke with the Manager and District Manager and it is far exceeding expectations and is drawing from all over the area.
- Final ladder truck price is \$812,777 which is well below the \$825,000 that was authorized. There will be some additional costs as it is not equipped. It will be delivered in April or May.
- Camp Kaphar land purchase is complete and is the property of the City of Uhrichsville.
- Pool is closed for the season. Will be taking care of some maintenance issues in the next couple of months.
- Julie Beach has resigned as Manager of the Water Park and we are looking for a Manager. An ad will be in the Times Reporter and is on the Facebook page and we will update our webpage. Any interested can stop in the Mayor's office and pick up an application. The Park Committee met with Ms. Beach and she did an excellent job and there are big shoes to fill. We need a person that is hopefully her caliber.
- Did a walk through with ODOT on the Eastport Avenue Phase II with Nate Quicksall of Quicksall and he pointed out a couple of things and hopefully the water department's part will start in 2018 and our part in 2019.

City Services Director Joe Bollon:

- Absent.

Law Director Brett Hillyer:

- Prepared a Resolution at the request of the Auditor and the County Auditor prepared a Resolution regarding the ambulance levy to be passed tonight.
- Will review the contract with Trebel for the next meeting.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Absent.

Treasurer, Susan Peters:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis-Absent.

Mr. Warner-On the issue of medical marijuana, he did accept some literature that was sent to him and reviewed it and was well put together from the State and Federal Government. At this time he recommends no change and to let State law apply. Mr. Warner made a motion to let State law apply on the issue of medical marijuana and it was seconded by Mr. Miller. Mayor Dorland asked Mr. Warner to clarify what “remain the same” means. Mr. Hillyer said what he thinks he means is we won’t pass any law one way or the other, we will let the State law apply and if someone wants to open a dispensary in the future they will have to follow the steps which will require Council approval in the future but we don’t have to do anything in the meantime. Mr. Haney added that he read the information provided by the Mayor on Johnstown and found it very interesting and hoped everyone on Council read it. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

Mr. Peterson –Read the September 5, 2017 Union Cemetery Report and copy is available at the Council Clerk’s office. A motion was made by Cottis, seconded by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes. A Waterpark Committee meeting was held on September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and the minutes were read and a copy is available at the Clerk’s office. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes.

Mr. Baker-Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller –Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for September 20 has been cancelled and is rescheduled for September 27 at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis – Absent.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson –Shared a positive story about Richie Johns and the movie he made, “Ruth” and he purchased the movie and passed it on to someone near Cleveland. He found out from Lisa Johns that the movie has been passed on to someone in Romania and is being translated. The movie is available at Mako’s, the library, or Ruthmovie.org. It’s a positive message and he recommends it everyone. Amazing that a small community like Rush can produce a movie that is being spread all over the world.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison –Nothing to report.

New Business

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis – Absent.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Peterson – As the Mayor mentioned, we do have the land at Camp Kaphar. We were not able to apply for grants for a basketball court last year because we didn't own the land. ODNR awarded nearly 15 million dollars in grants last year and one of the things they approved was nature works state grants including money for basketball courts. Now that we have the land it's important that we apply for grants to build a basketball court. Mr. Haney passed along some information from Quicksall about grant money from ODNR.

Mr. Baker –Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

- Buck Cottrell. Here to address the open council seat. He applied last year. This year he did a petition and filed as an Independent and was told that he wouldn't be confirmed until July, so he voted as a Democrat in the primaries and received a letter from the Prosecuting Attorney that their opinion is the board should reject his petition. He wanted Council to know that he is interested in being on Council and plans to attend council meetings as work allows.
- Marcia Bryan, 116 E. 10th, Uhrichsville. She is here to support Wendy and the Kids Coalition as they try to get a Youth Center. She feels we really need a place for them to go where they have things to do and tutoring. She would like to see Council get behind this.
- Wendy and Samantha Mann from the Twin City Kids Coalition, Inc. She is trying to get a Youth Center back in our area. There is a building that is available on Third Street by the library. She spoke with Julie and got a tour. They want \$120,000 for it but will take offers, but she doesn't have that to give. The former Youth Center was given to the Clay Museum. She is doing a lot of fundraising including one with Bread Head Bistro, Dine to Donate on 9/25 from 10-10 and they will donate 10% of all food purchases. There will be an event at the Uhrichsville library this Saturday for essential oils. Will be at 922 days. Will take ownership of the Safe Kids Coalition in November. October 4 at Dover Schools will be a bicycle rodeo. At the Fall Festival will be activities. She asked about the land purchased from Camp Kaphar. She inquired about land that is available from city owned property and said that she found that they can petition the city for land, such as the land on Third Street by the church. She felt that if we can get land for a basketball court we could get land for a Youth Center. Dennison is working with them to find land also. Asked Council to think about it because the kids have nowhere to go except the libraries. Agencies are waiting to sign contracts to get back into a Youth Center. Dennison Council had many questions.
- Jessie Newton. She, her husband, Brandon Bates and Andrew Wilsterman started It Takes a Village for Uhrichsville and Dennison. Talked to Mayor Dorland and Chief Beal about starting a neighborhood watch and setting up cameras in Indian Park and Uhrichsville Park. He said if it is on them to run a fundraiser set up lights and cameras and make parents more comfortable until there is a Youth Center. She is also the Cub Master in Uhrichsville and it is not the same as it was before because of restrictions due to danger. There was a meeting at Thornwood Park trying to clean up our community to stay out of the way of law enforcement but do our part as citizens to clean up drugs in our community. Mr. Peterson stated he wasn't sure when the Youth Center closed down, but he knows it dwindled quite a bit. The Youth Center wasn't booting out to give it to the Youth Center. Mrs. Mann understood from the Mayor that he gave the Youth Center to them and the Claymont Foundation would be using it. The Mayor said she misunderstood. When the building is vacated the Clay Museum will have first opportunity to buy it. If the city decides to sell, they have first dibs for storage because they've been approached by the Claymont Foundation and other organizations for storage. He hasn't given anybody, and he can't give anybody the building, it goes in front of Council. The new Clay Museum has to be done first and that won't be for another year or two. Mr. Hillyer clarified that the City of Uhrichsville doesn't own the lot, the City of Uhrichsville Land Bank, a non-profit organization owned by Council owns the lot and by law it has to be sold. She is welcome to put in a bid and for \$3,000 it can be hers. She wants it put into a trust in the Safe Kids Coalition name. She said she shouldn't have to buy it. It shouldn't be her responsibility. Mr. Hillyer said the Revised Code requires it be sold for value. She said she will keep pushing on and Mr. Peterson told her to keep up the good work. Mrs. Bryan added that the Uhrichsville library is packed with kids who don't

want to go home. Even the building right beside it would be great so the two could be joined together for the kids. She asked the Council for compassion and said she feels a negative vibe. Mr. Haney said he works with kids in the area as do other members of Council. Indian Parks received a grant for equipment and it was all destroyed by kids. We can't keep throwing money at this because money is limited. We bought the property for the basketball court, but everything else we will try to find in grant money because in reality we can't afford to buy a court. Chris Corso and his organization will be helping. The land she mentioned is in the land bank. Most property we own is in a flood zone and can't be built on. There's not one person around the table that doesn't care about the kids in the area.

- Brandon Bates, 421 Jewett Avenue, Dennison. Here to support the Twin Kids Coalition and It Takes a Village. They've been in existence for 45 days and had two meetings. The last meeting was 8/27 and they are trying to take a different approach to have law enforcement and Councils involved. There will be another meeting at Claymont Intermediate School on October 9 at 5:30 p.m. moderated by Jessie Newton with Al Landis in attendance, Job & Family Services. His group would like to help with the issues at the parks and feels Indian Park has potential. Their goal is to work with law enforcement, council, and the mayors to bring everyone together to see what can be done. He is here to invite council to the meeting. Hoping to get more community support. Mr. Peterson attended the second meeting and he felt there were a few people that got out of control and made negative statements and suggested a moderator because they were on the right path and the meeting was 95% positive and hopes they keep up the good work. Ms. Newton said they learned a lot and will be making some changes. Their job is to figure out what each group can do. Mr. Peterson added that we do care about the youth.
- Bob Michels, Water Street, Uhrichsville. Observing. Added that he would ask a question about the aggregation program. Why lock in to a price if the costs are going down? He also asked Ms. Mann some questions. Mr. Bates had questions about the Aggregate Program and Mr. Haney explained the program. Mr. Michels also passed out a picture of the signs that will be donated by the Rotary Club welcoming everyone to Uhrichsville. They were very nice and will be on Water Street, Deersville Avenue, and hopefully on the Bicentennial sign on Trenton Avenue.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 1802 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR COLLECT THE VOTER APPROVED .85 MILL AMBULANCE LEVY BY CERTAIN MILLAGE.

A motion was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mrs. Cottis to approve the Resolution. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 1803 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

A motion was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the Resolution. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison, Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Nothing.

Other Discussions:

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
Council President