

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, September 28, 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-excused due to work; Mrs. Davis-present; 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 September 14, 2017. A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis with a second by Mr. Baker to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes.

Scott Belcastro of Trebel gave returned to speak briefly to Council regarding the Government Aggregation Programs:

- The market is currently flat regarding the cost of gas, so no new changes at this time. He recommends that we do nothing at this time.
- Asked if there were any additional questions regarding the electric plan and if not, he still stands by his recommendation that he gave before at the last meeting. There were no questions. A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Grandison, that the contract be signed with Capital Energy for the 36 month program. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes.
- The Law Director had reviewed the contract and it was signed by the Mayor.
- Residents will be receiving letters and they have 21 days to opt out. Another letter will then be received by residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- Asked Council to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract with action to be taken after. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Peterson to go into Executive Session. Council went into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. and returned from Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Miller.
- Asked Council for permission to enter into a contract with the City of New Philadelphia for a feasibility study for combining fire department services. He had a press release to be released after the meeting if approved. A motion to enter into a feasibility study with the City of New Philadelphia at a total cost of \$34,794 with a cost to the city of \$17,397 with 10% down and billed to the city monthly as things progress was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes.
- Halloween will be in conjunction with Dennison on October 31, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- The City received a \$10,000 grant from the Rosenberry Foundation for work to be done at the Clay Museum. That money will be put towards the demolition on the inside of the building and installation of the heating and air conditioning system.

City Services Director Joe Bollon:

- Complimented Mrs. Cottis' Indians shirt and said the Cavaliers are on their way to another successful season.

Law Director Brett Hillyer:

- Absent.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer, Susan Peters:

- Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

- A letter regarding the 66th Annual Conference for the Ohio Municipal League was distributed to council members.
- A letter from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control asking that the notice be completed for the transfer of the liquor license from Chef Ernie's Restaurant and Grill to Bates Restaurant and Lounge. A motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Baker that no hearing was needed. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes. The Clerk will complete the form and return to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. The Mayor reported that the restaurant will be opening October 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with a grand opening.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis-Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner-Absent.

Mr. Peterson –Still researching basketball grants and the price of basketball courts. Mayor Dorland has reached out to Omega. They sent back an e-mail that Nature Works Grant Program and Land and Water Conservation Grant Program are the two grants that come to mind, both through ODNR. Basketball court 84 feet by 50 feet will be \$25,000 for the concrete alone. An estimate of the cost for a high school size court is approximately \$50,000. Will be trying to find funding and will keep Council updated.

Mr. Baker-Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – The Finance Committee met September 27 at 6:30 and the minutes from the meeting were read and are available upon request. At the Finance Committee meeting the Auditor asked to pay off the \$50,000 note for the Clay Museum. Mr. Grandison asked for a motion to approve the payment of \$50,000 to pay off the note. A motion was made by Mrs. Cottis, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

Council received copies of the financial reports for the month ending August 2017 and they were approved as presented. A motion was made to accept the report as presented by Mrs. Cottis; seconded by Mrs. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Cottis—yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Peterson-yes.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 18 at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis – Nothing to report. Questioned Mr. Bollon about leaf pickup and it will be done in October.

Mr. Warner – Absent.

Mr. Peterson –Reported about Terry and Diane LeMonte and their group that work on the veteran's memorial. They will continue with cleanup. They still have \$850 from the sale of the trees and would like to remove the tree located at the point. They will contact McIntyre Tree Service for removal. Also the four shrubs behind the memorial will be replaced with two flowering crabapple trees. Two of the shrubs have bees in them and she contacted someone from Sugarcreek who is a bee expert and he told her a way to safely remove them. They would like McIntyre to take that down and if at all possible remove a dead tree behind the shelter house if they have enough money. They will have the memorials in top shape for Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day and will then remove the flags for the winter. They have completely funded the project with their own money.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.
Mr. Grandison –Nothing to report.

New Business

Mrs. Cottis –Nothing to report.

Mrs. Davis – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Absent.

Mr. Peterson – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker –Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – About a month ago Mike Hickman came to Council to talk about a skate park for kids. He talked to Mr. Peterson and they are still working on ideas of what to do.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

- Eric Harmon, 918 N. Water Street – observing.
- Lloyd Bullock, 637 N. Dawson Street – here to support the community.
- Jessie Newton, 711 N. Water St., - Reminded everyone of the Anti-Drug Meeting scheduled in Dennison. Discussed with both mayors about having a Community Halloween Party with hayride and trunk or treat. It will start in the park, they will walk the trail, and a hayride to Uhrichsville park on October 28 from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m. Still ironing out details. The Mayor will vote on best trunk or treat prize with a \$50 prize to be awarded. Asked the Mayor and Mr. Peterson if they had discussed cameras in the park and the park committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss.
- Buck Cottrell, 499 Moravian Trail - observing

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None.

Reported that Mr. Hickman asked for money from Dominion Energy and they donated \$500 for the K-9 Fund. Locally in the last couple of months they have donated about \$5,000 for baseball and football and now this. Dominion Energy has a charitable giving that we might be able to look into for the basketball court. They promote community vitality.

Other Discussions:

Fire Chief Edwards reported that the Fire Department open house is October 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Davis asked what was done with the recycling money. Mayor Dorland reported that we bought recycle cans for the waterpark, looking at a new city building sign made out recycled material, and the Panhandle Passage Trail Committee has come up with some signage for the trail and would like to use some of that money to buy the signs. Will have more information at the next meeting.

Mr. Haney said it looks nice with the bocce courts out.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
Council President