

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 8, 2018

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

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

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

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mrs. Cottis to accept the minutes. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- Several contractors interested in replacement of city building roof. Bids are due November 9 by noon.
- He and director met with the engineer to start the plans for the deck replacement on the slide at the water park.
- First Federal Bank had their ribbon cutting on Monday. The new building is going to begin soon. He and the Director met with an Engineer from Diversified Engineer about the site plan. It will look nice and it will be on the corner of Third and Uhrich.
- The service department will be picking up bagged leaves. We ask that the residents bag them and sit them along the curb strip and do not rake or blow them into the street. The street sweeper is not used for that and is not meant for that.
- Congratulations to our law director, Brett Hillyer and hope he serves us well in Columbus.
- A resolution from ODOT regarding Eastport Phase Two was put in council's mail slots for consideration today to enter into the agreement for funding based on OPWC funding. If we don't get the money, we will not be obligated.
- Mr. Harmon asked if there was any word on the Trenton Avenue Bridge. He placed a call and email to the contractor for a price and he has not gotten back. We are up against a timeline. Mr. Galbraith will get ahold of Newton Asphalt to skim coat and will get a price.
- Mrs. Cottis asked if there was grant money available to do the roof. He will look into it, but it is somewhat of an emergency at this point and grants take time. The weather is getting bad and we may not be able to do it until spring.

City Services Director Joe Bollon:

- Nothing to report.

Law Director Brett Hillyer:

- Absent.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- Mr. Haney and Mr. Dorland received a letter from Attorney JJ Ong regarding the law director position. Brett will officially resign December 31. Council will discuss that unless someone puts a letter in that lives in the city. Mr. Haney will look into the process of appointing the law director if no one lives in the city.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Cottis – Union Cemetery Trustees met on 11/6/18. No minutes are yet available.

Mr. Cottrell- Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner- Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Read the Park Committee report from 10/17/18. Mr. Baker had presented the report at the last council meeting and it was approved then. The next Parks and Recreation Committee will be Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker- Insurance Committee is meeting 11/14 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mrs. Cottis – Thinks it's time to remove the center stop sign on Main and 8th Street. Mr. Bollon said not yet, still working on the one on Water Street. He will leave it up for now. We are mandated for all new stop signs in 2022.

Mr. Cottrell – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Tonight is the third reading of an Ordinance he introduced to allow downtown businesses to place signs on city sidewalks. He thinks it's a proactive measure. He thanked the mayor, city service director, law director and council president for their help going into this legislation and asked for council's support and approval tonight.

Mr. Miller - Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Finance Committee Meeting is November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

Mrs. Cottis – A resident on Water Street has voiced concerns and spoke to others on council on an Ordinance she thinks is not being followed regarding trailers and doublewides on a lot on Main Street. She is inquiring, and asked if Zoning had discussed anything further. Mr. Bollon said the doublewide met the criteria. He will take two lots and make one lot and put it on that lot. They are talking about rezoning parts of that as commercial. The part that will be rezoned as commercial is across from the church and the pizza shop and Circle K and the barbershop. Zoning has met and will be taking the next step to pass out the letters.

Mr. Cottrell – Mr. Cottrell turned it over to Sgt. Hickman to discuss the Reverse Raffle. This past Saturday we had a fundraiser for the K-9 Unit and it was a success. Generated a little over \$7,000.00 for the K-9 Unit after expenses. Mr. Cottrell added that it was a lot of work and Mike put a lot of work into it. We did get a lot of donations and support. Good food and a good time. Sgt. Hickman said we do have some water bottles and t-shirts left for sale.

Mr. Warner – Absent.

Mr. Harmon – Congratulations to Rachel Gombasch who was named 2019 Miss Clayland. Mr. Harmon was a judge at the competition. We are hoping to have her recognized in front of council soon.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Gave a police and fire report. For the month of October, the police calls were 543 which is up a little bit since last month. We had 51 fire calls which is down one from last month. If anyone wants

more detailed information, Joe has it in his office. Reminder that council is on November 20 instead of Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

Gary Locker and Dick and Brenda Heiser regarding 159 Wardell Street. Mr. and Mrs. Heiser are the owners of the property. Mr. Locker made a presentation to council concerning the conditions of the road at the property. He presented council with a handout with pictures and a letter from the postmaster asking to move the mailbox because of a hole in front of it. The tenants have paid \$971,856.59 in income tax since 2015 and he had a poster with a picture of what the road looks like. He asked that council do something to fix the road. Mr. Heiser has reduced the rent significantly. He does not want to lose the tenants and hopes we can work together and get something done. There was discussion about how to fix the problem. Council went around the table and felt it needed addressed. Mr. Bollon said we want to be good neighbors and good friends. It was left with Mr. Bollon and the Mayor to work on it.

Chief Beal – observing.

Sgt. Hickman – Several years ago council authorized him to use the field on N. Main Street, almost to Lynn Avenue, for K-9 training. He exercises the dog there. We have the funds now for fencing and would like to make some calls to see what it would cost to fence it in. At some point would like to put some type of a construction trailer there for equipment for the dogs. This is strictly from fundraising money. It would be somewhere to keep the dog secure and train the dog in town. Chief Beal will have the last word and he said it was fine. We need somewhere and council approved that property but we've never had some way to secure it. Sgt. Hickman goes to Canton every other Wednesday and they try to break it up and use other facilities.

Sgt. Crouse – observing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**ORDINANCE 8-18
AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES TO
PLACE SIGNS ON CITY SIDEWALKS**

Third Reading.

A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Cottis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

**ORDINANCE 10-18
ASKING PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
LPA-ODOT LET PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR
EASTPORT AVENUE PHASE TWO**

First reading.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None.

Other Discussions:

Mrs. Pearch gave him a map of an outstanding \$17,000.00 debt on a piece of property on SR 250. We need a storm sewer resolution to wipe the debt clean because it can't be collected. Will be discussed at the next storm sewer meeting.

Will have to find out about the appointment of the law director. Mr. Haney will make a call tomorrow. If it's like it is for council, since its mid-term, the committee for the city of Uhrichsville will pick his replacement. Mrs. Pearch though it might need to be advertised and a letter submitted if anyone was interested. Mr. Haney will look into it. Mr. Harmon felt it would go to the Republican appointment. There is no one in Uhrichsville qualified.

Mr. Haney asked council to stay for ten to fifteen minutes for a work session.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
Council President