

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

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. Davis-yes.

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Davis. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes, Mr. Miller-yes.

The meeting was turned over to Elaine Affolter of Twin City Water and Sewer Board. She provided Council with March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes, Financial Statement of March 2019, and a list of recently completed projects. She asked Council for questions and said everything is going well on the project. Mr. Ong said he found out from Tucson, the contractor, they are putting the curb boxes on the inside of the sidewalk which will be of benefit to the property owner. He put together a request to be on the property indemnification. There are 14 properties for the curb box and will be around 34 properties for the sidewalk issue. The contractor wants that in place.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Rick Dorland:**

- Remind everyone that city cleanup is May 14, 15, and 16. There will be two large dumpsters at the City Garage. People can dump excluding hazardous materials, tires, batteries, paint, gasoline.
- ODOT salt bid is \$86.83 a ton. It is about the same as last year.
- City building roof has been moved up to the week of May 20.
- Honored to host again the OSU Medical Students. They ride for world health. They were in town this weekend and were allowed to use the Water Park showers and they stayed at the Methodist Church. We were honored to have them back in town this year.
- Panhandle Passage Committee is looking to install five boat ramps in various areas of Uhrichsville and Dennison. This had been brought up a couple of meetings ago. Finding out that we will have to start our own 501(C)(3) and will need a Memorandum of Understanding between our Council and Dennison's Council. An explanation drawn up by Rita McPeak was read to Council. Included in her explanation was the master plan for Phase Three, providing a series of five boat ramps for non-motorized water craft along the Big Stillwater Creek and Little Stillwater Creek at Newport Dam, near the arch bridge, Water Park, McClusky Park and Panhandle Park near Certified Gas Station. Rita explained to Mr. Ong that they are in the phases of getting this together and working with Quicksall to identify the best funding source for the project and will approach Dennison as well. He told her he could help form the corporation and refer it to an accountant. He will draw up the Memorandum of Understanding. Eric reported he is very excited about the Panhandle Passage project and thanked the administration for helping the students.

**City Services Director Joe Bollon:**

- Twin City Water's portion of the Eastport Phase II project is about three weeks behind. Tucson mentioned they will not go on private property without an agreement, and that is what JJ is

working on. He passed out an e-mail Greg Gurney stating that Shelly & Sands was awarded the Eastport Phase II project. He doesn't agree that the engineer that designed it is not in the meetings and found out that we have the right to have them there. When we start our project in July he is going to have Quicksall there. They ran into a sewer structure issue and want to do a test on Urich and Third and put a doghouse drain in. If they cut the street he wants it paved from the intersection of Third and Urich and back to the alley. He sent a copy of the Ordinance to the contractor. It will be debated but he will stick to his guns because we just got it paved. He's not in favor of bonding.

- Gave Council a photo of Big Bend Golf Course sign which he feels is great.

**Law Director James J. Ong:**

- Received a call from a resident at Roanoke who had an issue with the placement of the neighbor's fence. He contacted Joe and Joe has been working on it for some time. The Ordinance says the setback in regard to fences only apply to fences that are six feet or higher. This has come up in court. We need to have the Ordinance Committee look at it. He contacted the homeowner and said it would be referred to committee.
- In March had discussion with Council about the Sara French property that County Prosecutor wanted to seek forfeiture on. The title search shows a mortgage lien on the real estate which would not be released as a result of the criminal forfeiture of the property. If it goes to the City, the mortgage attaches to the real estate. If it doesn't get paid it can be foreclosed upon. He doesn't feel that is something the City wants to do. If the real estate taxes don't get paid on the property we can seek the Land Utilization. He will notify the County Prosecutor that the City doesn't want the property deeded over and take on the mortgage issue.
- We are now on to the last step in the process of the Park Levy. We passed the first Resolution and got back the numbers from the County Auditor. The next step is to pass the second Resolution that we are going to proceed forward with placement of the Park Renewal Levy on the November ballot.
- In our contract with the street workers there is a provision that calls for an annual stipend for payment of work clothes and gear, etc. In the past the employees have been allowed to use that expense to help reimburse for their cell phone expense. For auditing purposes we need that in place. Asked Council to make a motion to enter into that memorandum of understanding with the union allowing the union to use that annual allowance to cover their cell phone bill, providing receipts, under the terms of the contract that went into effect January 1, 2019. Julie added that this was something that was negotiated in the contract, but she found that auditors want cell phones specified. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.
- Mr. Miller brought up that Harry Jones had come in to Council some time ago wanting to buy a vacant property on Deersville Avenue. Mr. Jones would still like to buy it. The city does not own it and the property owner is deceased. Mr. Ong said the only thing the City could do is assist if there are delinquent real estate taxes and go through the Land Reutilization Program foreclosure process, get it over into the name of the City and at that point sell it. JJ will check the status of the taxes to see if delinquent. The address is 506 Deersville Avenue. JJ asked Ron to have Mr. Jones get ahold of him.
- Updated that he had correspondence with Gary Locker today touching bases with the tax abatement issue. He let him know we are still researching it and he will present Council at some point in regard to a tax abatement modification to our Ordinance.
- Reminded that we received a letter to vacate and alley and dedicate a roadway. There was additional discussion. Mr. Bollon will look into it and there will be further discussion at a council meeting.

- Mr. Bollon asked that the Ordinance Committee look at ordinances that are outdated and get rid of the old ones and update as needed.

**Auditor, Julie Pearch:**

- Gap Audit is moving along. It will be finished and filed by May 30.
- OMAP to refinance Water Park has been approved. We are accepted and it is a process, but will be finalized June 26. It is moving along well.
- Shout out to the Fire Department, specifically Nathan Crouse. He boxed up 57 boxes of Auditors records and stored in locked room. Also, which would have been Tony's old office has shelving and looks really nice. A couple of the other guys helped and she publically wanted to thank them.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

- Absent.

**Correspondence:**

- Received from Ohio Division of Liquor Control on Rite Aid Trex application, asking if we wanted a hearing. A motion was made by Mrs. Davis that we don't request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes. The Clerk will send the document to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

**Committee Reports**

**Mrs. Davis** – Asked the Mayor what is going on with the Tree Committee. The individual he wanted to appoint is still deciding and wanted to see what the outcome of Tuesday was. He will ask him again. She also noticed that the older picnic tables are in bad shape and thought we could contact a Boy Scout group to wire brush them and do some painting. The Mayor said a church group was going to do that last year, but haven't heard anything from them. Joe said we should contact Matt O'Hara's group.

**Mr. Cottrell**- Nothing to report.

**Mr. Warner**- Nothing to report.

**Mr. Harmon** – The Economic Development Committee will meet Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Read the Parks and Recreation Committee report from April 25, 2019 and it is available upon request. T meeting is May 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee report as presented was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cottrell. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes, Mr. Miller-yes.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is recommending the passing of the Land Lease tonight and he asked for Council's approval.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker**- Read the Ambulance Committee report from April 29, 2019 and it is available upon request. A motion was made to accept the report as presented by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Grandison. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

**Mr. Grandison** – Read the Finance Committee report from April 24, 2019 and it is available upon request.

A motion to approve the finance committee report as presented by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis.

The next Finance Committee meeting is May 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

**Mr. Haney** – Asked Mrs. Pearch, when he paid his city income taxes he assumed they were due April 15, but he got a statement a week later saying they weren't due until the middle of May. Mrs. Pearch asked if it wasn't for a correction. He said when he went online it said they weren't due until May 15. She may want to check with RITA.

#### **Old Business:**

**Mrs. Davis** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Cottrell** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Harmon** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Miller** - Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Grandison** – Nothing to report.

#### **New Business**

**Mrs. Davis** – Welcomed the Claymont High School students.

**Mr. Cottrell** – The Moose donated another check to the Parks for fences or whatever they want to use it for in the amount of around \$900.00. Mr. Harmon thanked the Moose for their continuing support of the park system in Uhrichsville.

**Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Harmon** – Yesterday Terry and Diana LeMonte and members of the local American Legion spread mulch around the Haverfield Memorial in the Park. Memorial Day is fastly approaching and he's proud to have the memorials looking as good as they do and appreciates their volunteer work.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker** – For April, Fire Calls-51; Police Calls-569. A full report is available at the Service Director's office.

**Mr. Grandison** – Nothing to report.

#### **Visitors:**

Alexis Tinney, 632 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Dennison – school assignment.

Meranda Tinney – same, mother of Alexis.

Addison Bausch, 206 S.5<sup>th</sup> Street – school assignment.

Alyssa Hughes, 727 Midvale Mine, school assignment.

Emmalee McDaniel, 735 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., school assignment.

Jody Lange, 605 School St., school assignment.

Patience Jones, E. 6<sup>th</sup> St., school assignment.

Drew Brick, 3987 Clay Court, school assignment.

Betty Cavanaugh, 121 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Dennison-Spoke about the Strike Breaker Ordinance. She believed the ordinance was passed to protect the working people of our community. Urged Council to reconsider repealing the Ordinance. She felt it would be better to rewrite the Ordinance. Mr. Miller said that he voted to repeal the Ordinance because judges in the area would not uphold the Ordinance. He wanted to make it better, not throw it away and forget it so the next person wouldn't have to deal with this crap

again. Mr. Cottrell said Judge O'Farrell said to get together and work it out, he didn't throw it out, and he thinks it needs not repealed, maybe replaced. Feels we should look at that when we vote on it.

Carol Sommers, 420 E High St., - observing.

Michael Huff, 307 Oak Street – observing.

Amy Myers, 223 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. – Ohio Builders are putting a bill into legislation for first time homeowner's savings tax credit. Contributions \$5,000 for singles, \$10,000 for married. Start a savings account at the bank, but only that money can be used to buy a home. Can be used for down payment, closing costs, etc. Attended the Ohio Realtors Legislative Conference in Columbus and got to see Brett Hillyer.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE 6-19  
AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1043  
(ORDINANCE NO. 1043 PROHIBITS THE EMPLOYMENT OF "PROFESSIONAL  
STRIKE BREAKERS" BY EMPLOYERS), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Second Reading**

**RESOLUTION 1857  
RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX  
IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATIONS**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

**RESOLUTION 1858  
LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PANHANDLE ATHLETIC CLUB (PHAC)**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Grandison. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Ordinance Committee – marijuana issue; Joe wants the Ordinance Committee to review ordinances; and the fence issue.

**Other Discussions:**

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Trisha Addison  
Clerk of Council

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Mark Haney  
Council President