

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

Council President Pro Temp Bob Baker 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. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes. Council President Mark Haney was on vacation and absent.

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

Council President Pro Temp Bob Baker asked for a Motion to approve the absence of President Haney. A Motion was made by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2019. 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.

The meeting was turned over to Joe Garrett of Trebel, Manager of the Aggregation Program for the City of Uhrichsville. They had last reported that the program's rates were higher. Since he last reported, the program for the City has dropped a lot. Constellation Energy is now offering .298 cents per ccf for natural gas for a 24 month period starting October 1. He brought a contract with him for review. Their recommendation is that the City should participate. The rates may go up if not moved on. Residents do not have to participate. The ones that are with the utility will be automatically enrolled but will get opt out letters, the utility will send them letters so that they can leave, and there is no termination fee. They can call at any time and say they don't want to participate. Electric has had good participation with around 50% participation. It is done as a community program and residents are free to get better rates if they can and come back whenever they want. He asked that Council make a Motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract on the City's behalf. The contract that hires Trebel to represent the City is expiring and they would like to renew the contract. That contract can be reviewed by legal counsel. The contract is like the last one, for three years with one change, it is renewable every year, but the City can get out in six months.

A Motion to sign the contract with Constellation Energy for a 24 month period at .298 cents per ccf for natural gas 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.

A Motion giving Mayor Dorland permission to have the Law Director renew the Energy Management Agreement with Trebel for the Mayor's signature was made by Mrs. Davis-yes, seconded by Mr. Harmon-yes. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Rick Dorland:**

- Apprised Council that the Clay Museum renovation is complete and looks very nice. One central air conditioning unit of the two will be replaced. They both went on the blink and one was an easy fix and the one being replaced was going to cost \$1,700 to repair with no guarantees that it

would last. The cost of the new unit is \$3,900 and the contractor has been called and will fit it in his schedule.

- A couple months ago an individual called from the 400 block of N. Water with a couple complaints he had regarding the condition of some properties. He pointed out that some gravel was spilling out of the abutment joint of the overhead bridge. He contacted our City Engineer; Nate Levensgood said the gravel could be cushioning in between the joints. He suggested he contact ODOT Engineers who are in charge of the Bridge Inspection Program. They looked at it last week and it is no big issue. Jeff from the Service Garage will be able to take care of it which will be replacing the stone or putting some sort of barrier in between. There is nothing wrong with the bridge. He suggested expanding foam.
- The Moose has requested a vacation of the north south alley behind their building. It runs between their parking lot and Johnson's Printing. He read the petition to vacate the alley wherein Kevin and Tonya Johnson petitioned the City to vacate the properties, such alleys running between E. 5<sup>th</sup> and E. 4<sup>th</sup> with the intention that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson would receive the entirety of the alleyway. Part of the alley is already vacated. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have already signed. He doesn't have an issue with it and will give to JJ for his review and he agrees he will probably prepare an Ordinance for the next Council meeting.
- E-mailed Council the Resolution for entering into a contract with ODOT for bridge inspection. The current one is expiring. It will be good for three years. He and Bob talked it over and decided to have JJ take a look at it and will be brought before Council and the next meeting. Mr. Baker said that he asked the Clerk to prepare it as an Ordinance for a first reading tonight and possible passage and the next meeting.
- Mr. Cottrell said it is the Moose's intention to put a patio in and thanked Council.

**City Services Director:**

- No report.

**Law Director James J. Ong:**

- Absent – on vacation.

**Auditor, Julie Pearch:**

- Nothing to report.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

- Absent.

**Correspondence:**

- Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

**Mrs. Davis** – Nothing to report.

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

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

**Mr. Harmon** – The Economics Committee will meet on August 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Council chambers. Representatives of the Clay Museum are invited to attend and to discuss item two on the agenda known as the Lease Agreement and the meeting will be closed due to real estate.

**Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker**- Nothing to report.

**Mr. Grandison** – Read the report from the Finance Committee meeting on July 17, 2019 and a copy is available at the Clerk’s office upon request. The next Finance Committee meeting will be August 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Council received copies of the financial reports for the month ending June 2019 and they were approved as presented. A motion to approve the Cash Reconciliation Report was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes.

**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** – Nothing to report.
- Mr. Cottrell** – Nothing to report.
- Mr. Warner** – Nothing to report.
- Mr. Harmon** – Last meeting he spoke about the operating budget and what we are looking at in terms of funding for local government. Happy to report that HB 166, the state operating budget for fiscal year 2020 and 2021 has recently been signed into law and signed by the House and the Ohio Senate. It provides for a 1.68 increase which is what we were looking at. Is it perfect? No, but it is a step in the right direction and as long as we are not seeing further cuts, he is happy and pretty excited.
- Mr. Miller** – Nothing to report.
- Mr. Baker** Nothing to report.
- Mr. Grandison** – Nothing to report.

**Visitors:**

Sgt. Hickman – observing.

Officer Wes Dillon – The new ambulance has been in service for two weeks and they have transported ten patients already. It is doing a great job and they love it and thanked Council.

Officer Nathan Crouse- Appreciate allowing the purchase of the new ambulance.

Chief Edwards – Observing and available for questions.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE 9-19  
AN ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
ODOT FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION**

**First Reading**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

None.

**Other Discussions:**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Trisha Addison  
Clerk of Council

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Bob Baker  
Council President Pro Temp