

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, December 12, 2019

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. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-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 November 21, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes;

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the EMS Special Council Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2019. Mrs. Davis asked that the minutes be amended to show that she was absent due to work. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the amended minutes. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

Council President Mark Haney asked for a motion to accept the EMS Special Council Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2019. A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Rick Dorland:

- The Mayor asked the Merry Jo McGuire family to come forward. Mayor Dorland presented the family with a Proclamation for her many years of dedicated service to the City of Uhrichsville over the years. Mrs. Davis also presented the family with flowers. Merry Jo McGuire will truly be missed.
- President Haney gave the Mayor a letter from Gayle Garbrandt, Director of Tuscarawas County Board of Elections, asking that Council approve the consolidation of polling location 78, which is the United Methodist Church to polling location 29, which is the Uhrichsville City Building. Once it is approved they can send out letters and get the new polling location contract signed in January. The Mayor asked Council to approve the consolidation of polling locations. A Motion was made to change the polling location from location 78, Untied Methodist Church, to polling location 29, Uhrichsville City Building by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon – yes.
- The City donated bikes to Buckeye for Share a Christmas. The service department was able to pick out 20 bikes. The rest of them that weren't in good shape went to the scrap year. We're proud of the donation.
- The same group that sponsored the haunted trail at Halloween is going to have Christmas on the Trail on December 21 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be all kinds of activities at McClusky Park and the entire area including the trail will be decorated.
- Back when we negotiated the contract with Kimble, a recycling program was discussed. Each year, based upon the tonnage the city recycles, we get that back in the form of a check and that money is to be used for charitable purposes. We were told that recycling has gone way down.

We recycled close to 321 tons of material this year, and we received a check for \$317.67. The money has been donated to the food pantry.

- The Service Department roof is complete. Once the old roof was removed they found a lot of damage that had to be fixed and replaced, dry rot and so on. Council had authorized \$65,800.00 for the roof. The additional repairs with a discount was \$10,954.20. Mayor asked for authorization for payment to Hicks Roofing in the amount of \$76,754.20. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Warner to pay Hicks Roofing \$76,754.20 for the service department roof. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.
- The bids were received for the police confiscated truck. There were three bids turned in.
- The bids for the fire department bathroom remodel was opened Tuesday. Two companies put in a bid. Wolf Creek Construction from Waterford, Ohio \$64,696.00 and E Mullins Construction from Bloomingdale, Ohio, \$31,425.00. Asked Council to authorize the bid to go to E Mullins Construction of Bloomingdale, Ohio in the amount of \$31,425.00. A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Grandison to accept the bid of E. Mullins Construction in the amount of \$31,425.00. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

City Services Director:

- No report.

Law Director James J. Ong:

- Met with Julie and presented Council with the 2020 Temporary Appropriations and it needs passed tonight.
- Committee made recommendations on the insurance rates. He prepared a Resolution to accept the renewal rates for 2020 and also to establish the employee contribution rates for 2020.
- Julie talked to him about rates of pay for the heads of the three departments. In the past, it is tied in with the union contracts. Whatever the union members received, the head of that department received. Julie wants some authorization to pay that when the State Auditor reviews it. It can be set as a first reading if Council wants to review.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Absent.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Dominion Energy, Notice of Filing New PIR Adjustment Case.
- Letter from Ohio Division of Liquor Control asking if Council requests a hearing regarding the trex transfer of the liquor license from Bell Stores Inc. to Hartley Co, 102 W. McCauley Drive. (Starfire). A motion was made to approve no hearing by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.
- Julie always gives us a letter asking for two council persons to volunteer for the volunteers fire dependent fund. Mr. Miller and Mr. Cottrell volunteered.
- The bids for the truck were opened by Mr. Haney. Dawn Lake - \$10,000.00; Lori LeClair - \$7,500.000; and Nicholas Reynolds, \$7,150.00. A motion to accept the highest bid from Dawn

Lake in the amount of \$10,000.00 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

Committee Reports

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- The Insurance Committee met on November 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Baker read the report from the meeting and a copy is available upon request. A motion was made to accept the report 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. Grandison – The next Finance Committee meeting will be held December 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Old Business:

Mrs. Davis – Thanked Council for accepting her back and it was good to be back. She will miss it, but she has a family she needs to be with. Mr. Haney thanked her for her service.

Mr. Cottrell – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Thanked Mrs. Davis and Mr. Dorland and enjoyed working with them. Especially enjoyed working with the Mayor on the sidewalk legislation and he Clay Museum legislation. May not have always seen eye to eye, but enjoyed working with him and learned a lot from both of them

Mr. Miller – Thanked Mrs. Davis and Mr. Dorland.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Grandison – Thanked Mrs. Davis and Mr. Dorland for doing a good job.

New Business

Mrs. Davis – Asked about Eastport. The Mayor reported it is done until next year. Waiting on ODOT for the ok to open it up.

Mr. Cottrell – Nothing to report.

Mr. Warner – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – On November 19, 2019, he testified before the Ohio Ways & Means Committee as a proponent on Senate Bill 212. It would greatly assist small towns like Uhrichsville with encouraging neighborhood investment which will lead to the eradication of blight and eventual property increases. The Bill will provide a good opportunity for Uhrichsville to improve our neighborhoods. It really is a transformational opportunity. The Bill would allow Uhrichsville to designate a portion of our territory as a neighborhood development area and from there anyone who lives within that neighborhood development area can apply to the local school board for partial or full property tax exemption for a period of five years if they invest at least \$5,000 into the property. The Bill is pending in the Ways and Means Committee. I approve its passage and have called several legislators and urged their support.

Mr. Miller – Thanked the Mayor for help with the house on S. Water Street.

Mr. Baker – For the month of November the police had 461 calls and the fire department had 52 calls. A full report is available at the Mayor's office.

Mr. Grandison – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

Gary Locker – regarding property on Wardell Street. He was here last May looking for the abatement opportunity so that they could take care of the road themselves. They've been here asking for help and it just doesn't seem to happen. He has reached out a couple time but hasn't heard anything. Mr. Ong said he found out that the abatement process is in relation to investment in your business or property. He doesn't think we are allowed to grant an abatement to him to fix a public roadway. Mr. Locker said that wasn't what was expressed before. Mr. Ong said he doesn't see anything in the law to allow it. There was a discussion, and Mr. Locker left the meeting upset.

Amy Myers – Asked about the Ambulance Meeting scheduled for January 13, 2019. Wanted to know what the goal of the meeting is. Mr. Haney said he wanted to meet with Council at the end of the meeting to discuss contract negotiations and figure out where we are at. She also asked about the swearing in ceremony. It was decided 12/21/19 at Big Bend at 6:00 p.m.

Nathan Crouse – observing.

Michael Huff, 307 Oak Street. Observing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 1871

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2020 RENEWAL RATES
FOR THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO GROUP HEALTH PLAN, AND
ESTABLISHING 2020 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES**

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

ORDINANCE 14-19

**AN AMENDED PAY ORDINANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEADS
OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT,
AND STREET DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion to suspend the Ordinance was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Grandison. ROLL CALL: Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes; Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-no.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Mr. Grandison, seconded by Mr. Warner. ROLL CALL: Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-no; Mr. Cottrell – yes; Mrs. Davis – yes.

ORDINANCE 15-19

**AN ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDES FOR A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 30, 2020**

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

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None.

Other Discussions:

Mr. Haney presented Council with his Letter of Resignation that will be filed with the Board of Elections. Mrs. Davis made a motion to accept the Letter of Resignation, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Davis-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Grandison-yes; Mr. Miller-yes Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Warner-yes; Mr. Cottrell-yes.

We have no other meeting scheduled for this month unless Julie needs one.

The Christmas party is this Saturday at the Moose.

Mr. Haney said, Linda it's been good working with you throughout the years. Terry it's been good working with you. Rick, it's been a good four years and I wish you the best of luck.

Mr. Haney asked to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with no action to be taken. Council went into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Miller. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Miller.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council

Mark Haney
Council President