**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

Council President Robert Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present:   Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.

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

President Cottrell welcomed back Councilman Bob Baker and wished him well. He thanked all involved at the last council meeting.

The last council meeting ended prematurely due to the unfortunate health of Councilman Baker. A motion to approve repairs to a police cruiser had been made and seconded before the meeting was halted. A vote on the motion never took place. Before we start tonight’s meeting, we need to take a roll call vote on the pending motion. After the vote has been taken, we will start our April 22, 2021 council meeting. Council Clerk read the motion: Ms. Meyers made a motion for the expense cruiser motor to be repaired at Parkway for $7,345.56, Mr. Zucal seconded the motion. There was discussion and Ms. Myers amended her motion to include the $1,200.00 for suspension work. The motion is for $7,345.56 to repair the motor and an additional $1,200.00 to repair the suspension work on the police cruiser at Parkway. Mr. Harmon asked if he should abstain from the vote, since he was absent at the last meeting. President Cottrell said that was his call, it was up to him. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Huff-no; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-no; Mr. Miller-no; Mr. Harmon-abstained. President Cottrell said he did some research and asked someone with 40 years’ experience in the business and asked what the vehicle was worth sitting like it is. He said it is worth $1,500.00, if it was running it would be worth $6,500.00. With that information, he voted no on the Motion.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2021. A motion was made Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Huff.  ROLL CALL:  Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-abstained; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Mark Haney:**

* Absent.

**City Services Director Belle Everett:**

* Absent.

**Law Director James J. Ong:**

•Absent – on vacation.

**Auditor, Jessica Young**:

* Absent.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

* Absent.

**Correspondence:**

* Council Clerk Trisha Addison submitted her resignation effective June 1, 2021. President Cottrell will be taking resumes turned into the Mayor’s office in his name. He would like to have the resumes by the first meeting in May.

**Committee Reports**

**Mr. Fox –** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Huff** – Nothing to report.

**Ms. Myers**- Nothing to report.

**Mr**. **Harmon** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Miller –** The Ambulance Committee met on April 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Miller read the report to Council. A Motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes.

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

**Mr**. **Zucal** – Nothing to report.

**Old Business**:

**Mr. Fox –** He had questions for the Mayor and City Service Director. He’d like to know what revenue we brought in for the permits and where that money is going, if it is going for the Zoning Inspector. As today is Earth Day, he wondered if the City had plans to plant some trees, maybe in honor of some people, preferably by our City park since our park lacks in trees and it would be nice to get some nice trees and take care of some of the older ones. He spoke to Mayor Haney last council meeting about the stone entrance to the park and he was going to look into cutting those trees down. Also, he noticed throughout the City people have been doing a lot of work to properties without permits. Reminded the City when construction is being done it is very important to get a permit. There is a vehicle on Maple Avenue that has been parked on the street since December 20 and has not moved. He would like to know if the police department will be issuing citations for junk vehicles.

**Mr. Huff** – Nothing to report.

**Ms. Myers** – Welcomed Mr. Baker back and is glad he is doing well. Told Trish she’s been a pleasure to work with and if she needs any help with anything in the transition, she will help. Thanked the community, the St. Mary’s Altar Society Food Drive was a success. They donated 300 boxes of food and 300 5 lb. bags of chicken from Claymont High School. They had a lot of volunteers from Claymont Student Council and Jr. High Student Council and Brandon McCrea was quite a help that day. They delivered food that day as well to Lanning House and Buckeye House. They donated to vets in the area. Their priest came in the beginning and said a prayer and blessed the day. Thanks to the community for their outpouring. It was quite a success.

**Mr. Harmon** – Its good to have Mr. Baker back and thanks to everyone who helped him. Told Trish it’s been great working with her and he will miss seeing her at the meetings and she’s done a fantastic job and wishes her all the best.

**Mr. Miller –** On the police car, asked if stimulus money could be spent on police vehicles. President Cottrell said he was told by Mr. Ong that the money had not been released yet, so we don’t know what we can do with it.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Zucal –** Nothing to report.

**President Cottrell –** The Bob Smith property was brought up about a month ago and he wanted to know what council wanted to do. Let the Mayor go into negotiations with Mr. Smith and bring it back to Council so we would at least know what they want for it? Mr. Smith contacted him and would like to know because he has the possibility of a couple buyers. His suggestion is to ask the Mayor to go into negotiations with Mr. Smith and bring it back to Council. Mr. Fox said his opinion is we are not in the real estate business and he doesn’t feel it is a good move. It is money we don’t need to spend right now. Mr. Baker feels we should at least look into it. Mr. Baker made a Motion to allow the Mayor enter into negotiations with Mr. Smith. Mr. Miller seconded the Motion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-no; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-no; Mr. Zucal-no. Mr. Zucal asked the parameters of the negotiations. President Cottrell said it was to find out what Mr. Smith wants and to bring it back to Council. Ms. Myers asked if we are able to tour the building. President Cottrell asked everyone to send their concerns to Mayor Haney by email.

**New Business**

**Mr. Fox –** For the Mayor, he noticed we still have a dumpster on Parkway Avenue off of Eastport that has been there several weeks. The neighbors are tired of seeing it there and it needs to be taken off the street.

**Mr. Huff** – Nothing to report.

**Ms. Myers –** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Harmon –** Nothing to report.

**Mr**. **Miller** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Zucal –** Nothing to report.

**Visitors:**

None in person.  Visitors that were watching by Zoom were not able to participate.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE 50-21**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE**

**RATES OF PAY FOR THE POSITIONS OF**

**CITY POLICE CHIEF, CITY FIRE CHIEF,**

**CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT AND**

**MAYOR’S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**Second Reading**

**ORDINANCE 51-21**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF**

**SALE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE**

**OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO**

**IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,705,000.00**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COST OF**

**RECONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, ADDING TO**

**ENLARGING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE**

**IMPROVING THE MUNICIPAL PARK AND**

**SWIMMING POOL FACILITY AND RELATED RECREATIONAL**

**FACILITIES PROVIDING RELATED OFF STREET**

**PARKING FACILITIES AND EQUIPPING AND IMPROVING**

**THE SITES THEREOF, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY**

**APPERTANCES THERETO (THE IMPROVEMENT) IN**

**ANTICIPATION OF ISSUANCE OF BONDS, AUTHORIZING THE**

**EXECUTION OF A NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

**AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A Motion to Suspend was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes.

A Motion to Adopt was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

President Cottrell assigned the Finance Committee to work out what a detective for the police force would cost, both full-time and part-time. Also, about adding a fifth man on the street department. He would like to start heading that way for next year.

Ordinance 48-21 was tabled, and President Cottrell would like to see some comments of what we need to do to fix that to get it moving. Everyone send their comments to Mr. Baker/Ordinance Committee. Mr. Fox commented that his opinion is he is on the fence about it, but any property the City owns should be put up for sale and whatever we get out of it we get out of it and we can start collecting taxes on that property. President Cottrell said to send that to Mr. Baker.

President Cottrell wants Mayor Haney to get back to Council at the next meeting on the status of hiring a Zoning Inspector and how many people have applied.

**Other Discussions:**

Mr. Fox said it was brought to his attention that our community ambulance went to Dayton for stenciling letters and decals and he thought we had someone in house that did that. He asked that the Mayor get back to him on that.

Mr. Zucal asked for a total cost from the Mayor or Service Director on the entire package for painting, decals, manhours, and mileage.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Trisha Addison        Robert Cottrell

Clerk of Council       Council President