**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, May 13, 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.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2021. A motion was made Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Miller.  ROLL CALL:  Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mayor Haney introduced Diane Smith of the 922 Initiative Committee. She is a lifelong resident of Uhrichsville. She became concerned about the heroin epidemic in the Twin Cities and explained her background and how she became involved with the Opiate Task Force and the subcommittee that was created known as the 922 Initiative Committee. Eric Harmon and Chief Edwards are both on the committee. The committee is also made up of a representative from the Health Department, a representative from Brightview, representatives from Community Mental Health, and she represents Ohio Guidestone, the Drug Coalition and the Opiate Taskforce. She would like to get our law enforcement and Dennison involved. The ADAMHS Board and Ohio Guidestone have received a grant that pays for her wages to work for the Twin Cities. There were three silhouettes at the passageway. They were the Tuscarawas Countywide initiative to bring awareness to overdoses in Tuscarawas County. They are bringing the silhouettes back because it made such an impact. With the grant they were able to hire an operator, Rachel. She answers the phone and stays with that person all the way through until they get treatment. She would like to put silhouettes on the hill by Trenton Avenue and out front of the city building. The gray silhouette represents how many overdoses has occurred in the Twin Cities. The black silhouette represents the deaths. The yellow family silhouette has a saying on it that says, “Always Hope” and the hope line number will be under it. They would like to do it the week before the festival and the week of the festival. Mako’s has allowed needle disposal information to be distributed. She began speaking at the Intermediate School and has started sheets that show a handprint that say “Safe Zone” and she would like those to be in businesses so that children know that they can talk to the adults and know that they are a safe person that they can talk to. Mayor Haney thanked Diana, this building has the sign and is a Safe Zone. Mr. Harmon has attended the committee meetings and encourages all to check out because the drug epidemic is not going away. Ms. Myers thanked her and supports her. She would like to know what Council and the Administration needs done and for asked their blessing. A Motion was made to approve five sets of silhouettes by the 922 Initiative by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes. Diane left her card and information for Council.

**Mayor Mark Haney:**

* This week is National Police Week to honor police officers that serve and those that we have lost. The flags will fly at half-staff on Saturday and he recommends blue bulbs to honor officers this week.
* Chief Beal is out of town but asked for permission to apply for the Cop’s Grant. There is a deadline of June to apply. We would like to apply for four additional officers, which doesn’t mean we will get four officers, just applying for them. We are short staffed right now.
* Water Park painting will be done Monday or Tuesday. The paint and material are here. The work should be completed within a week to ten days. There have been several plumbing repairs to the restrooms and the concession stand. Jeff Galbraith is completing the pumps. They will pressure wash the slides. Our guys will pressure wash the desk. The chairs are out and they are getting the restrooms ready. The umbrellas will be here in two weeks.
* The 2016 and 2017 police cruisers have over 70,000 miles. He would like serious consideration on replacing at least one this year.
* We planted two dogwood trees that were donated by Ann Nalley. Two trees were taken down by the water park.
* The Claymont Pride Committee had a phone conference that he attended. They are requesting a portion of E. 12th Street be renamed “Mustang Way”. That will be investigated and he will report back after speaking with JJ. He thinks it’s a great idea. The committee is doing a lot with few people. It would be dedicated in September with festivities.
* Police calls and Fire calls are in his office if anyone would like to review.
* Mr. Fox thanked Mayor Haney for the update on the water park and asked if Jeff Galbraith would be doing the chemicals this year. There will be a couple managers and another worker trained. He will still be involved. Switching to a tank system. Mr. Fox asked how many PIN notices were sent out this month. Ms. Everett said that number would be available through the police department because they send them out. Mr. Fox asked how much money was brought in from permits last year and Ms. Everett will be covering that in her report.
* Ms. Myers asked if an investigator could be hired through the Cop’s Grant. Mayor Haney said it could and that is why he is asking for four officers. The grant is still the same and a copy of the information can be received from Chief Beal. She asked about the painting of the water park and Mayor Haney said the kiddy area will be painted. The painting project had already been approved at a previous meeting. She also asked for a stop sign on Cook Street. The cars fly to go to the golf course and there a ton of kids.
* Mayor Haney said finding college kids for summer help has become difficult and they would be putting signs up and mowing. He might only hire one person and he would need to change it to $12.00 per hour instead of $10.00 per hour for two people. No high school kids have applied. He would like to hire a teacher.
* Mr. Fox asked if a mower was down. Mayor Haney and Ms. Everett said they have been short-handed and the water park has taken priority.
* Mr. Zucal said he would like to see more information in writing before voting on the Cop’s Grant. Mr. Huff made a Motion to permit the administration to apply for the Cop’s Grant for four officers, seconded by Mr. Miller. There was further discussion. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Fox-no; Mr. Zucal-no; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-no, Ms. Myers-yes. Motion passed. Mr. Zucal is not opposed on the actual applying, he is opposed to it being sprung on council tonight without any prior notice and without any documentation.

**City Services Director Belle Everett:**

* Regarding the building permits the following is money received:
  + - 2015 - $3,575.00
    - 2016 - $3,589.00
    - 2017 - $4,967.00
    - 2018 - $4,967.00
    - 2019 - $4,001.00 (2015-2019 includes yard sale monies)
    - 2020 - $13,195.00 (this includes Claymont Stadium projects, etc.)
    - 2021 – to date $1,966.00

We also permit to AEP and they are paying flood plain permits. We also require people who are doing roofing to get a permit, which she doesn’t believe was done in the past. She believes we see an increase due to their practices. She had folders for Council to review. She showed the permit that Jen uses. People can apply online also. She would like to have a more modern system, but they aren’t there yet. Mr. Fox said great job by everyone. This is extra money that can go towards something. Mr. Ong said one of the biggest ones is the public utilities, such as AEP, who resisted, but know that they have to do it now.

* The City has taken in $15,000.00 since Mayor Haney has been in office to begin the process on foreclosures on the Land Reutilization.
* She has a request from a property owner to purchase city owned lots that are contiguous to his property. He is located at the end of W. 4th Street, Mr. Felgenhauer. He asked if we had a Mow to Own policy, but he offered to buy the property. He would like to put a fence up. She will discuss with JJ and the Mayor. JJ said if he does the Mow to Own, someone would have to come in and apply. You have to meet certain criteria and establish over 12 months that you are maintaining the property. If the town does not have that, it can be offered up for sale, but since it was not through the Land Reutilization Program, you would have to take bids. The properties through Land Reutilization to not have to accept bids. Council would have to determine that it is not needed for any other purpose and then set the matter for a second hearing giving the public an opportunity to determine if it is needed and then Council can move forward with bringing it for sale to the highest bidder. Belle said it would definitely help the street department.
* Right across the street from Mr. Felgenhauer is another city owned lot that is contiguous to a property that has a dilapidated garage that needs torn down and the property is in tax arrearages. She thinks it would be good for the Land Reutilization Program and will speak to JJ.
* She has a list of alleys that she would like to begin the process of vacating.
* Mr. Fox asked about vacating an alley by his property on Eastport. Mr. Ong said the process is the property owner would submit a letter to Council asking to be vacated. Council would have to determine that it is not needed for any public purpose and then at the second hearing they authorize the vacating of the alley. All property owners would have to cover the survey, preparation of deed and recording.
* Ms. Myers asked when the Zoning Board would meet regarding 832 Parrish Street. After discussion, Mr. Ong advised that a fence issue would be a civil matter between the property owners. Ms. Myers will let the property owner know.
* Mr. Fox asked if anymore sidewalks will be done on the West Side. They are wrapping that project up. They have had a lot of obstacles, but it is looking very nice. He said the project they have done so far has been great. He would like to see more sidewalks done. Mayor Haney said they have spent the Community Block Grant money for the past few years doing sidewalks. Mr. Fox asked about the park on the corner of W. 1st and the alley. Belle said Chief Edwards spoke to her about that also and he said it needs spruced up. The Fire Department has talked about a fundraiser to fix it up, especially the backboards. We do have hoops. Mayor Haney talked about the possibility of a security camera and he would love to see the park fixed up.
* Mosquito Control Community Agreement for 2021 was presented to Council. We sign the agreement annually and she asked for a Motion to approve the agreement. A Motion was made to enter into the 2021 Mosquito Control Program with the County Health Department by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

**Law Director James J. Ong:**

•Regarding the American Rescue Fund, the Mayor and Mr. Miller reached out to him asking about possible expenditures from that money. We are starting to learn what we will receive and starting to get guidance on what those funds can be spent for. He intends to issue a report. Water/sewer structure seems to be number one, catching up on lost income for the city is probably number two. He doesn’t know if it will be open for purchase of equipment. In conjunction with that money, as with the CARE’s Act money, we had a separate fund to put that money into, the State is requiring the same. He presented Council with a Resolution to create the fund, known as the American Rescue Fund and any money received would go into that fund. He asked for emails for particulars of purchases such as equipment, wages, storm sewer projects, and money lost for not operating the water park last year.

* He presented Council with a Resolution to enter into an agreement with UAN. This system operated by the State Auditor’s office would be a great assistance to Jessica Young and the Auditor’s office. If she has problems, she is a phone call or email away. If she needs someone to come in, the State Auditor’s office will send someone in on a visiting basis to assist, there are training sessions available. The greatest benefit is the equipment. Right now, the computer system is purchased and maintained by the City. UAN system will provide equipment, probably every two to four years. There is a tech support system, and they will reply quickly or set up an appointment. He asked Council to consider the Resolution tonight. We will probably spend less and have a better service.
* Asked President Cottrell to refer to the Ordinance Committee review of ordinances regarding adult entertainment to see if they need updated.
* There is legislation before Council regarding a Storm Sewer Resolution that was discussed earlier at the storm sewer meeting.
* President Cottrell asked Belle about the tornado siren. We currently have a siren that has to be manually engaged and is located on 6th and Parrish. Chief Edwards discussed options. It malfunctioned recently and Staley looked at and it is old technology. We have three options to update. His suggestion is that they repair it and set us up with Central Dispatch like Dover and New Philadelphia. They are tested once per month through Central Dispatch. This cost is around $6,200.00. We would have to have permission from Dover and New Philadelphia because they split the cost to set up previously. Another option is to put it back the way it is, costing $5,500.00. Another option is to run it off the new marks system and a phone number would set it off which would cost $5,700.00. Mr. Fox asked if it helps Dennison as well and if it could be located somewhere else. They have their own system, both are close. Chief Edwards is concerned that the high school cannot hear the siren. Ms. Myers asked if money from the fire equipment fund could be used and Mr. Ong said it could. Mayor Haney said a second location needs to be looked at. Mr. Zucal said Central Dispatch is what needs to be done and we have the money, so he suggested we approve and get it done. Mr. Zucal made a motion to spend $6,279.05 to set up the tornado system through Central Dispatch, seconded by Mr. Fox. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes.
* Mayor Haney said they are still looking at the S. Wardell bridge situation and it is imperative that we look at the project seriously. Mayor Haney will get quotes.

**Auditor, Jessica Young**:

* She sent a letter out regarding wages. She pointed out that the Street Department is short staffed and Jeff will be doing a lot without a lot of help. Chief Edwards asked for his raise and he is very helpful. She can ask both he and Chief Beal anything, they know our funds, they know what their staff is doing. Jen has taken on a lot of roles. She helps without any complaints and does a lot of extra work. The raises that she’s asking for, the money is there and everyone is doing above and beyond.
* She thinks the purchase of a police cruiser would be a good idea and the money is there.
* Regarding switching to UAN, she is having a lot of problems with the current system. She is hoping all will be on board because it would really help her and Becky out.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

* Absent.

**Correspondence:**

* Received annual notice from Division of Liquor regarding liquor licenses in the city coming up for renewal. No action is necessary if we have no problem with the renewal of any licenses.

**Committee Reports**

**Mr. Fox –** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Huff** – Nothing to report.

**Ms. Myers**- Next Finance Committee Meeting is May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. She would like all to email their wish list for the Rescue Fund so that it can be discussed at Finance Committee meeting.

**Mr**. **Harmon** – Union Cemetery Trustees met on May 4, 2021 and the report was read. A Motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

**Mr. Miller –** Asked if President Cottrell could form a committee as a whole to check into the purchase of a new police cruiser. Mr. Ong said it could be reassigned to make a recommendation for a new police cruiser, and it is President Cottrell’s call. Finance Committee has a meeting and can discuss it again and will report. If no recommendation made, can proceed. Chief Beal has provided quotes.

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

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

**Old Business**:

**Mr. Fox –** Nothing to report.

**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.

**President Cottrell –** Mayor Haney reported that Bob Smith took a cash offer on his property.

**New Business**

**Mr. Fox –** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Huff** – Nothing to report.

**Ms. Myers –** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Harmon –** Thanked Pastor John Stephenson and the congregation at the Bethel Worship Center. They recently cleaned up the Panhandle Passage trail.

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

**Mr. Baker** – Asked about the status of the Mow to Own Ordinance. President Cottrell reached out at the last meeting and asked to get concerns to Mr. Baker. It will be reassigned to the Ordinance Committee.

**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**

**Third Reading**

A Motion to Adopt was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-no; Ms. Myers-no; Mr. Fox-no; Mr. Zucal-no.

**RESOLUTION 1894**

**OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE STORM SEWER DISTRICT**

**REGARDING STORM SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

**PARCEL NO. 41-03184-000**

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

**RESOLUTION 1895**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN**

**AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE AUDITOR’S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN**

**THE UNIFORM ACCOUNTING NETWORK**

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

**RESOLUTION 1896**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING FUND NUMBER 350**

**(AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND)**

**FOR FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

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

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Ordinance Committee – Mow to Own Ordinance.

Ordinance Committee – Storm sewer regulations.

Ordinance Committee – Adult entertainment ordinance.

**Other Discussions:**

Mr. Baker asked if May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. would be okay for Ordinance Committee meeting and it is.

Mr. Fox asked Mayor if a light at the basketball court had been looked at, on a timer to go out at 10:30 p.m. Also asked about the dumpster on Gorley and Parkway, Belle said he will be receiving a notice. Asked if police could chalk tires, and that is not allowed. The officers will enter a date and then check. Mr. Zucal suggested the resident be politely asked to move the vehicle.

President Cottrell presented Council with a donation to the City in the amount of $4,064.08 to be used towards fixing the water fountain. He thanked the Moose members, they take pride in donating money to the City.

President Cottrell said this Saturday at the Moose will be a hog roast on the new patio with a band later in the evening.

Mayor Haney has the current landlord registration and people will be charged for not complying. He also thanked the Moose and the Eagles. Had opening day for Twin City Youth Baseball Saturday with a good turnout. Our Fire Chief and Officer Gunnish threw out the first pitch.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Trisha Addison        Robert Cottrell

Clerk of Council       Council President