

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY JULY 8, 2021**

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Law Director Ong.

Mr. Huff's absence was excused by affirmative vote of Council.

Council President Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2021. A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal – yes; Mr. Baker – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Harmon – yes; Ms. Myers – yes; Mr. Huff – absent; Mr. Fox – yes.

Council President Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes from June 29, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Miller. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal – yes; Mr. Baker – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Harmon – yes; Ms. Myers – yes; Mr. Huff – absent; Mr. Fox – yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

- Mayor Haney gave an update on the recent work conducted by the Street Department.
- Mayor Haney reported on the tree trimming work recently conducted in the City.
- Mayor Haney gave a report on the City Water Park, noting that on average 600 people per day are attending.
- Mayor Haney noted that repair work on the fountain at the City Water Park is underway.
- Mayor Haney noted that the intersection of Deersville Avenue and East 1st Street has been closed due to the storm sewer project.
- Mayor Haney noted that the storm sewer work at Claymont Stadium would commence on July 14th.
- Mayor Haney noted that the "Lights For Bikes" program is being offered by the Uhrichsville Eagles club.
- Ms. Meyers asked Mayor Haney about street painting. Mayor Haney advised that such work would not start until all street repair projects are completed this year.
- Mr. Harmon asked about the status of installation of "No Through Trucks" signs on E. 11th. Mayor Haney advised that locations for the signs are being discussed by the Administration with the Street Department and Police Department.
- Mr. Fox asked for an update on upgrades to the Westside park area. Mayor Haney advised that he had contacted Carroll Asphalt about a potential repaving of the basketball court. Mayor Haney noted that the City is seeking grant funding for such repair projects.
- Mayor Haney reminded Council of the dump truck being offered for sale to the City by the Village of Port Washington. No action was taken on the matter.

City Service Director Belle Everett:

- Absent (excused by Mayor Haney).

Law Director James J. Ong

- Mr. Ong advised Council about potential uses of City money under the American Rescue Plan. Mr. Ong discussed the timeline for the Auditor to apply for funds, and the documents that the Auditor needs to submit in regard to such application.

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Auditor Jessica Young

- Absent

Treasurer Bob Michels

- Absent

Correspondence

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Absent.

Ms. Myers – Ms. Myers advised that a Finance Committee meeting would be held on July 20th at 6:00 PM. Ms. Myers gave reports from the recent Finance Committee, and noted that the Finance Committee recommends the purchase of the body cam / cruiser cam system. A motion to approve the reports was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal – yes; Mr. Baker – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Harmon – yes; Ms. Myers – yes; Mr. Huff – absent; Mr. Fox – yes.

Mr. Harmon – Mr. Harmon provided a report from the July Union Cemetery meeting. A motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal – yes; Mr. Baker – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Harmon – yes; Ms. Myers – yes; Mr. Huff – absent; Mr. Fox – yes.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fox – Mr. Fox asked Mayor Haney if he had talked with Dennison Rotary officials about repairing the message board located near the McCauley Drive entrance to the City. Mayor Haney had talked with Bob Michels about the matter, and was informed by Mr. Michels that Dennison Rotary doesn't have money to replace or repair the message board. Mr. Fox asked if anyone had applied for the Zoning Inspector job. Mayor Haney advised that no one has applied for the position. Mayor Haney mentioned the possibility of blending the job in with the Fire

Department. Mr. Fox asked about the possibility of putting up lights at the basketball court. Mayor Haney said that he will try to work with Twin City Little League on the matter. Mr. Fox asked where the ambulance was sent for installation of decals. Mayor Haney advised the some firefighters who were going to Dayton took the ambulance with them to Dayton for installation of the decals.

Mr. Huff – Absent.

Ms. Myers – Nothing to report.

Mr. Harmon – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Mr. Zucal brought up the purchase of the body cam / cruiser cam system. A discussion was held about the need for the system and the cost of the system. A motion to authorize the purchase of the body cam / cruiser cam system for the Police Department was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal – yes; Mr. Baker – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Harmon – yes; Ms. Myers – yes; Mr. Huff – absent; Mr. Fox – yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fox – Mr. Fox asked Mr. Zucal about the possibility of planting trees near the City Waterpark. Mr. Zucal then asked Mayor Haney to speak with the Auditor about available funds for such a project. Mr. Fox asked Mayor Haney about a recent ambulance accident. Mayor Haney was unaware of the accident. Chief Beal noted that there was damage to the ambulance. During the meeting, Mayor Haney contacted a member of the Fire Department for information. It was learned that the damage resulted from the ambulance catching a low tree branch. Mr. Fox asked why City Service Director was not in attendance. Mr. Haney advised that he had excused her from attending.

Mr. Huff – Absent.

Mr. Harmon – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Mr. Miller advised that he had been approached by City departments about the possibility of building a new boat ramp near the former dam location. President Cottrell assigned the matter to the Safety Committee for review and recommendation.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

VISITORS

Wendy Mann of Twin Cities Kids' Coalition, Inc. gave a presentation to City Council about her organization. Ms. Mann asked Council members to purchase a building for her organization, for use as a community center. President Cottrell referred the matter to Finance Committee for review.

Janet Evans of 1316 Eastport Avenue addressed Council over her request to install a driveway at her property. Mayor Haney advised that there is a sight-line issue at the property, making

installation of the proposed driveway not possible. Mr. Zucal requested research on whether the City had authority to regulate such matters.

Chief Beal noted that the Police Department handed 441 calls during June. Chief Beal advised that the new Tahoe would be delivered on July 12th.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 54-21

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A “MOW TO OWN ADJACENT LOT DISPOSITION PROGRAM” IN ORDER TO TRANSFER BLIGHTED, UNBUILDABLE, VACANT, ABANDONED AND TAX DELINQUENT PARCELS TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS

Third Reading

Ms. Myers noted that she wanted to see the application and “plan in place” before voting on the Ordinance. Mr. Harmon expressed the same concern. Mr. Zucal and Mr. Fox both advised that they were opposed to such legislation. Mayor Haney noted that the City spends work hours on maintaining such properties. No motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 54-21. President Cottrell reassigned the matter to Ordinance Committee for further review.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Council President Cottrell assigned the boat ramp issue to Safety Committee for consideration.
- Council President Cottrell assigned the request of Wendy Mann to Finance Committee for consideration.
- Council President Cottrell reassigned the “mow to own” ordinance to Ordinance Committee for further consideration.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS

- A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss City contracts was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal – yes; Mr. Baker – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Harmon – yes; Ms. Myers – yes; Mr. Huff – absent; Mr. Fox – yes. A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Fox. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal – yes; Mr. Baker – yes; Mr. Miller – yes; Mr. Harmon – yes; Ms. Myers – yes; Mr. Huff – absent; Mr. Fox – yes

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Robert Cottrell
Council President