

**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, October 22, 2020**

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 October 8, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Storm Sewer Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2020. A motion 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.

The meeting was turned over to Ms. Myers and the Special Contact/Special Recognition Committee of Mr. Harmon and Mr. Miller. The committee recognized FabOhio and presented Kurt Shelley with a Proclamation of Appreciation. FabOhio has been a business in the City of Uhrichsville since 1963 and never relocated, with the business consisting of engineering flexible synthetic films for use as barrier isolation in many forms and applications. Kurt Shelley is a graduate of Claymont High School. FabOhio is a proud partner and pioneer in solving containment issues throughout every aspect of research, development and manufacturing in the pharmaceutical industry.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Mark Haney:**

- City is beginning foreclosure proceedings on two houses, 720 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 101 W. Thompson Street. Unable to foreclose on the third property, 521 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street due to Tax Ease issue.
- Residents may have received letters from Volunteer Energy that listed Uhrichsville as the Village of Uhrichsville. Corrected letters will be mailed out.
- Service Department has the water park winterized. Found that one umbrella cable is broken. The gazebo will be torn down in the next two weeks.
- Updated council on projects: Finished guardrail at Eastport, put guardrail back up at the park. Fences and trash cans were put out at the basketball court. Repairs done on catch basins. Did some soft spot repair. Finished up spot on W. Bank. Did some blade patching on E. 11<sup>th</sup> and E. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- RUMAs were discussed today as far as routes taken while working on Claymont Stadium. Each company will be signing a RUMA. Each contractor has to be bonded separately and working with the school on that. Income tax can be collected from these employees. Main streets being used are Water Street in, E. 11<sup>th</sup>, E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Uhrich Street, Eastport, out CR 64. There will be a new water line put in on the curb strip of E. 11<sup>th</sup>. This will benefit the school and some residents that have a tie off.
- Have done more painting.
- Received salt from last year's bid.

- Last Thursday had a police cruiser that was hit while on the scene. The officers were not injured. \$8,000.00 damage to the police cruiser.
- Will be taking action on the Landlord Ordinance. There will be citations issued and court action taken. Asked for any discussion or opinion from Council.
- Ms. Myers asked what would be done. There is a fine and charges that should be paid. She said some landlords are under the impression that they are working something out with JJ and they say they don't have to pay. Mayor Haney said no, and he feels they have waited long enough to not cite landlords.
- Mr. Fox asked about painting. Planning on painting tomorrow. He mentioned the three sides of the Jr. High parking lot that he would love to see done. Mayor Haney said he would see what he could do.
- Mr. Fox said he would like to see some of the equipment at the stadium, such as bleachers, donated to the bitty football program. Mayor said he would reach out to members of the school board and didn't see a problem.
- Mr. Fox is concerned with the hydroseeding done at Eastport. He had pictures. None of the old straw was taken out and it was hydroseeded over. Grass will never grow. He felt that it was unacceptable and they should be held accountable. We should not pay for it until it is done right. Mayor and Ms. Everett will look into it and deal with it.
- Mr. Harmon asked the Mayor about the three PIN notices he requested at the last meeting and would like copies. They were dropped off at the police department the next day and copies will be obtained.
- Ms. Myers asked for the address of the property that could not be foreclosed on.
- Mr. Zucal said that ODOT is way past the hydroseeding germination date. Feels that we should write a letter to ODOT expressing our discontent. Mayor Haney has not viewed it yet and will have a discussion on the phone and email with ODOT about our discontent. The total bill has not been yet paid.
- Council President Cottrell asked Mayor Haney if Mr. Ong had prepared a letter to ODOT regarding the grass at the gateways to the city. Mayor Haney would rather have it for every council member signature.

**City Services Director Belle Everett:**

- Will be meeting with Dan Lorenz of ODOT on Monday regarding the Trenton Avenue project. She went over items that she felt were very important on the Eastport project with ODOT. When there is a final punch list she would like to show Dan Lorenz the photographs and agrees with Mr. Fox that the hydroseeding is unacceptable.
- They have been painting and things have been running pretty smoothly.
- The \$25.00 due from landlords, they still have until December 31 to pay. They are compiling a mailing list and will be ready to notify when not paid. At this point over \$10,000.00 has come in from the \$25.00 payments.
- The dam is soon to be removed. We have discussed some green space and Twin City Water and Sewer are willing to donate the Stillwater Creek side property to the City. Talked with Erin Wright from Thrasher and are applying for grants for green space in that area. Has a Resolution for consideration to apply for the application to participate in the ODNR Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. This would be match money to other grants. Have already applied for another grant and are hoping to hear back from them soon.
- Mayor Haney has written a letter and it is asking fellow citizens to write letters of support for this project. The project would likely include the land acquisition, boat ramp, trail development, parking lot, picnic area, and nature and wild life area. She had a preliminary drawing and will provide them to Council.



- Water park is winterized and has a price on the umbrellas but will hold off on having them fabricated until after January. The price is anywhere from \$1,600.00 to \$1,800.00 and we had discussed three umbrellas which is within the \$6,000.00 previously approved. There is a piece that needs ordered for the kiddy portion. The deck that is cracked, we have to decide on whether we will fix that inhouse or hire it out. Hiring it out is around \$15,000.00. Wants to get with the Service Department to see if they feel they are capable and feel comfortable doing it.
- Mr. Zucal asked what the city's cost match for the ODNr grant? There is no cost grant at this point. This is to get this grant to match it to another grant. This is just to apply for the grant. Mr. Zucal asked if we are paying Thrasher to do it or are we doing it inhouse? Thrasher is doing it. The grant is due November 16. Mr. Zucal said he is fine with the project, but are we going to pay or submit it ourselves. Are we paying Thrasher to prepare the package? Ms. Everett said they are the grant writers. Quicksall or Thrasher has always prepared the grants.
- Mr. Fox felt the pavilion or picnic tables should be downplayed because it would just invite more drug activity unless we are policing it more or there are security lights. Ms. Everett said there would be picnic tables and benches. Mr. Fox said if it is fixed up too nice it would invite drug activity. Ms. Everett has discussed it with Mr. Huff. Crime in the city cannot deter us from developing green space and outdoor activities for our youth or adults. Mr. Fox said it was a good idea and something good for the City but would like it be well policed and maintained. Mr. Huff said there was activity at all hours of the night and he also sees the police lights. He feels that opening that up and beautifying it is going to break up that traffic. Once they see it is clean, there are lights, and it is being monitored it will work.
- Mr. Fox feels that all of the winterizing should have been done and that the platform and umbrellas should have been taken care of. Ms. Everett said the umbrellas are ordered, they just won't be paid for until January. They are coming from Erb Co. Since we were closed, there was no grave concerned to get them. Mr. Fox doesn't want the opening of the park to be held up because repairs are needed that should have been taken care of. Ms. Everett said that won't happen. Mr. Fox asked if the bucket would be fixed inhouse. That's something that is still in discussion. Ms. Everett said she could be called at any time to discuss.
- Council President Cottrell asked about Penny Smith who was at the meeting earlier. Ms. Everett spoke with her and has been talking with her for a while. She is going to ask for a variance to put a mobile home in that isn't a 1995. Mr. Cottrell asked her to come to the meeting because she felt she wasn't getting anywhere. Ms. Everett said she didn't like the answers she was given.

**Law Director James J. Ong:**

- Absent.

**Auditor, Julie Pearch:**

- Absent.

**Treasurer, Bob Michels:**

- Absent.

**Correspondence:**

- None.

**Committee Reports**

**Mr. Fox** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Huff** – Nothing to report.

**Ms. Myers-** The Finance Committee report from the meeting held on October 20, 2020 had been emailed to Council. We need the administration to make recommendations for cost saving measures for the

budget in 2021 and also ask the administration for their want or wish list by the end of December for the budget for 2021. 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. The next Finance Committee meetings are November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. which may need to be moved up.

The Special Recognition Committee met on October 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and a copy of the report was emailed to council. A Motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

**Mr. Harmon** – A Notice by the Union Cemetery Board of Trustees has been issued. Union Cemetery is accepting resumes for the position of Assistant Superintendent. The pay scale is \$27,000.00 per year and will include benefits. Resumes can be sent to Union Cemetery at 227 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Uhrichsville, OH 44683. A Motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fox. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes.

The Economic Development Committee will meet October 28, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in Council chambers.

**Mr. Miller** – The EMS Committee will meet October 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome.

**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** – Would like the letter sent to ODOT asking for an explanation why our corridors to the city are not mowed and maintained. Mr. Harmon agreed. President Cottrell will talk to Mr. Ong about changing the letter for all of the members of Council to sign.

#### **New Business**

**Mr. Fox** – There was an accident this morning at McCauley Drive and his nephew was involved. It's really foggy so pay attention to the signals. Several vehicles were involved and no one was hurt. McCauley Drive is well lit, but ODOT could look into more lights or flashing lights, especially coming into town.

**Mr. Huff** – Reminded our citizens that the general election is less than two weeks away. Make a plan to vote, go early. If not, vote on election day.

**Ms. Myers** – Thanked New Pointe Community Church for their generosity to our community. Last week they brought a refrigerated truck to Eastport School. Thanked Claymont's Jodi Miles and Jeff Galbreath for putting up the barrels for traffic. They donated boxes of food. They weighed about 45-50 lbs. Over 500 boxes were donated to the community. She was able to be a part of it.

**Mr. Harmon** – Nothing to report.

**Mr. Zucal** – Asked the Mayor to look at the laundromat sign and the Mayor agreed that the sign needs to come down.

**Mr. Miller** – Thanked the owner of the depot for providing dinner for the fire department and police department last Friday night.

**Mr. Baker** – Nothing to report.

**Visitors:**

None.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 1887  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY  
OF UHRICHSVILLE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT NATURAL RESOURCES  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM  
AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED**

A Motion to approve the Resolution 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.

**ORDINANCE 37-20  
APPROVING EXPENDITURE FROM CORONVIRUS  
AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDING**

A motion to suspend the Ordinance 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 the Ordinance 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.

Ms. Myers asked to make a Motion to untable Ordinance 32-20, an Ordinance directing and restricting the manner in which the funds of the landlord registration fees may be encumbered and spent by the city and to draft legislation moving forward. The initial intent of this Ordinance was to hire a zoning inspector to help with blighted properties and zoning. She asked that it also be placed in the Finance Committee. Mr. Huff seconded. Mr. Baker said if a motion to untable was not made by the next meeting the issue was dead and a new ordinance would need to be written. President Cottrell said that he would assign it to the Finance Committee.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Finance Committee – Ordinance 32-20.

Ordinance Committee – Mobile Home Ordinance.

**Other Discussions:**

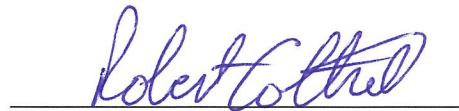
Mr. Baker asked about the status of the mobile home ordinance. President Cottrell is putting it back in the Ordinance Committee.

President Cottrell asked that everyone get their public records training done as soon as possible.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Trisha Addison  
Clerk of Council



Robert Cottrell  
Council President