

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 12, 2020

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

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Mr. Zucal-no; 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.

A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Harmon to excuse the absence of Mr. Zucal. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2020. A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Huff. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session under Section 121.22G3 to discuss the disputes involving the City that are the subject of court action with no action to follow. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes. Council went into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. and returned from Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Fox. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

- Presented Council with letters of support to Representative Brett Hillyer and Senator Hottinger regarding elimination of Community Development Block Grant Allocation Program. This program would give the City of Uhrichsville \$41,000.00 for this upcoming year for sidewalk grants. This is a program that is very detrimental in Tuscarawas County and other Cities have also sent letters of support. Asked Council for approval to send the letter. A motion to approve Mayor Haney sending the letter of support was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.
- Chief Edwards will be on WBTC tomorrow talking about the EMS and Fire Department.
- Chief Edwards spoke to Council about the use of CARE's act money for the use of refurbishing or buying a new ambulance. A refurbished ambulance from Advantech for \$196,451.93 or from Burgess Ambulance Sale in Loudonville \$151,762.00, both with electrical system packages. These would be with four-wheel drive. A new ambulance would be around \$250,000.00. Mayor Haney recommended we do the wiring. Mayor Haney would like to look for a third unit next year. The ambulance would be top of the line. There was discussion about the funding and whether we would need competitive bidding with CARE's Act funding and Mr. Ong gave his opinion to go through the competitive bid process and get approval from Council for up to a certain amount and get the legal opinion from the law firm saying we could do it. Chief Edwards said there may be demos available on state bids available to purchase now. There was additional discussion regarding the spending of CARE's Act money. Chief Edwards said a new ambulance through Burgess would be \$192,000.00 with four-wheel drive and he would prefer a four-wheel drive. The ambulance would have to be delivered by December 31, 2020. The funds have to be encumbered by December 20, 2020. Mayor Haney said any extra money needed could come

from the equipment fund. Ms. Myers asked how much more would be needed than the \$156,000.00 and Chief Edwards said at least \$40,000.00 because a floor model or demo model would not be less than \$192,000.00. Mr. Huff made a motion to authorize the administration to spend up to the \$156,000.00 of the CARE's Act money towards purchase of an ambulance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes.

- Needs approval from Council to enter into a contract with Tuscarawas County for the housing of prisoners/jail contract at \$60.00 per person. Ms. Myers made the motion, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.
- Put out a press release today that we will be closing the city building to the public. Another officer is off until December 1 due to COVID with another officer coming back. Anyone needing permits should call ahead to get an appointment. He would suggest restricting council meetings to ten people. He and Ms. Pearch will probably be attending council meetings by Zoom until the end of the year. Let's try to do our part to reduce the spread.
- He has a price per hour for excavation for Shane Milligan. \$100-\$200 per hour for camera. At the least we are looking at \$2,000.00. Mr. Milligan would need to pay \$1,000.00. Council President Cottrell said to send the estimate to him and ask him to pay the \$1,000.00.
- We have RUMA agreements in place for contractors working on the stadium project. Twin City Water and Sewer is putting in a new water line.
- Street Department has finished most striping and will try to do some parking spots by the old high school.
- Street Department is picking up leaves twice a week. The will go around to pick up leaves bagged and at the curb or you can call for pick up.
- Police Department has had 525 calls for October. Cruiser that was hit is in the shop for repairs.
- Mr. Fox asked if the two pickups that were purchased are in service now? Mayor Haney said there will be a dry run in the next week or so and check out winter equipment. Training at Buckeye has been finished for the boom truck.
- Mr. Harmon asked out of the call records, how many were PIN notices? Mayor Haney said he knew we've had a lot. Wants to know the process, how many days are they given for clean up? Ms. Everett said there are some that have been issued summons. They're divided into sections and the officers do follow up.
- Mayor Haney said we've started to issue the letters for landlord for court. If it is not an owner occupied property, the ordinance says it is a rental. Mr. Harmon said it is very important to follow up and see progress.
- Ms. Myers asked when the new website would be launched. He was hoping the end of October. He will call Mr. Brown tomorrow to see where we are out. He still needs head shots of most of council.
- Mr. Fox about the houses to be demolished. Mr. Ong said the money had been sent in. We did lien searches on three houses, one of the houses had been sold to Tax Ease and he advised not to foreclose on it. The other two will be filed, the owners won't answer, there will be a motion for default judgment and an order of sale and a sheriff sale. The city will end up getting the properties with the structures and the city will have to take care of the structures. He doesn't see tearing a house down by the end of the year. He would suggest council work with the Auditor and the Finance Committee to put money aside for next year to hopefully tear down more houses.

City Services Director Belle Everett:

- No report.

Law Director James J. Ong:

- The city has taken a stance that anybody coming into town to do work is going to fill out a permit, a road maintenance agreement, they are going to post a bond. That has been met with resistance but the administration has stuck with it. There may be complaint calls.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- She had emailed everyone Amended Appropriations for approval tonight and will probably have one at every meeting. We may need a meeting very late in December. She explained the appropriations.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- None.

Committee Reports

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers – The next Finance Committee meetings are November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom. Thanked Jennifer Wright for issuing the Zoom notices. Reminded Mayor Haney that they need the administration's wish list for 2021 including repairs to the water park.

Mr. Harmon – Read the Union Cemetery report that had been emailed to Council. A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Union Cemetery report. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

Economic Development Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in council chambers and will be offered via Zoom

Mr. Miller – Read the EMS Committee report from October 29, 2020. A motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes. Chief Edwards said he would take questions and appreciated the committees report and felt things were going well. There were no questions.

Mr. Baker – Read the Ordinance Committee report from the meeting on November 4, 2020. A motion to approve the report 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. Baker-yes

Mr. Zucal – Absent.

Old Business:

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers – Asked Mayor Haney if anyone had inquired about the vacant lots. Mr. Ong said none were acquired through the Land Reutilization. If not, we don't have to go through the bidding process, we just have to demonstrate we are revitalizing. All other properties would have to go through sealed bids. Mr. Ong asked Ms. Everett what property she had been approached to put up for tax foreclosure. There are two, Brenda Engstrom on McConnell and another W. 4th. Mr. Ong said if Council wants to proceed they need Council's approval to authorize the tax foreclosure sale of both properties. Mr. Ong explained these are vacant lots or if there is a dilapidated building on it, the sale contract say they have so many days to tear down the structure. The other two we've started, there is no one interested, we are going to get the properties. A motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Myers to proceed with the tax

foreclosure sales on McConnell and W. 4th. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

Mr. Harmon – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Absent.

New Business

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – The dam work is coming along very well. The dam is out and fill dirt and rocks are being added. Encouraged council to take a look at it.

Ms. Myers – Thanked Jennifer Wright for the bulletin board outside which is so much better than putting announcements on the door.

Mr. Harmon – Thank you Mr. President. I would just like to briefly announce that Governor DeWine and the State of Ohio are offering more opportunities for financial support for any small businesses negatively impacted by the economic effects of COVID-19. Governor De Wine has designated up to one hundred and twenty five million dollars' worth of funding to provide ten thousand dollar grants to help businesses through the current downturn of the economy. The program has already begun accepting applications and is being administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency. More information can be provided and applications can be found at business help ohio.gov. I encourage all businesses to seek these opportunities for financial support and I thank the Governor's Office and the State Legislature for offering this program for small businesses. Thank you.

Mr. Zucal – Absent.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

None in person. Visitors that were watching by Zoom were not able to participate. If we go all virtual, visitors will need to be able to participate in the future.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 38-20

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES FOR PLACEMENT OF A MOBILE HOME ON A LOT LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY, AND RESCINDING CHAPTER 1317 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE

First Reading

Mr. Baker has a list of references from other municipalities based on how we've set ours up, if anyone is interested

ORDINANCE 39-20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE, STATE OF OHIO FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

A motion to suspend the Ordinance was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None.

Other Discussions:

Christmas parade will be November 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by drive thru on E. 12th Street.

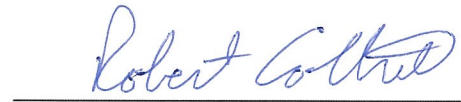
Next meeting will be Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. due to Thanksgiving. In December we will meet December 28, 2020.

Bureau of Workers' Compensation refunded the city \$18,000.00 as part of the program that they would reimburse from the COVID fund. This is the second check received. The money will go into the general fund.

There will be a can food drive by the City of Uhrichsville. You can donate here. The food drive is November 9 through December 4. The box is located in a box outside the door.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.


Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council


Robert Cottrell
Council President

