

UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, September 24 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 September 10, 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.

The meeting was turned over to Joe Garrett of Trebel Energy Services who made a presentation to Council regarding the electric aggregation program. Trebel recommended that the City of Uhrichsville sign a twelve-month contract with Volunteer Energy. A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Myers to permit the Mayor to enter into a contract with Volunteer Energy for a twelve-month period. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mayor Mark Haney:

- Read a proclamation from the City of Uhrichsville declaring the month of October breast cancer awareness month in the City. Encouraged everyone to “paint the county pink”. Signs are available at the city building for anyone who wishes to participate.
- Senate Bill 357 was voted as House Bill 314 yesterday. This will provide the City with an additional \$190,000.00 in COVID money.
- Asked Council to spend up to \$25,000.00 from the COVID Fund for new plumbing systems at the water park, city hall, and the service garage which are touchless. This will include hand sanitizing stations at the water park. A Motion was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Ms. Myers to hire VFX Plumbing for plumbing work in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 from the COVID Fund with the Law Director providing written verification that this is a permissible expense. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.
- Asked Council to spend up to \$18,000.00 from the COVID Fund for technology in the council chambers. A Motion was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Huff to spend up to \$18,000.00 from the COVID fund for CDW and Josh Galloway to update technology in the council chambers with the Law Director providing written verification that this is a permissible expense. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Fox-yes.
- Purchased two pick-up trucks and a car as approved by Council at the last meeting.
- Attended a U.S. Conference of Mayor’s meeting recently and the COVID money many be available to be used for economic recovery.
- Had a Street Department meeting on Tuesday and discussed projects that the Street Department would like to work on. These included: Deersville Avenue; N. Water Street; soft spots on Davis, W. Bank and Uhrich Streets; scratch coating by Eastport School; E. 11th scratch coating; curb repair at E. 10th St.; paint arrow lines and cross walks; hot box will be up on Monday; finish West

Side yard; clean and organize service garage; grinding to fix alleys; use street sweeper for leaves; leaf pickup; and E. 11th St. catch basin.

- We are committed to 135 tons of salt from last year's contract.
- Community Safety Meeting on October 10, 2020 at the Jay Street building.
- Trick or Treat on October 31, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All area communities will hold Trick or Treat on the same date and time.
- Mr. Fox asked Mayor Haney to look at the alley between Main and Uhrich.
- Ms. Myers asked when the water park would be winterized and it will happen in the next couple of weeks. New e-mails accounts are being held up by Digital Marketing, but otherwise are ready to go.
- Mr. Fox asked about the addition of a stop sign at Maple and Eastport. He felt it was worth a try and could be removed later if not working. He would also like to see the school areas policed better.

City Services Director Belle Everett:

- Absent.

Law Director James J. Ong:

- Discussed the initiation of a tax foreclosure at 119 S. Wallace Street. Neighbor Pam Milburn has shown interest in purchasing the vacant house. An e-mail was sent by the Law Director to Council discussing the process of the tax foreclosure. Ms. Milburn has paid the \$2,500.00 to be paid to the Tuscarawas County Treasurer's Office to initiate the foreclosure proceeding. A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Myers to initiate a tax foreclosure at 119 S. Wallace Street. ROLL CALL: Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes.
- Presented Council with an Indemnification and Release Agreement that he prepared to be signed by Shane Milligan regarding the water issue that Mr. Milligan continues to have at his home. The agreement allows the City to enter upon his property; to camera the drainage pipe to determine if it is some sort of storm sewer pipe belonging to the City; requires Mr. Milligan to deposit one-half of the estimate to do the camera work; Mr. Milligan will be responsible to cover the entire cost of the camera work if the camera work does not provide a conclusion as to ownership of the drainage pipe; if the camera work determines that the drainage pipe belongs to the City, Mr. Milligan at his expense must disconnect the pipe. A Motion was made by Mr. Baker to present Mr. Milligan with the Indemnification and Release Agreement, but was not seconded. After additional discussion, and later in the meeting, the matter was addressed again by Mr. Zucal who made a Motion to enter into the Indemnification and Release Agreement with Shane Milligan, seconded by Mr. Harmon. ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Miller-yes; Ms. Myers-no; Mr. Huff-no; Mr. Fox-yes.

Auditor, Julie Pearch:

- Absent.

Treasurer, Bob Michels:

- Absent.

Correspondence:

- Received a bill from Walter Drane in the amount of \$3,853.44 for updating the codified ordinances books and the internet. Will present the bill to the Auditor for payment.

Committee Reports

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report.

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers- Finance Committee met September 22, 2020 and a copy of the report was e-mailed to Council. A motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Baker. ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Harmon-yes; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Huff-yes; Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes. The next Finance Committee meeting is October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The next Special Recognition Committee meeting is October 8, 2020.

Mr. Harmon – Economic Development Committee met on August 23, 2020. The report was read and a copy of the report was e-mailed to Council.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker- Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mr. Fox – Nothing to report

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers – Fill out your census.

Mr. Harmon – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

New Business

Mr. Fox – Thanked the administration for the paving this year and a job well done. Asked about the gazebo at the water park and Mayor Haney has reported that no one has shown any interest in it. Asked about sanitation of the water park and Mayor Haney reported that five sanitation stations had been purchased, the slides will be sanitized before opening next season, and the entire park will be sanitized. Mr. Fox also discussed an issue with semi-trucks driving through the City and Mayor Haney will discuss the issue with ODOT.

Mr. Huff – Nothing to report.

Ms. Myers – Thanked the Times Reporter for their coverage and pictures of the presentation of the Proclamations by the Special Recognition Committee at the last meeting. Thanked Eric for his work with the Economic Committee on the Small Cities Grant. Thanked the Mayor.

Mr. Harmon – Thanked everyone for their work on the Small Business Relief Program Grant.

Mr. Zucal – Nothing to report.

Mr. Miller – Nothing to report.

Mr. Baker – Nothing to report.

Visitors:

No Visitors.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 1885
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND
RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND
AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND
CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

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

**RESOLUTION 1886
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED
FOR PUBLIC USE, OR IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT
FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED,
BY INTERNET AUCTION**

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

**ORDINANCE 33-20
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE MAYOR'S
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, RESCINDING ALL PRIOR INCONSISTENT
ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND APPROVED MOTIONS,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Third Reading

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

**ORDINANCE 35-20
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN ARTICLES
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE REGARDING
THE SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
Second Reading**

**ORDINANCE 36-20
AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, RECEIVE
BIDS, AWARD BIDS,
AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE
LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE E. 1ST STREET STORM
SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
First Reading**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

None.

Other Discussions:

Mr. Zucal talked to ODOT about the mowing of the corridors of the city, which is their responsibility. They reported they only would be mowing twice a year. Mr. Zucal proposed that a letter be sent to the deputy director at District 11 asking them to respond to Council to explain why they would not be mowing these areas. He feels that this is an eyesore and looks bad when entering the City. Mr. Ong will prepare a letter for Mayor Haney to sign.

Mr. Zucal asked about a traffic committee for the City. Mayor Haney explained that all traffic issues fall under the Director of City Services position.

Mr. Zucal asked the Law Director for an update on the demolition of the dilapidated properties, and he is waiting on the lien searches to be completed. The railroad has begun the process of tearing the dilapidated building down.


Felt that the issue of the levy renewal or increase should be looked by the entire Council.

Mr. Fox added that he felt that a stop sign at the intersection of Eastport and Maple should be considered.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



Trisha Addison
Clerk of Council



Robert Cottrell
Council President

