**UHRICHSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday December 1st, 2021**

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

ROLL CALL showed the following members present:  Mr. Fox-yes; Mr. Huff-no; Ms. Myers-yes; Mr. Harmon-no; Mr. Miller-yes; Mr. Baker-yes; Mr. Zucal-yes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Clerk Jen Wright.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Huff. A motion was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Zucal. ROLL CALL: Mr. Fox-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Baker-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes.

Council President Robert Cottrell asked for a motion to excuse the absence of Mr.Harmon. A motion was made by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Ms. Myers. ROLL CALL: Ms. Myers-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Mr. Baker-yes, Mr. Zucal-yes, Mr. Fox- yes.

President Cottrell read the following statement:

“Recently there has been media coverage, much media coverage regarding the division of income taxes generated at Claymont High School. Dennison Council recently voted to retain outside legal council to pursue a lawsuit against the City of Uhrichsville regarding payment of tax money. At our last council meeting a visitor brought up this tax issue, some council members then commented on the topic. After the last meeting I have been contacted by some council members on this tax issues. Based on the recent events I felt it necessary to call a special meeting to discuss this matter. I would ask council to now make a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation with our law director.”

Mr. Zucal made the Motion to go into executive session for pending litigation for Dennison Tax Issue. Mr. Baker asked if a decision would be made after the executive session, President Cottrell replied it was unknown at first and then Law Director Ong stated that an outcome was to be stated. President Cottrell then stated that an outcome is expected. Mr. Miller started to speak and was told that due to the motion on the floor there needed to be a second and then it could come back to his discussion. Ms. Myers then seconded the motion for executive session.

Mr. Miller stated “that there are visitors here to listen to what is said and now they are going to have to leave this room and that he doesn’t agree with that and that they have a right to sit here and see what is said. The media is here and they have the right. We have been dealing with this for the past year and this is just my opinion.”

**7:08pm**

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller- No, Mr. Baker- no, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Ms. Myers- yes.

President Cottrell asked all members except council members to vacate council chambers.

**7:48pm**

Motion to come out of executive session. 1st- Mr. Zucal, seconded Ms. Myers

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller- yes, Mr. Baker-yes, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Ms. Myers- Yes.

Mr. Zucal presented a motion: The Dennison tax shall be paid until it is repealed, rescinded or replaced. Seconded by Ms. Myers.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker- no, Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox-yes, Ms. Myers-yes, Mr. Miller- no.

Mr. Zucal presented another motion: That in good faith and willingness to cooperate with the Village of Dennison, in the best interest in the City of Uhrichsville, the council president set up an at hawk committee to work with the Village of Dennison benefitting both parties no later than March 31, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Fox.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Zucal- yes, Mr. Fox- yes, Ms. Myers- yes, Mr. Miller- No, Mr. Baker- No.

Ms. Myers then made a motion: To demand the Village of Dennison to negotiate a new cooperative agreement regarding the tax agreement where all parties are in agreement. Specifically determining an end date to the agreement and compensation to Uhrichsville for road maintenance and when to make the payment. Seconded by Mr. Zucal.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Fox-yes, Ms. Myers- Yes, Mr. Miller- Yes, Mr. Baker- no, Mr. Zucal-yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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